

LENT 2025

WELCOME TO LORD OF LIFE!

*All are welcome here. We'd like to extend a special welcome to visitors. We're glad you joined us today!
The following information may help you in your worship experience and getting to know Lord of Life.*

Communal words spoken and sung will be on the screen and/or in this bulletin. The bold text is spoken together. **Songs/hymns** can also be found (with music) in either Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) cranberry hymnal or All Creation Sings (ACS) purple hymnal. Both can be found under a chair near you.

Holy Communion is the Lord's Table and all are welcome, regardless of age. We celebrate the Eucharist (literally "thanksgiving") during worship every Sunday. Our bread is dairy, nut, and gluten-free; wine and juice are both available.

Children are welcome in this place! At baptism, we welcome people into God's family and the community of Lord of Life. Children of all ages are integral members of the Body of Christ, and have a place in our community that includes worship. Children learn by seeing, hearing, and experiencing worship with adults who care about them (not just their parents). We embrace the sounds and activity that accompany them. We have a few resources for parents:

- ◆ *PrayGround*: Table up front with coloring supplies. Go with your child, sit near the table, or send them independently.
- ◆ *Activity Bags*: great things to occupy busy hands during worship, located in the shelves just outside the sanctuary; ask an usher if you need help finding them.
- ◆ *Nursery* (for children 0-5, 5-7 by exception): If you feel the need to leave the sanctuary during worship, an unstaffed nursery with a stocked changing area and bathroom are available. There is a speaker so you can hear what's going on in the sanctuary.
- ◆ *Narthex* (Gathering/Entrance space): Benches or space to move

Offering is an act of worship and a privilege to return to God a portion of what God has given us. If you are a guest, do not feel obligated to give, but for those comfortable participating, please join us in this act of worship. Offerings given today are joyfully used for outreach to the greater church/community and for the work and ministry of Lord of Life.

If at anytime you are uncomfortable standing, you are free to remain seated.

If you are worshipping from home, you are invited to participate, not just observe. Please prepare your own sacred space for worship. You might include some candles, a cross, and water for remembering your baptism. Please join worship in-person to celebrate Communion with the congregation! If that is not possible, please reach out and we can have a member of our Care Team arrange a visit with Communion.

Lord of Life is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). We are located on the ancestral homeland of the Cayuse, Umatilla, Walla Walla, Palouse, Wanapum, and Yakama peoples. We give thanks for their presence and care of this land since time immemorial. We also wish to recognize and honor all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to call this land their home.

You can learn more at www.elca.org.

GATHERING

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We start with words of confession and hearing words of forgiveness at the outset of our worship to remember that we don't need to do anything to receive it. God gives it freely. We confess because we need to—we need to be aware of our sin so that we can receive a word of grace. God already knows, and accepts us anyway. Thanks be to God. Now we get to try again to honor God and the earth and our neighbors and ourselves. We try again to follow the way of Jesus, the way of the cross.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.
Amen.

Let us return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate One,
you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, but our lives do not always reflect you and your love for the world. We do not show others the tender compassion you have shown to us. We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality you grant to all people. We oppress others, even though you have set us free again and again. We squander the abundant gifts of the earth. Transform our lives and guide us again in the way of the cross.
Amen.

Beloved in Christ, God's arms are always stretched open wide to welcome the wandering ones home.
In † Christ your sins are forgiven. You have a place in God's house forever.
Amen.

GATHERING HYMNS

March 9 - ELW #326 *Bless Now, O God, the Journey*
March 16 - ELW #512 *Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil*
March 23 - ACS #925 *Beautiful Things*
March 30 - ACS #924 *As The Winter Days Grow Longer*
April 6 - *Most High, O Holy God (music at the back)*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE, ELW #151

We begin with a plea for mercy, the Kyrie eleison, an early Greek Christian hymn to Christ. It is a plea and prayer for the gathered assembly and for the whole world.



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
 1, 3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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LENT HYMN, ELW #699 In Deepest Night

About this hymn: Susan Palo Cherwien, the author of the text, calls this „a song of quiet hope in the middle of intense sorrow.“ In 1994, she was approached „about the possibility of writing a hymn text concerning a Christian response to grief.“ Early the next year she attended a series of adult classes on „God In (And?) Human Suffering,“ taught by Terence Fretheim of Luther Seminary. „At about that time a young man in our congregation ended his life suddenly. There was no explanation big enough to answer all the questions.“ She dedicated the text to his memory, took images from many biblical texts, let the questions stand, and with an internal rhyme that moves through all three stanzas, pointed to God’s presence in our pain, numbness, silence, awareness, lack of awareness, and questions. For this season of Lent, it will remind us each week that God is with us in all things, in life, in death, in life beyond death.



1 In deep - est night, in dark - est days, when harps are
 2 When friend was lost, when love de - ceived, dear Je - sus
 3 When through the wa - ters winds our path, a - round us



hung, no songs we raise, when si - lence must
 wept, God was be - reaved; so with us in
 pain, a - round us death: deep calls to deep,



suf - fice as praise, yet sound - ing in us qui - et - ly
 our grief God grieves, and round a - bout us mourn - ful - ly
 a sav - ing breath, and found be - side us faith - ful - ly



there is the song of God.
 there are the tears of God.
 there is the love of God.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

This prayer collects us together before God and turns us toward the scripture readings we are about to hear.

Let us pray.

March 9

Compassionate God, How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

March 16

Holy One of mighty power, Your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ. Amen.

March 23

Rejoicing God, You celebrate when one of your lost children is found because no one is worthless to you. We stand humbled and in awe that you would count us among your most prized possessions. Give us eyes to see the priceless value of every living soul, for the sake of the one who became human for the sake of our souls, Jesus Christ our seeker. Amen.

March 30

Divine Word, You sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.

April 6

Lord of the lost, We are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor you for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord. Amen.

WORD

All Christian worship is biblical. We currently follow the Narrative Lectionary (NL), which seeks to provide a narrative arc through scripture. The NL is a 4-year cycle where every gospel gets its own year. It starts in Genesis in the fall and works through the early stories of God's people, hears from the prophets and reaches the gospel by Christmas, where we stay through Easter. After Easter we'll hear some post-resurrection accounts and then get into the stories of the early church through the Acts of the Apostles and the Epistles.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

We're going to end with this refrain:

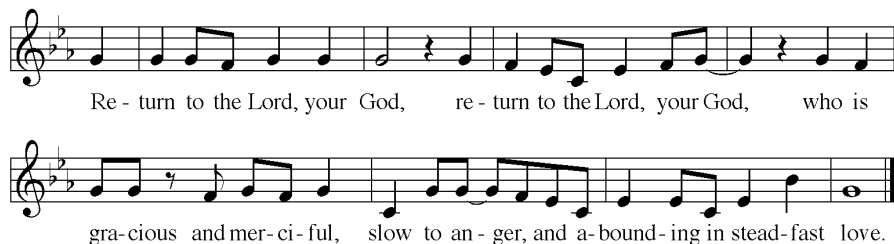
All: You are a dearly loved child of God! Children: And so are you!

GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS: *How does your faith influence what you do?*

INTRODUCTION TO THE READING OF SCRIPTURE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION, WOV #615

The Gospel Acclamation is a high point in our worship, where we get to welcome the reading of the gospel, and rejoice in hearing the good news of God. Often we welcome the reading with words of Alleluia, but we have put the 'A-word' to rest for a season (Lent). We will use it again to welcome the good news of Christ's resurrection, our baptismal rebirth, on Easter Sunday.



Hearing the proclamation of the Word is central to our worship experience. The Word is proclaimed throughout our worship, in our liturgy, prayers, sermon, hymns, and yes, scripture. You are invited to let go of the need to read along and simply listen, and let the Spirit lead your imagination and inspire your hearing.

READING OF SCRIPTURE: THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

The readings are printed in the back of this booklet sorted by date, starting on pg. 13.

Before the reading: The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

After the reading: The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

March 9 - ACS #1062 *Build A Longer Table*

March 16 - ELW #566 *When Twilight Comes*

March 23 - ELW #779 *Amazing Grace*

March 30 - *Outside My Gate, Outside My Door (words at the back)*

April 6 - ACS #939 *Touch That Soothes and Heals*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The creed is meant to be a response to and a proclamation of the word. For Lent we are using A New Creed, written by and for the United Church of Canada in 1968. In addition to proclamation of the God as creator, savior, and spirit, this creed reflects the baptismal promises used by many Christian denominations: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. (Read more in the Affirmation of Baptism rite on ELW p. 234-237.)

Let us affirm our faith together using A New Creed.

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: ACS #1078 *There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*

During Lent this year we are using a hymn from All Creation Sings to articulate our communal prayer.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

As we share the peace with each other, remember that we all have different comfort levels of touch. You might use hand signals, a wave, a bow, a smile, a fist bump, or a handshake. We proclaim the peace of the risen Christ, not simply a greeting.

SPECIAL MUSIC

March 16 - *Sanctuary and God's Holy Temple* (Festival Choir)

April 6 - *Come Ye Sinners* (Grace Notes Chime Choir)

MEAL



ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

A collection of material goods for the church's mission, including the care of those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts. We offer to God what God has first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. We will not pass the plate and invite your gifts in the offering box in at the font. Your financial gifts can be made electronically through our website (www.thelordoflife.org), sent in the mail, using direct deposit with your bank, or RMD / QCD / or stock gift (in consultation with your financial advisor). Please contact the Financial Secretary with questions.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, **gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation.**

Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, God Most High!
We give thanks for your holy covenant,
your word spoken through the prophets,
and your beloved Son, the dawn of our salvation.
We praise and magnify you, O God!

Blessed are you, Jesus Christ, forgiving Savior, merciful Lord.
You are the good Samaritan, we the wounded traveler.
You are the sweeping woman, we the lost coin.
You ate with Mary, Martha, and Zacchaeus.
We praise and magnify you, O God!

On the night in which our Lord Jesus Christ was betrayed...

For this meal and for your presence within it, we proclaim:
We praise and magnify you, O God!

Blessed are you, Holy Spirit, Power of the Most High.
Welcome us home, that together we may feast on your love.
Feed us with the body of Christ, that we may be holy and righteous before you.
Send us into all the world, preaching the power of your peace.
We praise and magnify you, O God!

Blessed are you, Mighty One, Father, Son, and Spirit,
Shepherd of forgiveness, Author of life, Light in our darkness.
We join with the multitude of angels to praise and magnify your name,
singing, Glory to God in the highest heaven,
today, tomorrow, and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us join our voices and sing together the prayer Jesus taught:



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

COMMUNION

All are welcome at the Lord's table, as we receive the presence of Christ for us in bread and wine. This meal is for all regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, criminal record, or list of offenses.

Make your way to the front using the side aisle. There will be bread, wine, and grape juice. A basket to collect used cups is in the center. After receiving the elements, return to your seat by the center aisle. If you have questions when you get up front, it is okay to ask. The bread is gluten-free, nut-free, and dairy-free; and full of grace! The Meal may be brought to your seat if it would be helpful; please let the ushers know and they will notify the leaders.

LAMB OF GOD, ACS #960



Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo-ka pois o-tat maa-il-man syn - nin,
O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .



ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä.
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.



Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo-ka pois o-tat maa-il-man syn - nin,
O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .



ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä, ar - mah-da mei-tä.
have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us.



Oi Ju - ma-lan Ka - rit - sa, jo-ka pois o-tat maa-il-man syn - nin,
O Lamb . . of God, you take a - way . . the sin of the world; . . .



an - na meil-le rau-ha, an - na meil-le rau-ha ja siu - na - uk - se - si.
grant . . us your peace, . . grant . . us your peace, your peace, O Lamb of God.

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COMMUNION HYMNS

- March 9 - ELW #708 *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*
- March 16 - ACS #1015 *As A Mother Comforts Her Child*
- March 23 - ELW #466 *In The Singing*
- March 30 - ACS #962 *In This Feast of Love*
- April 6 - ACS #1062 *Build a Longer Table*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, **you have fed us with the bread from heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage. May our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Christ, our Lord.**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, **let us sow love;**

where there is injury, **pardon;**

where there is discord, **union;**

where there is doubt, **faith;**

where there is despair, **hope;**

where there is darkness, **light;**

where there is sadness, **joy.**

SENDING

BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak;
help the afflicted; honor all people;
love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
with the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, † Savior, and Sustainer,
now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING HYMNS

March 9 - ELW #321 *Eternal Lord of Love, Behold Your Church*

March 16 - ACS #929 *Blessed Is The One*

March 23 - ELW #880 *O God beyond All Praising*

March 30 - ELW #523 *Let Us God Now to the Banquet*

April 6 - ELW #802 *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve your neighbors, knowing that God goes with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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Sorted by date

March 30—Hymn of the Day—Outside My Gate, Outside My Door

Tune: ELW #644 *Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue*

**Outside my gate, outside my door, is someone there who's lost or poor?
Is someone there I do not see — that I walk by — who has a need?**

**Is there a child who longs for care? An older friend who needs a prayer?
Someone who seeks a helping hand? A refugee new to this land?**

**Outside our church, is someone near who cries in pain, who lives in fear?
Is someone close who has no way to buy the food she needs this day?**

**Some gates are made of wood or stone, And some are made of sin alone.
Some doors are made of greed and pride; they also keep the poor outside.**

**As we look out, Christ, may we see our common, shared humanity.
May we kneel down and serve you more outside our gate, outside our door.**

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April 6—Gathering Hymn—Most High, O Holy God

Tune: ELW #893 *Before You Lord, We Bow*



1 Most High, O Ho - ly God, whom heav'n can - not con - tain, you
2 And where your peo - ple meet as - sem - bled in your name, your
3 Your peo - ple may you build to be your dwell - ing place, a
4 Oh, ev - er on this house may God un - sleep - ing gaze and



en - ter this a - bode and make it your do - main. What won - drous
pres - ence does com - plete the prom - ise you pro - claim: the Ho - ly
liv - ing tem - ple filled with wis - dom, love, and grace. The cor - ner -
lov - ing hands reach out to bless us all our days. God's stead - fast



joy that you ap - pear and all may sing: God's name is here!
One or - dains to dwell as God - with - us, Em - man - u - el.
stone be Christ who came to seek and save and call by name.
love our spir - its claim and raise our lives to praise God's name.

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READINGS FOR LENT

MARCH 9

Luke 10:25-42 - The Good Samaritan

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" ²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

MARCH 16

Luke 13:1-9,31-35 - Lament over Jerusalem

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them — do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." ³²He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.' ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

MARCH 23

Luke 15:1-32 - Lost Sheep, Coin, Son

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ⁴Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave

the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? ⁵When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. ⁶And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' ⁷Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

⁸Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' ¹⁰Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

¹¹Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe — the best one — and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

MARCH 30

Luke 16:19-31 - Rich man and Lazarus

¹⁹There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. ²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' ²⁵But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' ²⁷He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house — ²⁸for I have five brothers — that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' ²⁹Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

APRIL 6

Luke 18:31-19:10 - Zacchaeus

³¹Then he took the twelve aside and said to them, 'See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. ³²For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. ³³After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.' ³⁴But they understood nothing about all these things; in fact, what he said was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

³⁵As he approached Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. ³⁶When he heard a crowd going by, he asked what was happening. ³⁷They told him, 'Jesus of Nazareth is passing by.' ³⁸Then he shouted, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' ³⁹Those who were in front sternly ordered him to be quiet; but he shouted even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' ⁴⁰Jesus stood still and ordered the man to be brought to him; and when he came near, he asked him, ⁴¹'What do you want me to do for you?' He said, 'Lord, let me see again.' ⁴²Jesus said to him, 'Receive your sight; your faith has saved you.' ⁴³Immediately he regained his sight and followed him, glorifying God; and all the people, when they saw it, praised God.

^{19:1}He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax-collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, 'Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.' ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, 'He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.' ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.' ⁹Then Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.'

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