

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT, YEAR C
COMBINED WORSHIP
30 MARCH, 2025: 10:00 AM**

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

SongSelect His Mercy Is More

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

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.

RESPONSIVE PSALM 32:1-5, 10-11 (lead by praise team member)

¹ Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

² **Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

³ While I kept silent, my body wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not hide my iniquity;

**I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,"
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

¹⁰ Many are the torments of the wicked,
but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

¹¹ **Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

GATHERING SONG

SongSelect Kyrie Eleison

APOSTOLIC 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW p. 189

GOSPEL READING: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

ELW #606 Our Father, We Have Wandered

APOSTLES' CREED: ELW p. 105

Let us profess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Guide your church in the way of reconciliation, that through confession and forgiveness, repentance and reparations, we may bear witness to your love. Uphold our sisters and brothers in Guatemala and guide them in their mission. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Unite the nations as fellow members of the human family. Give world leaders the courage to put aside pride and ego and to work for the well-being of all. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Make your presence felt to our neighbors in care facilities, especially the residents of Sullivan House and the Phoenix. Bless and nurture the children who study at Sunshine House. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Bless our congregational meeting as we gather to plan for our future. Guide us with your Spirit, that we may be prayerful in considering the choices before us and that we may make faithful, well-reasoned decisions. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Heal the sick, comfort the bereaved, and fill the hungry with good things. Send your comfort and healing to the loved ones, friends, and fellow church members in need of prayers, whose names we offer up aloud or in the silence of our hearts. (*Pause briefly for intercessions to be offered.*) God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for the faithful lives of those who proclaimed your gospel in times of challenge and strife, and for all those whose lives of love and service have ended. May

their witness inspire our own. God, in your mercy,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

OFFERTORY

Anthem Hear Me, Redeemer

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER: ELW p. 112

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

10:00 AM

LEADER

COMMUNION SONG

SongSelect Remembrance (The Communion Song)

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace unto life everlasting.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW #860 I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you.

Thanks be to God.