

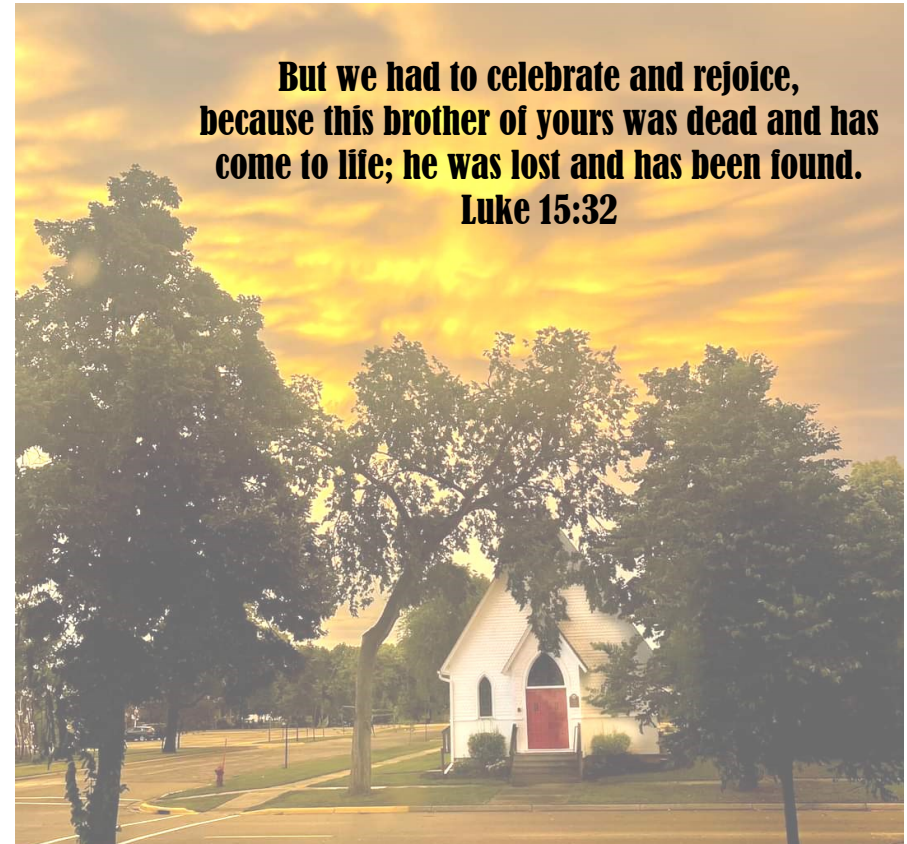
Faith Lutheran Church (LCMC)

Hutchinson, Minnesota
8:00 a.m. First Word Service
March 30, 2025
Fourth Sunday in Lent

What Does This Mean?

1. Why is it *not* helpful that Jesus' parable is called "The Prodigal Son"?
2. Why is the term prodigal still very fitting for the parable?
3. What about Jesus' parable is a little disturbing?
4. What about it is profoundly gracious and merciful?

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Prelude

Greeting/Announcements

Hymn “Our Father, We Have Wandered” WOV #733

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness LBW pg. 77

Kyrie LBW pg. 78

Hymn of Praise “What Wonderous Love Is This” LBW #385

Prayer of the Day
Reconciling God, it is your glory to bestow mercy, forgiveness and reconciliation. Whether we wander far from you or remain faithful, grant us abiding trust in the never-ending and limitless outpouring of your compassion and forgiveness on repentant sinners; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 12:1-6
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading II Corinthians 5:16-21
L: The Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

Faith Seeds Laura Stowman
Faith Seeds is a time for children of all ages to come forward for a lesson geared to them.

The Gospel Acclamation
**Oh, grant us God, that we may, too,
Return in fast and prayer to you.
Your steadfast love, for us, is poured,
Through grace and mercy by your Word.**
Tune: ERHALT UNS, HERR

The Announcement of the Gospel **“Glory to You, O Lord”**

Gospel Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Response after the Gospel **“Praise to You, O Christ”**

Sermon “Prodigal God” Pastor Scott Grorud

Hymn “Jesus Sinners Will Receive” LBW #291

Apostles’ Creed
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering/Special Music “If You But Trust in God to Guide You”
Justin Beck and Austin Willhite

Offertory Response ... “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**
LBW #565 Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711 Tune: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561

Prayers of the Church

The Lord’s Prayer
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.

Benediction

Closing Hymn “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ... LBW #499