

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 31 & April 1, 2019

**Welcome to worship!** Renewable energy and resources are often talked about these days as ways to show good care for our planet. Can it work with people? God's Word today gives a resounding "yes!" Even the chief of sinners can be renewed by the work of Christ. May the Lord renew us as His people today!

**First time guests:** Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

**A Staffed Nursery** is available at **9:00 A.M.** below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

**Sunday School** begins in the Social Room at 10:15 A.M. **Adult Bible Classes** meet in the Fellowship Hall and Adult Instruction in 202.

**Cell Phones:** *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

**Holy Communion** will be offered at **9:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. Gluten free wafers are available. The Common Cup will be served to those who have not taken an individual cup. Wine with alcohol removed is in the center of the tray.

**Large Print bulletins and Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

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**THE PRELUDE:** "Lamb of God Pure and Holy" -Gerald Near

**THE OPENING HYMN:** "Today Your Mercy Calls Us"

Hymn 915

**THE INVOCATION, CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:** Page 151

**THE KYRIE:** Page 152-153, *Hymn of Praise is omitted during Lent*

**THE LENTEN CROSS HYMN:** "Christ the Life of All the Living" Hymn 420, verse 4

**THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY:** **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**THE WORD OF THE MONTH:** (We speak together) **If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9**

**THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Isaiah 12:1-6 (page 576)

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to You, O LORD, for though You were angry with me, Your anger turned away, that You might comfort me. "Behold, God is my

salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and He has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE EPISTLE READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (page 966)

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

**THE LENTEN VERSE:** page 157

**THE GOSPEL:** Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (Page 874) **C: (Sing) Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." So He told them this parable: . . . "There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."' And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand,

and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: (Sing) Praise to You, O Christ!**

+++ **9:00 and 7:00 NICENE CREED:** Page 158; **11:15 APOSTLES' CREED,** page 159

**THE HYMN:** "God Loved the World So That He Gave" **Hymn 571**

**THE SERMON:** "Renewable You"

**THE OFFERING:** (Please register Attendance and Communion)

**THE MUSICAL OFFERING:** (11:15 AM) "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"  
(9:00/7:00) "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" -Healey Willan

**THE PRAYERS**

+++ **9:00 & 7:00 HOLY COMMUNION:** Pages 160-164; "Psalm 32"; **Hymns: 609, 636, 686, 431, 543**

**THE BENEDICTION:** Page 166

**THE CLOSING HYMN:** "Glory Be to Jesus" **Hymn 433**

*Please take time after the closing hymn to greet and introduce yourself to those around you.*

**THE POSTLUDE:** "Be Thou My Vision" -Paul Manz

*The Vicar will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.*

**Preacher:** Pastor Blumenberg **Liturgists:** Pastor Rodriguez & Pastor Bloch

**Lector:** Vicar Werner **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer

**Special Music:** (11:15) Children's Choir (1-4)

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