

THE PARABLES  
OF LENT

RECEIVE FORGIVENESS

THE PARABLE *of the*  
PRODIGAL SON



## Sharing of Joys, News, Concerns

## Prayer

## Silent Meditation

## Prelude

### \*Bringing in the Light of Christ

\*Opening Hymn      *"Amazing Grace"*      PH, #280

### \*Opening Prayer

**One:** In this holy season the Son of God humbles himself so that we receive mercy.

**All: Humble me once again, O God, that my life would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

**One:** In this holy season the Son of God rushes out to greet us in the midst of our sin, like a father welcoming a lost child.

**All: Remind me, O God, of the power of your forgiveness that covers over all my sins and gives me a new beginning.**

**One:** In this holy season the Son of God enters into his Passion and death so that we are exalted.

**All: Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

**Let us listen to our Savior as his parables unfold,**

**Learning what he has to teach us, bearing fruit a hundredfold.**

**See the son, his wealth exhausted, facing hunger and despair,**

**Worthless as his father's heir; would his father now receive him?**

**Hear the welcome joy resound: "This my son once lost, is found!"**

### \*Confession and Absolution

**One:** Too often in our selfishness we squander the gifts God gives to us. Let us confess the sins of our hearts and lives to our Lord who hears and forgives:

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. When we use and abuse the good gifts you give to us, we display our evil and conceit. We don't even deserve to be called your servants, let alone your children. By our selfishness we have sinned against you and against others in**

**thought, word and deed. Forgive us, most holy God.**

**One:** The Lord Jesus took on the punishment of all of us prodigals. His sacrifice means that our Heavenly Father comes to greet us with grace that is unearned and undeserved. He celebrates our new life with his forgiving love. Because Jesus took on the punishment for our prodigal ways, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

### **Sermon Hymn**

We listen as the Word like scattered seed is sown,  
For as each parable is heard Christ's kingdom is made known.

The heir who love would shun, returns to hear the sound  
Of welcome: "This my precious son was lost but now is found!"

In ev'ry time of need, before the judgment throne,  
Your work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead, your merits, not my own.

**Old Testament Reading**          Psalm 51:1-12

**Epistle Reading**          Ephesians 5:15-21

### **Anthem**

**\*Gospel Reading**          Luke 15:11-32

### **Message**

### **Offering**

**Petitions** *Let each petition end with the following response:*

**One:** O forgiving Father,

**All: Surround us with your embrace.**

**\*Closing Hymn**          *"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

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### **\*Benediction**

### **\*Postlude**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Today, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Confirmation, 9:00am

Worship, 10:00am

Heartland Srvc, 1:30pm (Elder, Greg)

## **Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

PC to Gilman for  
Church on Ministry Meeting

## **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

Office Hours, 2pm - 6pm

Soup & Cookies, 6:00pm

Lenten Devotions, 6:30pm

Choir Practice, 7:00pm

April Newsletter Deadline

## **Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

Office Hours, 8am - Noon

## **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

### **Palm Sunday & Confirmation**

Adult Sunday School, 9:00am

Worship, 10:00am

**Sun., Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> - Sat. April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**HOLY WEEK**

# MARCH

*Birthdays & Anniversaries*

4th - Delores Turner

6th - Shannon Satterlee

10th - Alex Goudy

12th - Mike Goudy

13th - Sue Moore

18th - Jim & Robin Niewold Ann.

23rd - Greg Anderson

26th - Susan Satterlee

27th - Victor Johnson



**Greeters Liturgists Ushers Elders**

March - Funks

April - Taylors

May - Goudys

*Lord, We ask thanksgiving, comfort, healing and faith  
for these friends and family members*

Janet Goudy, David Clampitt, Kevin Rossler, Mike Johnsen,  
Gayle Dunahee, Matthew Swearingen, Barb Legener, Ann Cofel

*Homebound or in Adult Health Care Facilities*

Sue Moore, Donald Rhodes, Jani Fraim, Marcella Woodworth

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For the month of March, please bring peanut butter, canned fruit & cereal  
for the Food Pantry.

*As always, all non-perishable food items are welcomed.*

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