

Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 27, 2022  
Living Faith Lutheran Church, Davis Bay, BC  
**Setting 10: A Service of Word and Sacrament**

Preservice Music/Announcements

**GATHERING**

In this holy time of Lent, we acknowledge that we gather  
on the unceded ancestral *swiya* of the *shishahl* Nation.

We raise our hands to elders past and present as we seek reconciliation  
amongst all people who call Canada home.

**May the living Christ lead us all on pathways of reconciliation and peace.**

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

Holy One, **we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us!**  
**Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbour. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved.

In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love.

In ✠ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.

God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

Gathering Song #320 "The Glory of These Forty Days"

- 1 The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, through whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.
- 2 Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.
3. Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in fast and prayer to you.  
Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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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 Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## WORD

First Reading          Psalm 32

<sup>1</sup>Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

**<sup>2</sup>Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup>While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

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

<sup>5</sup>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.

**<sup>6</sup>Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.**

<sup>7</sup>You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

**<sup>8</sup>I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

<sup>9</sup>Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

**<sup>10</sup>Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the LORD.**

<sup>11</sup>Be glad in the LORD and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Second Reading          2 Corinthians 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup>From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup>So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! <sup>18</sup>All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup>that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. <sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation    p. 205 (Lenten verse)

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Glory to you, O Lord

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>11</sup>Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The 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. <sup>13</sup>A 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. <sup>14</sup>When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. <sup>16</sup>He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>But 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! <sup>18</sup>I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' <sup>20</sup>So 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. <sup>21</sup>Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' <sup>22</sup>But 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. <sup>23</sup>And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; <sup>24</sup>for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. <sup>27</sup>He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. <sup>29</sup>But 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. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' <sup>31</sup>Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup>But 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.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Song of the Day #606 "Our Father, We Have Wandered" v. 2 - *unaccompanied*

1 Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from your face;  
in foolishness have squandered your legacy of grace.  
But now, in exile dwelling, we rise with fear and shame,  
as, distant but compelling, we hear you call our name.

- 2 And now at length discerning the evil that we do,  
behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust to you.  
In haste you come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,  
in gladness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.
  
- 3 O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,  
compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord,  
grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease.  
Stretch out your hand in blessing, in pardon, and in peace.

Apostles' Creed *Inside front cover or on page 105 of hymnals*

**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 the Faithful *(Sung response to each petition is Hymn #752)*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;*

*Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.*

Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need. *A brief silence is kept*

Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation.

You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your entire creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and abundant sunshine. Heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God. . **.sing**

Your people cry for help in times of distress. Resolve disagreements among countries and between family members. Save those experiencing financial hardship and loss, either of life or of livelihood. Hear our prayers for those who are sick or grieving (*especially Dorcas, Donna, Ed, Pam, Dorothy, Bud, Les, Morrie, Margaret, Michelle, the people of Ukraine in their country or in refugee camps elsewhere. . .and the citizens of Russia who suffer from the sanctions placed upon their country. . .as well as those we name now in silence or aloud. .* Console us with the promise that everything can become new. Merciful God. . **.sing**

The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, *especially Gwen, Sher, Freda and Hildegard*, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. Merciful God. . **.sing**

Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

*A musical reflection will be played while the table is set*

Offering Prayer

Extravagant God, **you have blessed us with the fullness of creation.**

**Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies.**

**Take and use what we offer here, come among us,**

**and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### **MEAL**

Great Thanksgiving                      page 206

Preface for Lent                      “It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .we praise your name  
and join their unending hymn”

“Holy, Holy, Holy”                      page 207

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the gifts of field and vine

Holy God, our living Water and our merciful Guide,

together with rivers and seas, wells and springs we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert,

and provided them water from the rock.

We praise you for Christ, our Rock and our Water,

who joined us in our desert, pouring out his life for the world.

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 life, death, and resurrection,

we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your Spirit on this holy food

and on all the baptized gathered for this feast:

wash away our sin, that we may be revived for our journey by the love of Christ.

Through him all glory and honour is yours, Creator, Redeemer and Life-Giver,

in your holy Church, both now and forever. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer                      (to be chanted on one note)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Fraction (*Breaking of the Bread*)

We break this bread. **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him, we shall live with him.**

**If we hold firm, we shall reign with him**

Invitation to the Table

Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

“Lamb of God”

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*The servers prepare for distribution*

Distribution of the Blessed Sacrament/Healing Rite

*After receiving both bread and wine, those who desire the laying on of hands, prayer and anointing for healing are invited to come behind the table where someone will provide those blessings to you. So if you are struggling with brokenness of any kind, whether in body, mind or heart, please come and receive the wholeness and peace that God can and does give.*

Song #801 “Change My Heart, O God” (*to be sung before and during the meal*)

## Change My Heart, O God

*Refrain*



Change my heart, O God; make it ev - er true.


*End*



Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.



You are the pot - ter; I am the clay.



*Refrain*

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

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Prayer after Communion

Blessed Jesus, **in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. Amen.**

### SENDING

Blessing

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✝ bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

Sending Song #697 “Just A Closer Walk with Thee” v. 2 - *unaccompanied*

*Refrain*

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee, let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

- 1 I am weak but thou art strong: Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee. *Refrain*
- 2 Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee. *Refrain*
- 3 When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore. *Refrain*

Postlude

Dismissal

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**