

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022



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. *Luke 15:21-24*

## As We Gather

No parable more fully describes the profound character of God's mercy than the prodigal son and the waiting father. We are the rebels who begin to think we deserve our heavenly Father's kindness and who demand from Him what is not our right to claim. But instead of disowning us, He meets us with joy, welcomes us with His forgiveness, restores our tattered righteousness with the robe of Christ's holiness, and sets His Table before us. This is what happens every Sunday as the Lord reclaims us from our sins, restores joy to our heavy hearts, reminds us of His baptismal promise, and feeds our body and soul with the body and blood of His Son. This is the source of our holy joy and this is the peace that passes all understanding.

## +PREPARATION+

### Opening HYMN - LSB 570 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

Invocation

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 51:1-2*

## +WORD+

Psalm *Psalm 32 (responsively by ½ verse)*

Kyrie **LSB #944 Kyrie - II**

Salutation

Prayer of the Day

Announcement of the Day

Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 12:1-6 (Surely God is my Savior.)*

Epistle *2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.)*

**Hymn - LSB 433 "Glory Be to Jesus"**

Holy Gospel *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (My son was dead and now he is alive again.)*

Creed Apostles' Creed

**Hymn of the Day - LSB 571 "God Loved the World So That He Gave"**

Sermon

Text:

Offering *(The Offerings previously collected are brought forward)*

**Hymn - LSB 780 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer (sung prior to the Prayer of the Church)**

Prayer of the Church

**Lord's Prayer LSB 958 "Our Father Who Art in Heaven - IIa**

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

Dismissal

**Closing Hymn - LSB 427 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"**