

Luke 15:32

*It was fitting to celebrate and be glad,
for this your brother was dead, and is
alive; he was lost, and is found.'"*

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 27, 2022

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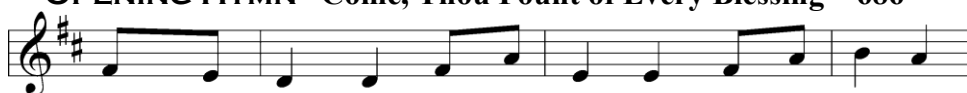
CONCORDIA LUTHERAN CHURCH, CONOVER, NC

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

We stand.

OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” 686



1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy



sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,



Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
Bind my wan-d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
How I'll sing Thy won-drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er



glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine



ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.

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INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Psalm 51:1–2

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,

C and cleanse me from my sin!

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;

C according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Silence for meditation and reflection.

P Merciful Father,

C we beg You, O Lord, to have mercy upon us sinners. Though we deserve nothing of Your kindness, deliver us according to the mercy You have promised in Your Son, Jesus Christ, and restore us as Your own sons and daughters. Forgive us all our sins, create in us new and contrite hearts, and instill in us the will and desire for all that is good and right and true. Make us to know Your will and grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Heavenly Father, You are the giver of all good gifts and have given us Your own Son to be our Savior and Redeemer. Deliver us from our sin and restore to us the joy of our salvation, that having received such mercy, we need not surrender to despair anymore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, we pray.

C **Amen.**

We sit.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 12:1-6

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 733

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALMODY

PSALM 32

Cantor sings verses, congregation sings refrain.

Lord, — You are my hid - ing place, — You pro - tect me from —

trou - ble and sur - round me with songs, sur - round me with songs of de -

liv - er - ance, de - liv - er - ance. liv - er - ance. —

- 1 Forgiveness of sin by the Lord is a joy. The joy of canceled debt is great;
The heart that does not lie is light. *Refrain*
- 2 The hiding of sin from the Lord was a trial, a weight to bear by day and night,
I groaned and was too weak to work. *Refrain*
- 3 Confessing my sin to the Lord was the way, the way I came to walk at last.
And You forgave my guilt, O Lord. *Refrain*
- 4 So all who are faithful should pray to the Lord, and they will not be swept away
When sin lets tides of trouble rise. *Refrain*

EPISTLE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

P This is the Word of the Lord.

Pew Bible pg. 1228

C Thanks be to God.

We stand.

VERSE FOR LENT



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

Pew Bible pg. 1112

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

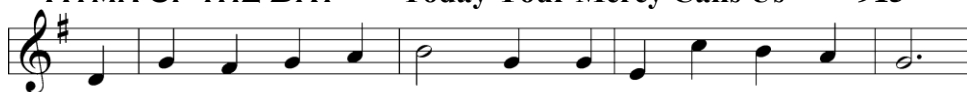
After the Gospel is read:

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

We sit.

HYMN OF THE DAY “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” 915



1 To - day Your mer - cy calls us To wash a - way our sin.
 2 To - day Your gate is o - pen, And all who en - ter in
 3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us; His Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
 4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, What - ev - er we have been,
 Shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come And par - don for their sin.
 His bless - ed an - gels gath - er A - round the heav'n - ly gates.
 What should we do with - out You When heart and eye run o'er?



How - ev - er long from mer - cy Our hearts have turned a - way,
 The past shall be for - got - ten, A pres - ent joy be giv'n,
 No ques - tion will be asked us How of - ten we have come;
 When all things seem a - gainst us, To drive us to de - spair,



Your pre - cious blood can wash us And make us clean to - day.
 A fu - ture grace be prom - ised, A glo - rious crown in heav'n.
 Al - though we oft have wan - dered, It is our Fa - ther's home.
 We know one gate is o - pen, One ear will hear our prayer.

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SERMON “Today Your Mercy Calls Us” Pastor Michael Geml

ANTHEM

“Hear Our Prayer”
“Beneath the Cross”

Mark Patterson
Mark Patterson

We stand.

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PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

“When I Behold Jesus Christ”

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1 When I be - hold Je - sus Christ, True God who died for me,
2 For me You gave all Your love, For me You suf-fered pain;
3 You had no sin, ho - ly Lord, But You were tor-tured, tried;
4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



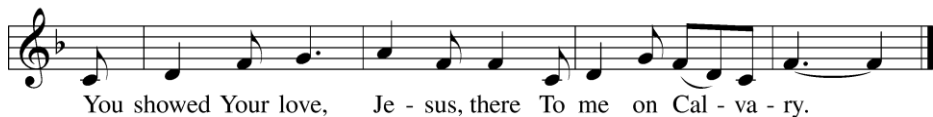
I won - der much at His love As He hung on the tree.
I find no words, noth - ing can Your self - less - ness ex - plain.
On Gol - go - tha there for all My sins You bled and died.
My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



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POSTLUDE