

Shadow of the Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church

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DIVINE SERVICE

Setting Two Modified

Standing in the Shadow of the Cross

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday March 30, 2025

Processional Hymn: TFBF # 68 "That Priceless Grace"



1 That price-less grace, that price-less grace, that price-less
 2 That price-less blood, that price-less blood, that price-less
 3 That pain-ful death, that pain-ful death, that pain-ful
 4 That pre-cious word, that pre-cious word, that pre-cious

grace which gave me life: Je-sus' life is price-less grace.
 blood which gave me life: Je-sus' blood is price-less grace.
 death took sins a-way: Je-sus' death is price-less grace.
 word which brought me light: Je-sus' word is price-less grace.

That price-less grace is life for me.

Greeting and Announcements:

Confession and Absolution

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

C **Amen.**

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, imploring Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,

C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence please for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C **I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and for which I justly deserved Your punishment. But I am sorry for them and repent of them and pray for Your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive my sins, give me Your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen**

P God is merciful and gracious, granting forgiveness through Jesus Christ to all who confess their sin. As a called and ordained minister of the Christian Church and by the authority of Christ, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise: TFBF # 83 “Oh, How He Loves You and Me”

1. Oh, how He loves you and me, (2x)

He gave His life, what more could He give; Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He loves me, Oh, how He loves you and me.

2. Jesus to Calv'ry did go, His love for mankind to show.

What He did there brought hope from despair.

Oh, how He loves you, Oh, how He loves me, Oh how He loves you and me.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 51:2-6; antiphon: Ps. 51:1

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

C **according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.**

P Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity.

C **and cleanse me from my sin!**

P For I know my transgressions,

C **and my sin is ever before me.**

P Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

C so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,

C and in sin did my mother conceive me.

P Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,

C and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

**C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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

C according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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 You 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12:1-6

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. ²"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." ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And 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. ⁵"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ 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. ²⁰ Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music -

Please stand

Hymn: # 98 TFBF “Open My Eyes, Lord”

1. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch Him and say that we love Him. 2. Open our ears, Lord And help us to listen, Open our eyes, Lord We want to see Jesus.

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³ So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² 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. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶ And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ “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! ¹⁸ I will arise and

go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." ²⁰ 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. ²¹ 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.' ²² 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. ²³ And bring the fattened calf and kill it and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴ For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. ²⁵ "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ 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.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹ And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Please be seated

Hymn: LSB # 744 "Amazing Grace"

1. Amazing grace, How sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found, Was blind, but now I see.

2. The Lord has promised good to me His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, As long as life endures.

3. Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come,
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home.

4. Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail, And mortal life shall cease
I shall possess within the veil, A life of joy and peace.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Sermon: "The Lost and Found Parables"

Sermon Text: Luke 15:1-3,11-32

Please stand

Nicene Creed

**C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with
the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our
salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of
the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under
Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose
again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven and sits at the
right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the
Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge
one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering

Please stand.

Offertory

LSB 192

**C Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast
me not away from Thy presence and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore
unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P Feel free to remain standing, be seated, or come to the altar to pray

Hymn: TFBF # 247 “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

C Lord, listen to Your children praying; Lord, send Your Spirit in this place. Lord listen to Your children praying; send us love, send us power, send us grace.

P You may return to your seats, the Lord has heard your prayers (**All stand**)