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4th Sunday in Lent – March 30, 2025

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE AND TOLLING OF THE BELL

CALL TO WORSHIP

From darkness and despair, from being lost and lonely, God calls us home.

Even though we have been selfish and let God down, we are still called beloved.

Remember the eternal love of God which has been poured out for you.

Our hearts rejoice at the wondrous ways in which God loves and forgives us.

Remember that in all your ways you can trust in God's compassion.

HYMN #72 ***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.

ASSURANCE

As a parent welcomes home a wayward child, so God embraces all who return in true repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

#734 GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Luke 15: 1-32

MEDITATION

HYMN #373 *Change My Heart, O God*

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us
our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the
kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING / OFFERING RESPONSE

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow:
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above the heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**O God, all that we have comes from you. Receive this
offering and with it the offering of our lives, for we return
to you only what you have so graciously given. Use us
for the sake of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN #358 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION (#250, verses 1 and 5)

**Throughout these Lenten days and nights,
we turn to walk the inward way,
where, meeting Christ, our guide and light,
we live in hope 'til Easter Day.**

**So let us choose the path of one
who wore, for us, the crown of thorn,
and slept in death that we might wake
to life on Resurrection Morn!**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The altar flowers this morning are presented by Dean & Linda Olah in memory of father, Rolly and brother, Todd.

CHURCH LIBRARY will be open on the 1st Wednesday of the month from 9:00-10:30 am and the third Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:00 pm.

GUILD MEETING this Wednesday at 10:30 am.

BIBLE STUDY will be held Thursday at 10:00 am.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

1 Luke Caffrey, Jr.

5 Shawn Castellano, Al Leshner

GIVING 3/23/25--\$744.00 TOTAL GIVING YTD--\$8,828.00

3/23/25 MEMBER ATTENDANCE—30

3/23/25 TOTAL ATTENDANCE—38

YTD MEMBER ATTENDANCE AVERAGE—28

YTD TOTAL ATTENDANCE AVERAGE--33

