

# The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

## March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019



“I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.” . . . While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him.” *Luke 15:18, 20*

**WELCOME!** We extend a cordial welcome to everyone in the name of our crucified and risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! Please be sure to sign our guest book near the entrance to the sanctuary. Visitors are always welcome in our midst.

**AS WE GATHER:** *“How Does This Story End?”*

The parable of the prodigal son may be one of the most familiar in the repertoire of our Teacher. Jesus speaks His truth into the heart of every person who needs Him, regardless of whether their brokenness is known to everyone and their brother or known only to the sinner and his or her Creator. Jesus’ story of a son’s foolish ways and a father’s lavish grace is a moving tale with a profound impact. But that’s not even the full story. The elder son, who wrongly thought that he had it all together and had not sinned against his father, looks with indignation upon the prodigal’s homecoming celebration. The father responds with a message for both of his children, and both of his children desperately need the father’s mercy. We do too. Reflect on your brokenness and confess it. Rejoice in your Father’s forgiveness and receive it. Relish the celebration of the feast that’s been prepared for you and share its joy with every other prodigal you know.

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**ORDER OF SERVICE** - Divine Service Setting 4, pg. 203

**Opening Hymn** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (LSB 686)

**Sharing of the Peace** (Please greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “*Peace be with you,*” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.) [Matthew 5:22-24; Ephesians 4:1-3]

***Recognizing health concerns, we value verbal greetings as well as handshake greetings.***

**THE INTROIT, COLLECT OF THE DAY, SCRIPTURE READINGS & GRADUAL CAN ALL BE FOUND IN YOUR BULLETIN INSERT**

***Due to the penitential season of Lent, the Gloria Excelsis is omitted...***

**Collect of the Day**

**Scripture Readings**

**First Reading**—*Isaiah 12:1–6* (The Lord God has become my salvation.)

**Gradual** (*spoken responsively*)

**Pastor:** [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

**People: the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

**Pastor:** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**People: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Epistle**—*2 Corinthians 5:16–21* (In Christ, the old has passed away, and the new has come.)

***During Lent the Alleluia is omitted...***

**Verse**—*“The father said to his servants, “This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.”*

**Holy Gospel**—*Luke 15:1–3, 11–32* (The father embraces his prodigal son.)

**Nicene Creed**

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**Children’s Message**—“The Black Sheep”

**Sermon Hymn**—“As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered” (LSB 612)

**Sermon**— “Weakness & Strength” (Judges 16:23–30)

**Sermon Text**— Judges 16:23–30

<sup>23</sup>Now the lords of the Philistines gathered to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to rejoice, and they said, “Our god has given Samson our enemy into our hand.” <sup>24</sup>And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, “Our god has given our enemy into our hand, the ravager of our country, who has killed many of us.” <sup>25</sup>And when their hearts were merry, they said, “Call Samson, that he may entertain us.” So they called Samson out of the prison, and he entertained them. They made him stand between the pillars. <sup>26</sup>And Samson said to the young man who held him by the hand, “Let me feel the pillars on which the house rests, that I may lean against them.” <sup>27</sup>Now the house was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines were there, and on the roof there were about 3,000 men and women, who looked on while Samson entertained.

<sup>28</sup>Then Samson called to the LORD and said, “O Lord GOD, please remember me and please strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may be avenged on the Philistines for my two eyes.” <sup>29</sup>And Samson grasped the two middle pillars on which the house rested, and he leaned his weight against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other. <sup>30</sup>And Samson said, “Let me die with the Philistines.” Then he bowed with all his strength, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people who were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than those whom he had killed during his life.

**Offering**

**Prayers of the Church**

*Each petition of the prayers ends by the pastor saying: “Lord, in Your mercy” and the congregation responding: “Hear our prayer”*

**SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT**

**LSB 208**

**COMMUNION STATEMENT**—*(Please read our church’s communion statement regarding our practice of close communion before participating in the Sacrament).* The Lord’s Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes. Because those who eat and drink our Lord’s body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Synod–Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive this sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder.

**Proper Preface**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor: At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**Distribution Hymns:**

- “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” (LSB 743)
- “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” (LSB 636)

**Closing Hymn**—“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (LSB 528, vs. 1-5)

Pastor: Go in Peace and Serve the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God!**

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**Attendance in Worship Last Sunday: 72**

**Officiant:** Rev. John M. Taggatz

**Organist:** Chris Cutts

**Elder:** Lee Krause

**Ushers:**

**Altar Guild:** Karen Tesch

**Acolyte:** Jordan Zastrow

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**Church Information**—

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**Church Websites:** [www.elcms.org](http://www.elcms.org) (Calvary)

[www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com](http://www.christlutheranwestbloomfield.com) (Christ)

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**REMINDER! Pastor’s Office Hours for Christ & Calvary**

**Monday (Christ) 9:30 am-1pm**

**Tuesday (Christ) 10:15 am-1pm**

**Wednesday (Calvary) 9:30am -1pm**

**Thursday (Calvary): 9am - 1pm**

**Friday (Pastor’s Day Off)**

**Visitations: Monday through Thursday afternoons**

*For Appointments, Call Calvary or Christ Office or Pastor’s Cell Phone.*

*For an Emergency, Call Pastor Taggatz: 715-467-1231*

**Our Prayer List**—Louis Hartzke (hospice); Samuel Cartwright; Sherry Blomberg; Bob & Bev Buchholtz; Dirk Niebaum (cancer); Sam Ives, (needing a liver and heart transplant); Ron Wurm (heart problems); Bud & Judy Keller; Michael Felske (rehabilitation); Daryl (cancer); Todd Monroe (cancer); Judy (brain tumor) friend of Fred Monroe; Chris Schliepp (healing); Pete Fishbach (strength and healing), friend of Jerry & Rene Dorsett; Laverne Lipke (healing & strength)

**In the Military:** Kaitlin Young, Fort Campbell, KY.

**Our Shut Ins:** Doris Buchholtz, Louis Hartzke, Mary Grambsch, Lisa Liepert, Stanley Behm, and Elvis Behm.

**We Mourn**—Give to all who mourn comfort in their grief and a sure confidence in Your loving care, especially the family of Ryan Timm, as they mourn the death of his Mother, Bonnie Mitchell, and Uncle, Curt Nelson, and the family of Stacy Mundschau, as they mourn the death of his Grandma, Lois. O Lord, please be with these families whose loved ones were recently called home to heavenly rest, that casting all their sorrow on You, they may know the consolation of Your love. Amen.

**A hearing loop is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users,  
to use please switch to “T.”**

**Children’s Quiet Bags are available for your kids here at Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches.** These bags are full of coloring books, Bible Story books, and various other items for your child to play with during the worship service. Please ask an usher and we will be sure to get you one before the worship service.

**CALLING ALL USHERS FOR CELC**--We are in need of ushers here at Christ Lutheran for 2019. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex if you would like to help out. If interested, please contact Bryan Brazil at: [920-867-3646](tel:920-867-3646).

**Are you celebrating a baptism, birthday, anniversary, or other special occasion, or remembering a loved one who has gone to be with the Lord?** If so, you can donate flowers on the altar for that particular week you are celebrating a special occasion or remembering a loved one. Please call Susanne Utecht if you are interested in donating flowers at: (920) 867-4225.

**If there’s a prayer request for Christ or Calvary please be sure to keep us updated as to how they are doing.** If someone is feeling better, we would certainly want to give a prayer of thanksgiving for their healing as well...

**Agape- The Parent Project** will be hosting a series entitled “The Parent Project,” that helps empower parents with resources for parenting teens and strong-willed children. This 10- week series started March 12<sup>th</sup> and will be offered again in the fall. If you’re interested, please see the handout in the Narthex or call 715-942-8288 to sign up for a class.

**INTERESTED IN BUILDING THE CHURCH BODY HERE AT CHRIST LUTHERAN?** There will be a meeting to discuss ways to grow membership following worship **TODAY** Sunday March 31. Please plan on attending.

**EASTER FLOWERS:** For all those who wish to donate Easter flowers “in memory or honor of” you’ll find the forms on the table in the Church’s Narthex. We again giving you a option of either a Lily or Tulip plant. If you wish, monetary gifts are being accepted towards larger plants as well. You may leave the form (envelopes provide next to forms) in my church box, I’ll be checking it often. If you choose to drop off a plant, please put in the church basement. I appreciate if you could leave your name and form with the plant. This way I can get the correct

information in the church bulletin. Looking forward to decorating the church on Easter Sunday with all the beautiful plants. Thank You, Susanne Utecht

### THIS WEEK AT CHRIST

<b>Sunday – MARCH 31</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion Congregation Meeting after Worship 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal
<b>Monday – APRIL 1</b> 6:30 PM Worship Team Meeting
<b>Tuesday – APRIL 2</b> No Chapel Service Christ Lutheran School 3k-3 <sup>rd</sup> grade Field Trip to The Grand to see “The Jungle Book”
<b>Wednesday – APRIL 3</b> 6:00 PM Public School Confirmation Class @ Christ 7:15 PM Christ’s Lenten Midweek Service
<b>Thursday – APRIL 4</b> 8:30 AM Chapel 10:00 AM Adult Bible Study @ Calvary 1:00 PM Dress Rehearsal for School Musical 5-6 PM Calvary’s Lenten Supper 7:00 PM Calvary’s Lenten Midweek Service
<b>Friday – APRIL 5</b> Pastors Day Off
<b>Saturday – APRIL 6</b> 9:30-1 PM LWML Spring Rally @ Trinity Lutheran Wautoma
<b>Sunday – APRIL 7</b> 8:30 AM Worship Service w/ Holy Communion 9:45 AM Choir Rehearsal 10:00 AM School Musical Performance 11:30 AM Potluck

**In the case of inclement weather please check with WDUX radio 92.7 FM to see if our congregation’s worship service has been cancelled.**

**SPRING MUSICAL:** Christ Lutheran School’s spring musical “The Greatest Story Ever Told” will take place on **Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM**, after the church service. There will be a **potluck at 11:30 AM** shortly after the musical performance. PTG will be supplying the ham sandwiches and we are asking that everyone who attends bring a **dish to pass**.

\*We will have a dress rehearsal on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM for anyone who wishes to attend.

**ROAST PORK DINNER:** Emmaus Lutheran Church, Poy Sippi is hosting a dinner to raise funds in support of the David & Rachel Baker Ministry in Mongolia & Kazakhstan on April 13<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm (or until gone) in the fellowship hall. Adults \$6.50, children 5-10 yr. \$5.00, carry outs \$7.00. Please refer to the poster in the Narthex for more information.

**Death ends a life, but not a relationship:** Losing a spouse/significant other may be something one can never get over, but can learn to live with. Death of a Spouse/Significant Other attempts to help people realize that while life

has changed dramatically, the survivor can still live a contented life. This free Ascension at Home grief support groups will be held the Spring of 2019: Call 800-398-1297 to register or see the poster in the Narthex.

### **ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS:**

On Sunday, April 14th your children will be waiting for you after Sunday School in the commons. There will also be a short survey for you to fill out. This is for making predictions about the future enrollment of our day school.

Even if you have children under 3, we would still like your input.

Below are the questions that will be on the survey.

1. What are the ages of your children?
2. If you have a child under the age of 3, do you foresee them attending Christ Lutheran School in the future? If no, why?
3. Does your school age child(ren) attend Christ Lutheran School? If not, why?

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Just a reminder that our school collects Box Tops. The proceeds from the box tops go towards the Parent/Teacher Group for the school, it allows us to take field trips and fund events for the students. If anyone has any to drop off, please put them on Jennifer's desk in the school/church office. Thank you!

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BIBLE STUDY?** Pastor John is leading Bible Study on Thursdays at Calvary Lutheran Waupaca at 10:00am. Come join us as we study God's Word together! We are currently studying, "*The Augsburg Confession Today*" a Bible Study from the Lutheran Confessions. This is a study that helps people to understand the basics of our Lutheran teachings today from a Biblical perspective in our 21<sup>st</sup> Century modern world.

**SCRIP AT CELC**—SCRIP is being sold following the 8:30am service in the church basement. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR—"Life Worth Living"** Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Jesus calls us to hate life in this world, not because he wants hateful people. Rather, he wants us to more deeply love true life. (John 12:12-36) The Lutheran Hour can be heard any time on the internet at: [lhm.org](http://lhm.org) scroll down the page and click on, "*listen now.*" Or listen to any of these local radio stations on Sunday mornings.

5:30am The Lutheran Hour, WTMJ (AM 620)

7:30am The Lutheran Hour, WJMQ (FM 92.3)

8:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WDUX (AM 800)

10:00 am The Lutheran Hour, WRVM (FM 102.7)

"God is the ultimate Designer. He designed the greatest good the world has ever seen to come from the most heinous evil mankind has ever produced. You are never too stained for God to love. When you are feeling weak and foolish, give thanks to God for that, because that's exactly the kind of person that God likes to use." *Rev. Dan Larsen, pastor of Bethany Lutheran Church, Wabasso, Minnesota, and Trinity Lutheran Church, Sanborn, Minnesota – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org) (For those who have made an abortion decision, there is a Word of Hope, Lutherans For Life's post-abortion healing ministry. Call 888.217.8679 or email [info@word-of-hope.org](mailto:info@word-of-hope.org).)*

**The Congregation at Prayer Sunday March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019, The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Catechism:** Catechism—Table of Duties—Of Civil Government: Romans 13:1-4

**Verse of the week:** Psalm 118:8, "*It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.*"

**Psalm of the week:** Psalm 26

**Hymn of the week:** (LSB 734) "I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name" (stanzas 1-3)

Sunday— The Feeding of the 5,000—John 6:1-15

Monday— Luke Passion: Peter Denies His Lord—Luke 22:54-62

Tuesday— Luke Passion: Jesus Before the Sanhedrin—Luke 22:63-71

Wednesday— Luke Passion: Jesus Before Pontius Pilate and King Herod—Lk. 23:1-12

Thursday— Luke Passion: The King of the Jews Is Mocked—Luke 23:13-38

Friday—Luke Passion: Jesus' Death and Burial—Luke 23:39-56

**Stewardship Minute**— Jesus, the light of the world, promises, *"Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life"* (John 8:12). As followers of Jesus, we reflect the light that comes from Him. God prepares us to be *"the light of the world,"* the light that we should *"shine before men, that they may see [our] good deeds and praise [our] Father in heaven"* (Matthew 5:14, 16). The Holy Spirit has placed within each of us a light that can show others God's glory and majesty. We are to let that line shine. Our light may seem to us like a twinkling candle in a dark world, But God will use it and magnify it.

**INTERESTED IN SINGING AT CELC DURING THE LENTEN & EASTER SEASON???** Then, you are in luck!!! Chris Cutts will be conducting choir rehearsal here at CELC on Sunday mornings after worship on March 31<sup>st</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup>, and 14<sup>th</sup>, from 9:45am-10:30am. Please come and join us as we prepare to observe the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through joyous song and praise to our LORD!!! Also, if anyone is interested in playing special music during the Lenten & Easter seasons please talk to Andrea Muench & Chantel Mundschau.

## **GOD HAS DESIGNED US TO SHARE OUR FAITH AND TO LET HIS LIGHT SHINE BRIGHTLY THROUGH US.**

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).



**WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR LENT AT CHRIST AND CALVARY**—Lenten midweek services are on Wednesdays at Christ starting at 7:15pm and at Calvary on Thursdays at 6:30pm with Lenten Suppers from 5:00-6:00 pm)... Lent Starts with Ash Wednesday on Wednesday March 6th and continues through to Easter on April 21<sup>st</sup>—

### **"A Lent to Remember" Lenten Midweek Services...**

Lenten Midweek 5: Remember Sins No More, Jeremiah 31:34

-Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Christ Lutheran 7:15pm

-Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup> @ Calvary Waupaca 6:30pm

Lenten Midweek 6: Remember Steadfast Love, Psalm 98:3

-Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> @ Christ Lutheran 7:15pm

-Thursday April 11<sup>th</sup> @ Calvary Waupaca 6:30pm

Maundy Thursday: Remembrance of Me, 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

-Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> @ Calvary Waupaca @ 6:30pm

Good Friday: Remember Me, Luke 23:39–43

-Friday April 18<sup>th</sup>@ Christ Lutheran @ 7pm

Easter Day: Remember Jesus Risen, 2 Timothy 2:8, 11

-Sunday, April 21 @ Christ and Calvary Lutheran Churches, our normal Sunday morning Worship times