

# CHRIST OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

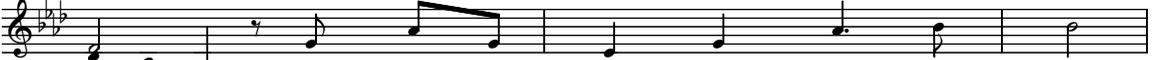
Lent 3 – February 28, 2016

Vicar Joshua Shandor

## Morning Praise

OPENING HYMN – “What Grace Is This!”

CWS 715



What grace is this! My Lord and King  
What grace is this! That ve - ry God  
What grace it this! Though Lord of all,  
What grace is this! Rude a - gon - ies!  
What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths  
What grace is this? How can it be?



Has set his face to suf - fer - ing.  
Would stoop to lift a cross of wood  
He yields to Pon - tius Pil - ate's law  
With com - mon thieves he hangs and bleeds.  
And gent - ly laid in man - ger trough,  
He wears this raw hu - mil - i - ty



My God e - ter - nal dies to bring E - ter - nal life to me.  
And walk a road of rock and blood, A sin - ner's road, for me.  
And lets the Ro - man ham - mers draw A rush of blood for me.  
The sin - less Son bears each mis - deed. He pays for all, for me.  
He's tak - en dead, from wretch - ed cross And wrapped a - gain for me.  
To lift me to e - ter - ni - ty. Such grace - sweet grace - for me.

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- P: O Lord, open my lips.  
C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.  
P: Hasten to save me, O God.  
C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.  
P: Give glory to God, our light and our life.  
C: Behold the Lamb of God: let us worship him.

*Refrain – sing*

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Come oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us shout with joy to our sav-ing Rock;



come, en-ter in with our songs of praise, come, en-ter in with thanks - giv - ing.



**VERSES**

You are a great and a won-drous God, cup-ping in your hands all the  
Come, let us wor-ship and bow - ing low, kneel be-fore the One who has



depths of earth. You made the hills and the moun - tains high,  
made us all. You are the God whom we call our own,



you made the seas and the dry land.  
we are the flock that you shep-herd.

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

P: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death, we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



# *I Once Was Lost, But Now Am Found*

*Luke 15:1-3; 11b-32*

Why is the parable of the lost son the best loved parable of all?  
Because we have all been lost and we have all been found.  
We all have God's amazing grace.

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable:

<sup>11b</sup> "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them. <sup>13</sup>"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup>After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup>"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup>I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' <sup>20</sup>So he got up and went to his father.



**A - maz - ing grace - how sweet the sound - That saved a wretch like me!**



**I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.**

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"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. <sup>21</sup>"The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. ' <sup>22</sup>"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

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

<sup>25</sup>"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup>'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' <sup>28</sup>"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

<sup>31</sup>"'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.'"



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

#### SEASONAL RESPONSE

P: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

#### SERMON

## The Father's Love

Based on the Gospel

1. Restores the Lost
2. Calls Us to Rejoice

# YOU ARE GOD WE PRAISE YOU

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## REFRAIN

You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.



To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.



With the an - gels in heav - en, We praise you, we praise you! With the  
Cre - a - tor of all things, We praise you, we praise you! O  
O Christ, King of glo - ry, We praise you, we praise you! You be-



cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim, We praise you, we praise you! With a -  
Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, We praise you, we praise you! O  
- came a man to set us free; We praise you, we praise you! You have



- pos - tles and proph - ets, We praise you, we praise you! With the  
Spir - it, most ho - ly, We praise you, we praise you! To the  
ris - en to free us; We praise you, we praise you! And with



mar - tyrs and your holy Church, We sing in end - less praise!  
Trin - i - ty most bless - ed, We sing in end - less praise!  
all your saints in glo - ry, We sing in end - less praise!

*Refrain*  
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OFFERING AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

CHILDREN'S LESSON

## LENTEN PRAYER

P: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets and apostles you continually direct the eyes of your people to the coming of your Son.

C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil. Encourage us with the Savior's promised return to stay vigilant and strong in our faith in him.

P: As we prepare in Lent for Easter, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: Move us to take to heart the words of Jesus, "So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

P: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful and give hope to the despairing.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the mercy of your grace.

P: Direct our eyes to the cross of Christ our Savior and also to the skies, where he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

P: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

P: Let us praise the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## BLESSING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN – "By Grace I'm Saved"

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# CALENDAR – WEEK OF February 28 – March 6

- Sunday 8 & 10:30a Worship  
9:15a Bible Class and Sunday School
- Wednesday 6p *Social Studies Fair – COR School*  
6p Dinner – hosted by Teens  
7p Devotion  
7:30p Choir
- Thursday 8a Breakfast Bible Study
- Friday NO SCHOOL – Area Teacher’s Conference
- Saturday Fine Arts Day at RMLHS
- Sunday 8 & 10:30a Worship with Communion  
9:15a Bible Class and Sunday School  
9:15a Finance Board  
12p Catechism

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN DINNERS: We are looking for a host for March 16. If you or your group can help, please contact Pastor Voss.

EASTER FOR KIDS: Save the date! Saturday, March 19, from 9:30-11:30a. For children 4-10 years old. Look for more information soon!

**What: PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**  
**When: Thursday, March 24th**  
**10:30-11:30a**  
**Who: Open to children who will**  
**be four by October 1st.**  
**Where: The Preschool Room**  
**If you know of any children interested,**  
**please give them this information or**  
**contact Mrs. Paul.**  
**Let us know by Monday, March 21st, if**  
**you are attending.**

March 24, 7p  
Maundy Thursday  
Worship Service with  
Communion

March 25, 7:30p  
Good Friday  
Service of Darkness

March 27, 8 & 10:30a  
Easter Worship  
9:15-10a Easter Breakfast

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- **A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.**
- **Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.**
- **Please let an usher know if you require a larger print bulletin.**
- **Our services can also be viewed online. Go to our website [corchurch.com](http://corchurch.com) and click on Video Broadcast.**