



St. John's Lutheran Church

*Serving God through the ELCA
in the Metropolitan New York Synod*

Sunday, March 30, 2025 SCRIPTURE READINGS 4th Sunday of Lent

*Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus.
Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has
"rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times.
Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son.
Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!*

Prayer of the Day

Pastor/Leader: The Lord be with you.

ALL And also with you.

Pastor/Leader: Let us pray.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. Clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

ALL Amen.

Today's Hymns for the 10:30 Worship Service

Prelude	<i>Solemn Song</i>	<i>arr. Maris Kristapsons</i>
	<i>Out from the Deep</i>	<i>Thomas Tallis</i>
Gathering Hymn	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	ELW 807
Hymn of the Day	Our Father, We Have Wandered	ELW 606
Offertory Music	<i>Thy Matchless Love</i>	<i>Alfred V. Fedak</i>
Communion Hymn	Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound	ELW 779
Sending Hymn	My Life Flows On in Endless Song	ELW 763
Postlude	<i>Praeludium in E Minor</i>	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>

¹ The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Pastor	The Word of the Lord. ... <i>OR</i> :	Leader	Word of God, Word of Life.
All	Thanks be to God.	All	Thanks be to God.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given 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 the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat 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.

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9 AM Acclamation:

Pastor The Holy Gospel according to _____ in the _____ Chapter.

All **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God, forever.**

GOSPEL READING


New Revised Standard Version

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} “There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout 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 to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up 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 like one of your hired hands.” ’

²⁰ So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then 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 slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

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²⁵ “Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹ But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’

³¹ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’ ”

9 AM Response:

Pastor The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise be to Christ, praise be to Christ, praise be to Christ, forever.



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