

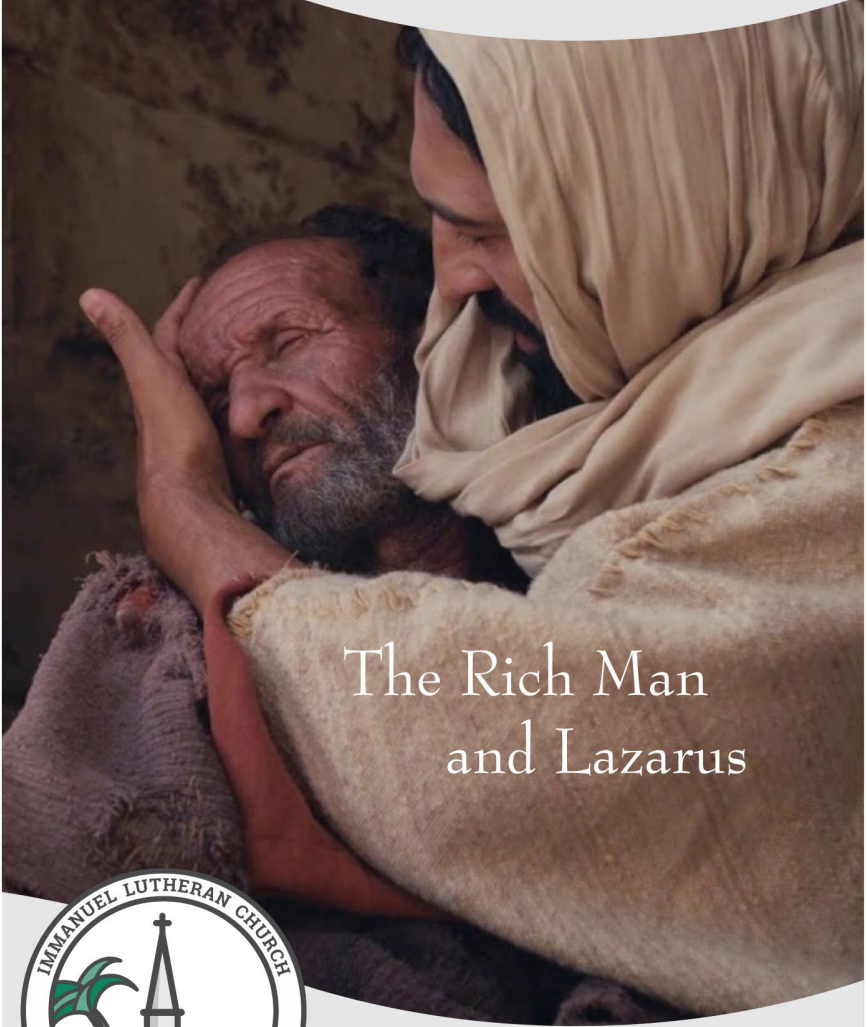
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4th Sunday in Lent

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The Rich Man and Lazarus



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Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. 2Blessèd is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. 3For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. 4For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. 5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. 6Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him. 7You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. 8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. 9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you. 10Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the Lord. 11Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Order of Divine Worship

Hymn: WS #742 v.1,2,3 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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

C ♪ A - - - men.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

P Pastor

C Congregation

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

C ♪ **Who made heaven and earth.**

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.

C ♪ **And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.**

P Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C **O most merciful God, who hast given Thine only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Thy Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of Thee and**

of Thy will and true obedience to Thy Word, to the end that by Thy grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in His name He gives power to become the sons of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C ♪ A - - - men.

INTROIT

Psalm 51:1-6

P Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

C Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

P For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me

C Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment.

P Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

C Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

P For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

GLORIA PATRI

Latin for "Glory be to the Father"

The musical score for the Gloria Patri is presented in four systems. Each system consists of a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The first system contains the lyrics: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;". The second system contains the lyrics: "as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men." The score includes various musical notations such as notes, rests, and bar lines.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 15:22

P The father said to his servants, "This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -
 on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

TLH #237:1

C *♩* All glory be to God on high, Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The strife at last is ended. God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall reign on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!

P 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 thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, wh o lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C *♩* A - - - men.

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Exodus 8:16-24 So the Lord said to Moses, “Say to Aaron, ‘Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt.’ ” 17 And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 18 Now the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast. 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the Lord had said. 20 And the Lord said to Moses, “Rise early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh as he comes out to the water. Then say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord: “Let My people go, that they may serve Me. 21 Or else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms of

flies on you and your servants, on your people and into your houses. The houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground on which they stand. 22 And in that day I will set apart the land of Goshen, in which My people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there, in order that you may know that I am the Lord in the midst of the land. 23 I will make a difference between My people and your people. Tomorrow this sign shall be." ' ' " 24 And the Lord did so. Thick swarms of flies came into the house of Pharaoh, into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was corrupted because of the swarms of flies.

EPISTLE READING – 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." 20 Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? 21 For since, in the wisdom of God, the world through wisdom did not know God, it pleased God through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe. 22 For Jews request a sign, and Greeks seek after wisdom; 23 but we preach Christ crucified, to the Jews a stumbling block and to the Greeks foolishness, 24 but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. 26 For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called. 27 But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; 28 and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, 29 that no flesh should glory in His presence. 30 But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption— 31 that, as it is written, "He who glories, let him glory in the Lord."

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: WS #777

“Amazing Grace – How Sweet the Sound”

SERMON – Luke 16:19-31 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’ But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father’s house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’” (NIV)

CONSIDER THE CONSEQUENCES

OFFERTORY

- ☞** **♪ 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.**

Hymn: WS #776

“Lord, Tis Not That I Did Choose You”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING: TLH #442:2 "Lord of Glory, Who Hast Bought Us"

C ♪ Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to yield Thee- Gladly, freely, of Thine own; With the sunshine of Thy goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by Thee, at length believe That more happy and more blessed 'Tis to give than to receive.

PRAYERS & the BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.
- C** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

HYMN: WS #779 "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"

✠ Announcements ✠

Last Week: WH – 32 Bible Class – 15 **Total Offering = \$3,686.00**

General = \$1861.00 | Tuition = \$1861.00 | Kinship = \$200

Lillies: If you would like to purchase a lilly in memory of a loved one, please sign the list in the back, write who your lilly is in memory of, pay Teresa \$10, and mark yourself paid. After the Easter service April 17, please take your lilly home. Thank you.

Easter Brunch: Easter Sunday, April 17, we will have an Easter brunch at 9:00 am. Please bring some breakfast food or drink to share. Thank you.

Pastor Fossum Pastor Fossum will be returning to preach April 3 and April 10. There will be Bible Class at 9:15 a.m. on April 3. He will be conducting Orlando service the following Sunday, April 10 and returning for the Winter Haven service at 10:15 a.m. There will be no Bible Class that Sunday.

Call News Pastor Tom Naumann has returned the call. We pray for him and pray the Lord guides us in calling another pastor. His letter will be read after church.

- ✠ **Mar. 27:** Orland Service 8am
- ✠ **Mar. 27:** WH 10:15am
- ✠ **Apr. 3:** Bible Class 9:15am
Communion Service WH 10:15am; Voters' Meeting; Elder's Meeting
- ✠ **Apr. 10:** Orland Service 8am
WH 10:15am
- ✠ **Apr. 15:** Good Friday Service 6:30pm
- ✠ **Apr. 17:** Easter Brunch 9:00am
- ✠ **Apr. 17:** Easter Service WH 10:15am

Cleaner (4/2): Bernthal | **Acolyte (4/3):** Maxwell Kuehne

Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions; March 28-April 2, '22

Mon Isaiah 12 is a short chapter loaded with encouragement and admonition, which follows ch. 11—God’s promise of Jesus’ arrival on that day when He would change everything. Children of God turn their faces and hearts to heaven and tell God how thrilled they are—both for themselves (1-2) and for others (4-6)—that God is always front and center. Praise the LORD!

Tues Luke 15:1-3,11-32 is a long parable by which Jesus hoped to edify some self-satisfied religious bigots—that God doesn’t discard wayward souls but seeks their repentance and will welcome them back home. It’s the parable of the Prodigal Father, whose love is prodigious for wayward sinners. [His steadfast love is the only hope for wayward souls today, too.]

Wed Romans 8:1-10 takes us from heaven to Earth, from Christmas to Good Friday, and then back again from Earth to heaven. Since it’s only fair/just (4) that sometime, somewhere, someone should straighten out what Adam messed up, the Son of God volunteered for the dirty job . . . and got it done (3). In the follow-up, Jesus pulls us along with Him, freeing us from sin-slavery (6-8) and putting some Spirit into us for godly, self-sacrificial living.

Thurs Isaiah 11 comes after the chapter of God’s Christmas Gift (ch. 9)—followed by a deluge of doom for God’s adversaries (ch. 10) before returning to that day when Jesus arrives on the scene (ch. 11). So that’s the setting for ch. 12, which resounds with praise from you and me—for God has become our salvation too, and we also draw water (spiritually) from the wells of salvation (God’s Word) both at home and in worship assembly.

Fri Luke 15 The Holy Spirit has loaded Luke’s Gospel with many of Jesus’ parables to illustrate God’s salvation enterprise. Three of these parables focus on God’s desire and efforts to save that which was lost. A sheep that strayed and should be rescued represents a soul that has strayed and needs rescuing. A coin lost in the shuffle of daily life represents a human soul misplaced in some dusty corner of our habitat. We hardly need a translation of the “lost son” parable, for s/he’s someone we already know.

Sat Romans 10:12-17 Good news: we don’t owe ourselves anything that the world and Satan suggest we have coming. We should trust God’s good judgment that living according to the flesh (satisfying carnal cravings) is deadly—which repentant children of God will stifle day by day and hour by hour (12-13). Some have found that the following mantra helps: “God is my Father; I am His child; He loves me.” God bless us from here to eternity!