

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Congregational Study “Christian” (Week 6 - Angry Birds)

Saturday, March 17, 2018 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 18, 2018 - 8:00 a.m.

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As We Gather

Is our familiarity with the parable of the Lost Son(s), causing us to hear it and yet still miss its depth of meaning for our life? How would Jesus’ earliest hearers understand the parable? God could not love you more than he already does. There’s nothing you can do to cause him to love you less. This is true for every person on earth.

Prelude & Welcome

Entrance Hymn (Please stand on last verse) “Just as I Am”

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1 Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2 Just as I am and wait - ing not To rid my
3 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
4 Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight, rich - es,
blood was shed for me And that Thou bidd'st me come to
soul of one dark blot, To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with - in, with -
heal - ing of the mind, Yea, all I need, in Thee to
Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; Thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession & Absolution

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray. You want all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. Help us to be rooted and grounded in love, that we might call all people to faith in You. Grant us the strength to welcome as Jesus welcomed, challenge as he challenged, and rejoice as he rejoiced, through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

☩ The Word of the Lord ☩

Epistle (*Please be seated*)

"Rooted and Grounded in Love"

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, ¹⁶that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

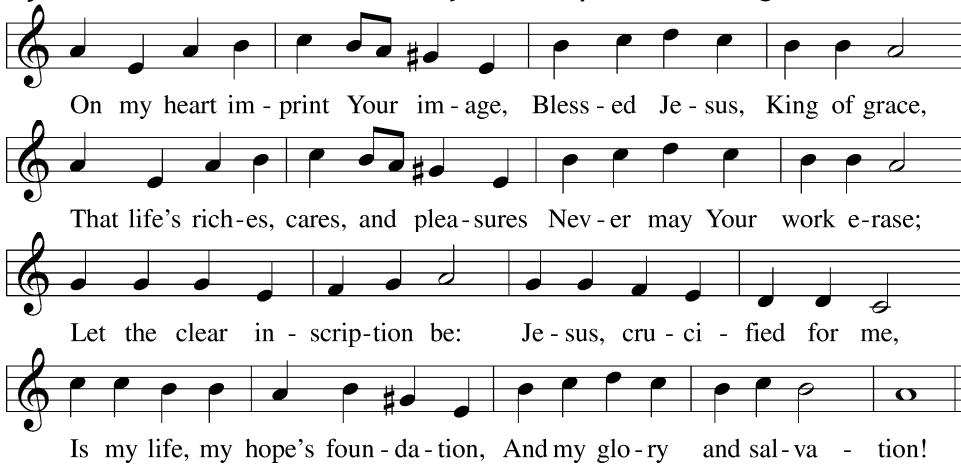
²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Verse**“On My Heart Imprint Your Image”**

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On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-rase;
Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel *(Please stand)***“Two Sons”***Luke 15:11-32*

¹¹And [Jesus] said, “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵“Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ ³¹And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.**C:** Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence 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.

(Please be seated)

Children's Message

Hymn of the Day "Our Father, We Have Wandered"

tune LSB 449

- 1 Our Father, we have wandered and hidden from Your face;
In foolishness have squandered Your legacy of grace.
But now in exile dwelling, we rise in fear and shame,
As distant but compelling, we hear You call our name.
- 2 And now at length discerning the evil that we do,
Behold us, Lord, returning with hope and trust, to You.
In haste You come to meet us and home rejoicing bring,
In gladness there to greet us, with calf and robe and ring.
- 3 O Lord of all the living, both banished and restored,
Compassionate, forgiving, and ever-caring Lord,
Grant now that our transgressing, our faithlessness may cease,
Stretch out Your hand of blessing, in pardon and in peace.

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

— Psalm 96:1-3

- 1) God is in control of _____ all people in heaven and on earth.

¹³ *“With God are wisdom and might; he has counsel and understanding.*

¹⁴ *If he tears down, none can rebuild; if he shuts a man in, none can open.*

²³ *He makes nations great, and he destroys them; he enlarges nations, and leads them away.*

-Job 12:13-14, 23

- 2) No one is able to live up to _____.

² *God looks down from heaven on the children of man to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. ³ They have all fallen away; together they have become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.*

-Psalm 53:2-3

- 3) If we are to live the life of a Christian, we need Christ _____.

²¹ *But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²² the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:*

-Romans 3:21-22

- 4) To truly believe and understand something, _____.

¹ *Then Job replied to the Lord... ³ “Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know... ⁵ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. ⁶ Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”*

-Job 42:1, 3, 5-6

- 5) Christians seek to believe and understand _____.

¹⁴ *For this reason I bow my knees before the Father... ¹⁷ so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, ¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.*

-Ephesians 3:14, 17-19

- 6) Christians seek to believe and understand _____.

⁸ *Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

-1 John 4:8

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Pastoral Greeting & Rite of Fellowship

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Special Music (8:00 a.m.) “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Calvary Handbells

Prayer of the Church *(Please stand)*

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For President Trump, for all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For . . . *[additional bids for prayer may be inserted here]* . . . let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The 6:30 p.m. service continues on page 11 with the Lord’s Prayer.

Holy Communion - Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life. He says: "Come, for those who eat this bread and drink this cup will never hunger or thirst, but be raised up on the Last Day" (John 6). Whoever receives the Lord's Supper must be a believer in Christ (Hebrews 11:6); be sorry for their sins (Proverbs 28:13); believe that Christ offers His body and blood with the bread and wine (1 Corinthians 10:16); and be willing to forgive those who have sinned against you (Matthew 6:14-15). Come with faith in His promises to you and His presence in this holy meal.

As you approach the Lord's table, please move to the cross on the center rail.

Gluten-free wafers are available on the two stands at the front of the church.

Worshippers with a gluten allergy may pick up a sealed packet on their way to the communion rail.

✠ Service of Holy Communion ✠

8:00 a.m.

Preface

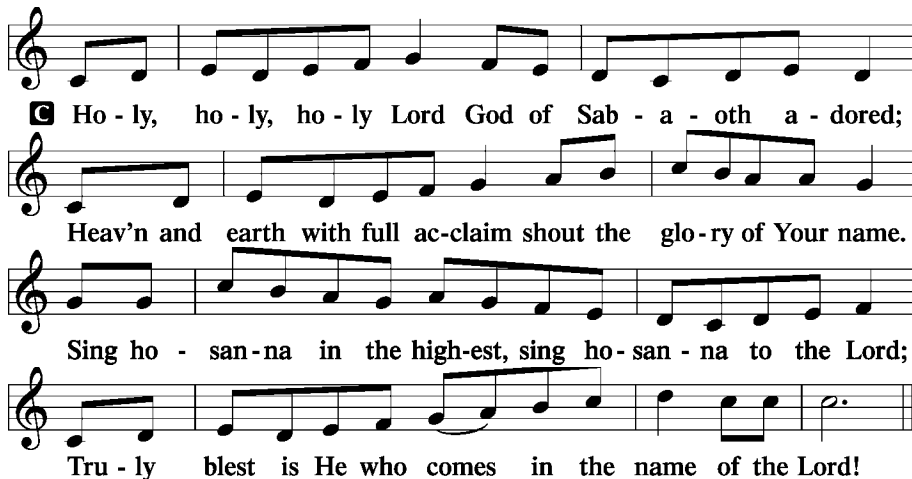
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P: The Lord be with you.	C: And also with you.
P: Lift up your hearts.	C: We lift them to the Lord.
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.	C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for Jesus Christ overcame the assaults of the devil and gave up His life, that we could be with Him, welcomed into His family. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord's Prayer

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P: Hear us, O Lord, as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:

C: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Institution & the Peace of the Lord

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Agnus Dei

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1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.



Distribution Hymns (*Please be seated*) "In Christ Alone"

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1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone Who took on flesh full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay Light of the
 4. No guilt in life no fear in death this is the

light my strength my song This cor - ner stone this sol - id
 God in help - less Babe This gift of love and righteous -
 world by dark - ness slain Then burst - ing forth in glor - ious
 pow'r of Christ in me From Life's first cry to fin - al

ground firm through the fier - cest drought and storm What heights of love what depths of
 ness scorned by the ones He came to save 'Til on that cross as Je - sus
 day up from the grave He rose a - gain And as He stands in vic - to -
 breath Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny No pow'r of hell no scheme of

peace when fears are stilled when striv - ings cease My com - fort -
 died the wrath of God was sat - is - fied for ev - 'ry
 ry sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am
 man can ev - er pluck me from His hand Til He re -

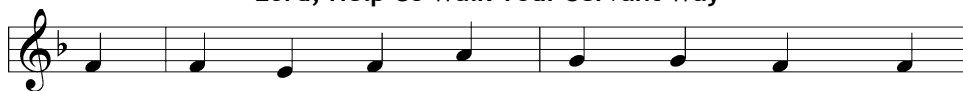
er my All in all here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.
 His and He is mine bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ
 turns or calls me home here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ? And is not the bread that we break a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all share the one loaf.

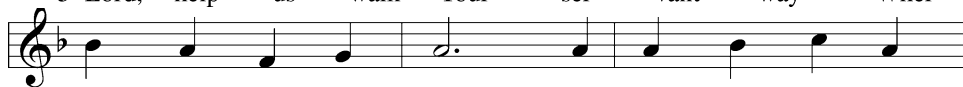
~ 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

“Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way”

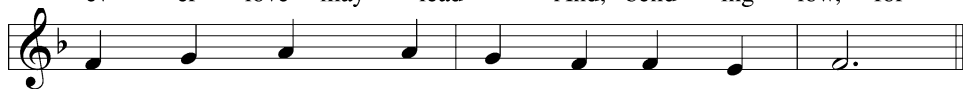
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1 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -
 2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But -
 3 No gold - en scep - ter but a towel You
 4 You bid us bend our hu - man pride Nor
 5 Lord, help us walk Your ser - vant way Wher -



ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -
 pow'r You laid a - side. You lived Your years in
 place with - in the hands Of those who seek to
 count our - selves a - bove The low - est place, the
 ev - er love may lead And, bend - ing low, for -



get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.
 ser - vant - hood; In low - li - ness You died.
 fol - low You And live by Your com - mands.
 mean - est task That waits the gift of love.
 get - ting self, Each serve the oth - er's need.

Nunc Dimittis (*Please stand and sing*)

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**O Lord, now let Your servant Depart in heav'nly peace,
 For I have seen the glory Of Your redeeming grace:
 A light to lead the Gentiles Unto Your holy hill,
 The glory of Your people, Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
 All glory to the Spirit, Forever Three in One;
 For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
 God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Prayer

L: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

6:30 p.m. service continues here

Lord's Prayer (6:30 p.m.)

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P: Hear us, O Lord, as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:

C: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn

"We Are His Disciples"

Emily & Tony Spelde



Je sus gives the com - mand to love as ____ He loves us.
Lo - ving one and ____ all as He first ____ loved ____ us
Let no debt re - main ex - cept love for one and all
Shine our light burning bright re - flect our God's end less love.



As Christ loved us we should love as our Lord sent from a - bove
Drawn to You in joy and strife, Je - sus our true source of life
He loved us so we should show, Je - sus' love so all may know
His com - pas - sion love and grace show to all the hu - man race



Je sus gives the com - mand to love as ____ He loves us.
Lo - ving one and ____ all as He first ____ loved ____ us
Let no debt re - main ex - cept love for one and all
Shine our light burning bright re - flect our God's end - less love.



By this it will show that we ____ are ____ His di - sci ples

Postlude