



Characters of the Bible: *Prodigal Son*

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Fourth Sunday in Lent

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Matins (p. 45)

Hymns

#397: Just As I Am, Without One Plea

#104: Go to Dark Gethsemane

Psalm 32 (p. 78)

#304: Jesus Sinners Does Receive

#437: I Trust, O Christ in You Alone

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Lesson – Isaiah 12:1-6

¹You will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.” ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Epistle Lesson – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

¹⁸For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

Verse of the Day (John 3:16)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Gospel Lesson – Luke 15:1-3,11-32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable: . . . ¹¹“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. ¹⁷But 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. ²⁵Now 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.'"

Announcements

Volunteers Needed to Run Service Display

If you would be willing to help operate the display on the screens during services, please sign up on the bulletin board.

Lenten Suppers & Worship - April 3 & 10

Supper will begin at 5:15 p.m., service at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt

Volunteers Needed! Join us after second service on April 7 to help fill eggs.

Candy Needed! Please bring all candy donations to church before April 7.

Easter Lilies

Sign up on the bulletin board to donate Lilies or money for ILC's Easter celebration. Any questions see Faye Davis or a member of the Altar Guild.

Elder Training – Monday, April 1, 3:00 p.m.

Please remember to complete the reading assignment in advance. Thanks!

WI River Valley OWLS – Tuesday, April 9, 1:30 p.m.

For our April meeting Evan Dobberfuhr will share information on "Faith Comes by Hearing." Our meeting will be at Immanuel, Mosinee. Please join us for this interesting and informative presentation. Questions: call Ruth at 715-241-8879.

New Office Assistant

This month our congregation hired a new office assistant. Jill Buelow will be helping us with various office responsibilities (preparing bulletins, service slideshows, sign-up sheets, etc.). Welcome aboard, Jill! In the future any announcements or information for the office assistant may be submitted to ilcmosineesecretary@gmail.com.

LWMS Spring Rally (Trinity, Marshfield) – April 6, 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

All invited. More information available on bulletin board. Contact Ladies Aid member if you need a ride or more information.

Ladies Aid Meeting - Tuesday, April 2, 6:30 p.m.

New Beginnings: A Home for Mothers

From 3/31 to 4/21 we will collect donations for this Christian-based home for single mothers to assist residents in becoming responsible parents. The Baby Bottle for donations can be found on the Usher cart.