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FEBRUARY 28, 2021

9:30 AM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

GATHERING SONG

MIGHTY TO SAVE

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God our Shepherd,

there are days when we have wandered astray and times when we are lost. Sometimes we feel insignificant, unlovable, or forgotten. But you remind us that no sheep is unworthy of rescue, no coin too small to be missed, and no child unfit for your love. Thank you for never giving up on us and never running out of love for us, through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

gathering

welcome...we're glad you're here!

We are so glad that you are here and worshiping God today. Some things have changed due to COVID-19. You will no doubt notice the shorter service (so far no one has complained about shorter sermons), social distancing, mask requirements, and no coffee after worship. We are grateful that you are here and grateful for your cooperation with our guidelines that allows us to gather safely. Join us in our ongoing prayer that these difficult days will pass quickly and we will once again be able to enjoy long sermons, coffee and fellowship!

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 15:1-32

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

So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

Then Jesus said, “There was a man who had two sons. 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. 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. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. 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. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 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! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’ 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. 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.’ 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. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 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. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 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.’”

MESSAGE**SONG**

KYRIE ELEISON

PRAYERS**LORD'S PRAYER**

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**CLOSING SONG**

JESUS MESSIAH

DISMISSAL**POSTLUDE****servant leaders today****MUSICIANS**

Worth Saving

*words
to live by*

*The grace of our Lord
overflowed for me.*

1 Timothy 1:13

Remember in Prayer

We would like to check in on you or your loved ones when ill or hospitalized. If you or someone you know is in the hospital please let one of the pastors or the church office know.

RECENTLY ILL OR HOSPITALIZED

Mary Nelson, Merle Berkeland,
David Korsmo, Karen Wiehr,
Phil Carlson



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MARCH 10, 27 & 24 | 6-6:30 PM
WEDNESDAY HOLDEN EVENING PRAYER

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BE LIVE-STREAMED & AVAILABLE
FOR LATER VIEWING ONLINE*

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BROADCAST ONLINE & ON THE RADIO AS WELL*

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