



8:30 a.m. ~ February 28, 2016

PRELUDE “O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing”

arr. James Pethel

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “Christ the Life of All the Living” [LW 94]

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

C: Most gracious God, we admit and confess that every single day, in many different ways, we fall short of being the people you call us to be.

**We sin in what we do and in what we refuse to do. Lord, we need your forgiveness.
We know repentance means willingness to change,
but we confess that we are powerless to change on our own.
We need you to melt and shape and mold us.
Send your Spirit into our hearts that we might truly repent
and firmly cling to your promise.**

**Because of the cross of Christ our Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us,
restore us and lead us to take delight in doing your will and walking in your ways.
We can ask this only because of Christ our Lord. 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 far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed your sins and guilt. Now you can stand in his gracious presence without fear. You are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER of the DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: We pray.

C: Infinite and almighty God, your mercies are new every morning. Transform us, change us at our core in this hour of worship, that we would faithfully let go of our grip on anything that is not you, and forgetting what is behind, pursue Jesus. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 32:1-7 [NIV 84]

¹Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. ²Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit. ³When 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 sapped as in the heat of summer. ⁵Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”— and you forgave the guilt of my sin. ⁶Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found; surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him. ⁷You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Spirit of the Living God”

HOLY GOSPEL Luke 15:1-10 [NIV 84]

Now the tax collectors and “sinners” were all gathering around to hear him. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

⁸“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES’ CREED

SERMON HYMN “O Christ, You Walked the Road” [LSB 424]

SERMON “SHEEP & COINS”

SERMON RESPONSE

“Father, Forgive”

Susan & Lee Dengler

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Peace, comfort and healing** for Mark Sampson (Cleo Zavros's son-in-law) – hospitalized while recovering from a heart attack.

•**Praise and Thanksgiving** to Hudson Michael Dultz (son of Timothy and Randi Dultz)-baptized today, Feb. 28.

•**Wisdom** and **courage** to our Red Apple Staff and Shut-ins.

•**Mission of the Month** (March) – Lutheran World Relief

THE LORD'S PRAYER *The Family Prayer of the People of God*

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI

OFFERING

(Before Communing, please take time to read our statement of faith found in the pew rack in front of you; fill out and place your attendance card and offering in the basket as you come forward.)

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

POST-COMMUNION HYMN “Go, My Children, with My Blessing” [LSB 922]

CONNECT

- **Palm Sunday Worship | March 20 | 8:30a & 11:00a**
- **Mission Festival | Sunday, March 20 | 4pm | RSVP Online!**
- **Maundy Thursday Worship | March 24 | 7:00p**
- **Good Friday Worship | March 25 | 6:00p & 8:00p**
- **Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt | March 26 | 9:00-10:45a**

EASTER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **Easter Sunrise Worship | March 27 | 7:00a**
- **Easter Breakfast | March 27 | 7:30-9:30a | Register Online**
- **Easter Celebration Worship | March 27 | 8:00a, 9:30a & 11:00a**

BENEDICTION