



8:30 a.m. ~ March 6, 2016

WELCOME and RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “How Firm a Foundation” *[LW 411]*

OPENING LITURGY *[p. 158]*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON **Psalm 51:1-12** *[NIV 84]*

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. ²Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. ⁴Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge. ⁵Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ⁶Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place. ⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. ¹⁰Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL VERSE “Return to the Lord, Your God” *[p. 165]*

HOLY GOSPEL **Luke 15:11-32** *[NIV 84]*

¹¹Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

¹³“Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. ¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷“When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! ¹⁸I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.’ ²⁰So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

²¹“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

²²“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. ²⁴For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

²⁵“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ²⁷‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

²⁸“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

³¹“ ‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ ”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

APOSTLES’ CREED

SERMON HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” [LW 412, v. 1-4]

SERMON “THE PRODIGAL SON”

SERMON RESPONSE

“Redeemed”

Benji Cowart & Michael Weaver

Cindy Hurd

PEOPLE of PEACE in PRAYER

Father in Heaven:

•**Praise and Thanksgiving** to John and Carol Chandler for 25 years of marriage March 2.

•**Wisdom** and *courage* to our Red Apple Staff and College Students.

•**Mission of the Month:** Lutheran World Relief

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

WORDS of INSTITUTION

THE PEACE

AGNUS DEI “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” [LW 412, v. 5]

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

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” [LW 180]

“Go to Dark Gethsemane” [LW 110]

POST-COMMUNION HYMN “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” [LW 412, v. 6]

CONNECT

- Daylight Saving Time | Don't Forget to Set Your Clocks Forward next weekend
- Mission Festival | Sunday, March 20 | 4pm | RSVP Online!
- Easter Celebration | Saturday, March 26 | Volunteers Needed: Signup Today!
- Easter Breakfast | March 27 | 7:30-9:30a | Register Online
- 6Stones CPR Spring Blitz | April 8 & 9 | House #15 | Signup @ 6Stones.org/cpr

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Fanfare Toccata”

Harry Rowe Shelley

SERMON: *Rev. James R. Mueller*
LITURGIST: *Rev. Morgan Hamilton*