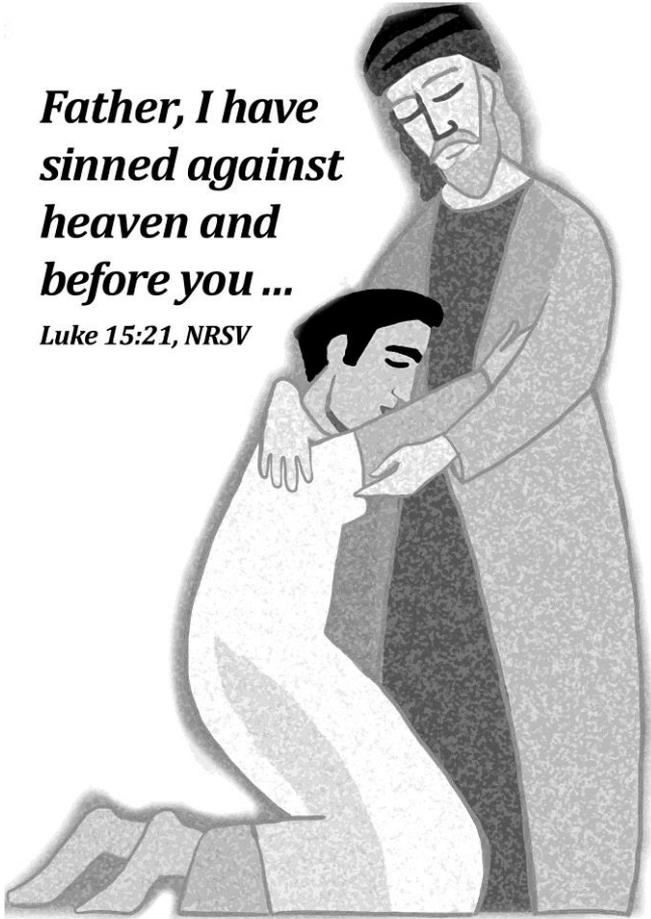


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***Father, I have
sinned against
heaven and
before you ...***

Luke 15:21, NRSV



**PASTOR DANIEL G BREMER
MARCH 30TH & 31ST, 2019**

GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH WELCOMES YOU!!

Divine Service with Communion each Saturday 7:00 p.m.

Divine Service with Communion each Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Coffee and Rolls in the Parish Hall 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:30 a.m. (ages 2 ½ - grade 8)

Adult and High School Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

Restrooms can be found between the parish hall and the entryway.

Interested in membership at Grace? Pastor Bremer would consider it a privilege to speak with you. Please fill out a pew card expressing your interest or see him after Divine Service.

Radio: Grace, along with St. Paul's, Doniphan, can be heard each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on KRGI—1430 a.m.

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In faithfulness to God's Word we celebrate the Lord's Supper in every Saturday and Sunday Divine Service. Unlike Baptism this Sacrament is to be received again and again for forgiveness and the strengthening of our Christian faith. Also in faithfulness to God's Word we practice closed communion. Our faith is not exclusive but God says that we should have unity of faith and doctrine (which Communion expresses). As we receive His gift today we would ask all visitors and guests to refrain from receiving the sacrament until they speak to Pastor Bremer. We also ask that those members who have not communed in the past 6 months to also speak to the pastor before communing once again. For further instruction please turn to Luther's Questions and Answers found on page 329 in the hymnal. These questions/answers are for those who desire to receive the sacrament.

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Opening Hymn “Today Your Mercy Calls Us”

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SERVICE OF THE WORD

Confession and Absolution

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Introit (is sung by the *Cantor/Congregation*)



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your /steadfast love,
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- /gressions.*

**Wash me thoroughly from my in- | iquity,*
and cleanse me | from my sin!**

For I know my trans- /gressions,
and my sin is ever be- /fore me.*

**Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight,*
so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your |
judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in in- /iquity,
and in sin did my mother con- /ceive me.*

**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward | being,*
and you teach me wisdom in the | secret heart.**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your /steadfast love,
according to your abundant mercy blot out my trans- /gressions.*

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Gloria in Excelsis (*Omitted During Lent*)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness,

give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

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.

²“Behold, 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. ⁵“Sing 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.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (*is sung by the Cantor*)

*[O come, let us fix our eyes on] / Jesus,**

the founder and perfecter / of our faith,

*who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,**

and is seated at the right hand of the / throne of God.

Epistle

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse (Omitted During Lent)

Verse of the Day (is sung by the Cantor)

The father said to his servants, "This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

Holy Gospel

Luke 15:1–3a, 11–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus].
²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them."³So he told them this parable: ¹¹And he 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.³⁰ But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’³¹ And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.’³² It 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.

G Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (*Inside Back Cover of Hymnal*)

Hymn “God Loved the World So That He Gave” # 571
(Cantors duet vs. 2 & 5)

Sermon

Offering

Prayer of the Church:

P Lord, in Your mercy,

G hear our prayer.

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PARKING LOT PROJECT: Shortly after Easter, work is to begin on concreting our parking lot, and is expected to take 2-3 weeks. We hope to avoid any debt for this much needed improvement, and still need about \$22,000 in additional gifts for this \$180,000 project. You can use your Building Fund envelope and mark it "parking lot". Or if you wish to give a stock gift or IRA distribution directly to Grace Lutheran Church, please see me. Thank you for your support!

Kurt Haecker

TRINITY CARNIVAL: Mark your calendars! Trinity is having their carnival on **Sunday April 7th**. They will be serving food from 11:30am-2:30pm. The meal this year will be chili cheese dogs, chips, dessert and drink. Games will be from 12:00-2:45pm and the raffle for prizes will be at 3. Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 6 for \$10!!! They can be purchased in the school office. You do NOT need to be present to win.

Raffle Items:

- Xbox One S - Minecraft (will come with 1 yr paid XBOX Live Gold)
- Heartland Lutheran High School Tuition and Spirit Gear Package (\$500 in Tuition, Stadium Seat, 2 T-Shirts, 1 Season Activity & Athletic Pass, 4 HLHS Koozies, 1 HLHS Bag)
- Pork Package (approximately 80-90 lbs of pork, already processed and ready to go - bacon, hams, pork chops, pork steaks, ground pork)
- LG 43" Class 4K HDR Smart LED UHD TV