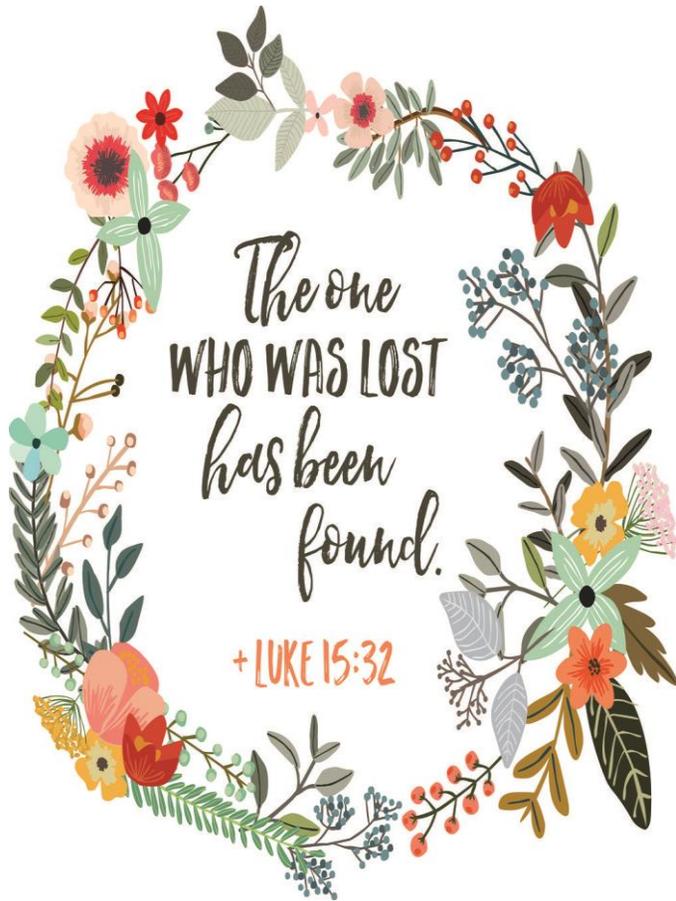


**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
**March 31, 2019**  
**8:00 a.m. Non-Communion Service**



**First English Lutheran Church**  
**Spencer, Iowa**  
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Lent 4  
March 31, 2019  
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*Prelude, Ringing of the Bell*

*Opening Hymn* - LSB #432 "In Silent Pain the Eternal Son"

*Welcome; Sharing of the Peace*

*Order of Worship* – Divine Service I - LSB pg. 151

*Invocation; Confession of Sins and Absolution*

*Baptism Hymn* – LSB # 592 vs. 1-2 "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here"

*Baptism* – Porter Matthew Illg, son of Brandt & Madison (Kuehler) Illg  
Sponsors are Macy Kuehler, Brady Illg, and Blake Illg

*Psalm 32*

- P: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
- C: **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**
- P: For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.
- C: **For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**
- P: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- C: **Therefore, let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.**
- P: You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- C: **I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

P: Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

**C: Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

P: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

**C: Amen**

*Kyrie* – pg. 152

*This Is the Feast* – pg. 155

*Collect and Responses* – pg. 156

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning and though we have in no way deserved your goodness, you still abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, 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* – Isaiah 12:1-6 You 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. <sup>2</sup> “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.” <sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup> And 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. <sup>5</sup> “Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup> Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*Epistle* – 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 From 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.

<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old

has passed away; behold, the new has come. <sup>18</sup> All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; <sup>19</sup> that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. <sup>20</sup> Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup> For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

*(please rise)*

*Lenten Verse* – pg. 157

*Holy Gospel* – Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>11</sup> And he said, “There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> And 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. <sup>13</sup> Not 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. <sup>14</sup> And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. <sup>17</sup> “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! <sup>18</sup> I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.’” <sup>20</sup> And 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. <sup>21</sup> And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ <sup>22</sup> But 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. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it and let us eat and

celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> "Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And 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.' <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but 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. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

(Responses on pg. 157)

### *Children's Message*

*Sermon Hymn* - LSB # 550 "Lamb of God"

### *Sermon*

*Apostles' Creed* – pg. 159 (Or inside back cover of hymnal)

*Offering and Offertory* - "What Shall I Render..." pg. 159

### *Prayers*

*Lord's Prayer* – pg. 162 bottom left-hand side (Or back cover)

*Benediction* – pg. 166

*Closing Hymn* - LSB #543 "What Wondrous Love is This"

### *Announcements and Postlude*

## † † VISITORS AND MEMBERS † †

Sometime during the service, we ask that everyone fill out one of the cards found in the pew racks so that we might have a record of your worship with us today. For our visitors we ask that you please sign our Guest Register on the table next to the front door as you leave. We are pleased to have you join us this morning as we praise our great God and encourage you to visit us again when possible.