

Spiritual Integrity... Without Holding Back

We invite, encourage, educate and empower all people to
follow God and serve others.

4th Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose
mercy endures forever. **Amen.***

*Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and
from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and
worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free
ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done and by what we have left
undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we
have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of**

your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN ***“Change My Heart, O God”*** #800

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.
 You are the potter; I am the clay.
 Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE ***Holy Communion Setting Three*** pg 138

CANTICLE OF PRAISE ***Glory to God*** pg 139

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Loving God,

your extravagant love meets us with open arms again. We are coming home to you. There is no greater love than the love you have for us. Meet us here with your grace. Run to us and embrace us once again in Jesus’ name. Amen

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 32**

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *Return to the Lord* **pg 142**

SCRIPTURE READING **Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32**

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "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.' "

SERMON *"Spiritual Integrity... Without Holding Back"*

HYMN OF THE DAY *Our Father, We Have Wondered* #606

**Our Father, we have wandered
and hidden from your face;
in foolishness have squandered
your legacy of grace.**

**But now, in exile dwelling,
we rise with fear and shame,
as, distant but compelling,
we hear you call our name.**

**And now at length discerning
the evil that we do,
behold us, Lord, returning
with hope and trust to you.
In haste you come to meet us
and home rejoicing bring,
in gladness there to greet us
with calf and robe and ring.**

**O Lord of all the living,
both banished and restored,
compassionate, forgiving,
and ever-caring Lord,
grant now that our transgressing,
our faithlessness may cease.
Stretch out your hand in blessing,
in pardon, and in peace.**

APOSTLES CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again;

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Loving and merciful God,

you have gifted us and blessed us to be a blessing to others.
Accept the offerings we bring, that they might become a sign
of your gracious love to all that they touch. Allow them to be
used in the work of your kingdom to extend open arms of
love and acceptance to all who are in need. Bless your church
that we might be faithful to your purposes and confident in
your promises. Amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Merciful God, receive our prayer

THE 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

SENDING HYMN

Amazing Grace

#779 vs 1,2,4

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

**The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Okay, we will. Thanks be to God.

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****Those who are grieving losses of any sort, especially the friends and family of Ray Stoeckl; Marvin Ray Cuny**

****Those recovering from COVID-19, surgeries, and those who are ill or hospitalized, including Pastor Bob Ohnstad; Peg Tesch; Roger Spitzer (friend of Dar and Gwen Schroeder); Reece Ullerich (Friend of Linda Boll); Sara (Cousin of Toni Ramsey); Matt (Cousin of Jake Borden); Gary McKean (Nephew of Lane Pine); Helen Murphy (Sister of Mikkey Twitero)**

****Those with on-going concerns, including Kimberly Heuer; Lynzee Makowski (Niece of Rebecca Kaiser); Esther Downen; Jason Boll (Son of Linda Boll); Rod Dikoff (Cousin of Roger); Shelly (Friend of Carla Oerter); Suzan Heidelberger; Chelle Schefcik; Michael and Jeffrey (Cousins of Donna Zuerlein)**

****For our military members and their families**

****For those who are homeless and those whose homes do not provide warmth and safety**

**** For the people of Ukraine and Russia**

****For our leaders at every level**

****For our siblings in Christ, our friends and enemies, both near and far**



EASTERN EUROPE CRISIS RESPONSE

On Feb. 24, Russian forces invaded Ukraine, launching land, sea and air attacks. Russia has launched air strikes across the country, including on the capital of Kyiv and other major cities. Airports are now shut, and few railway lines are operational. Millions of civilians fleeing the violence are heading toward Ukraine's western districts and such neighboring countries as Poland, Moldova, Slovakia, Romania and Hungary. Over 300 civilians have been killed in the conflict so far, and damage to civilian infrastructure has left hundreds of thousands of people without water or electricity. Ukrainian men of military age (18-60) are forbidden to leave the country, so most of those fleeing the violence are women and children. According to one report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, more than 1 million people are seeking refuge in neighboring countries including Hungary, Poland, Slovakia and Moldova. There are major humanitarian concerns for both internally displaced people and refugees. Many of these Ukrainians fleeing their homes need shelter and such basic necessities as food, water and toiletries. Care for people also includes pastoral and psychological support to address the trauma they've endured.

Lutheran Disaster Response is accompanying our companions in Ukraine, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia, as well as such ecumenical partners as Lutheran World Federation and Church World Service, in their humanitarian responses to the crisis. These partners provide refugees with immediate support and supplies such as food, blankets, water and hygiene kits. Your gifts designated for "Eastern Europe Crisis Response" will be used entirely (100%) to provide support for people impacted by conflict in the region. This is possible because Lutheran Disaster Response is one of the ministries of the ELCA and administrative costs are covered by the gifts we give to the SD Synod some of which are given to ELCA Churchwide to support our church ministries such as LDR.

Financial donations can be mailed or dropped off at the church, placed in the Globe Offering during worship or given electronically. There is a Mission of the Month option in the dropdown section on Tith-ly.



This Week- March 27th

Greeters/Ushers: Cleon and Adare Diers

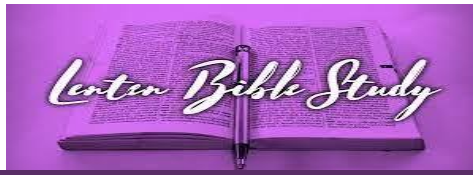
Reader: Paul Reynolds

Broadcast/Sound System: Cleon and Adare Diers

Potluck Setup and Cleanup: Adare Diers and Doris Hillman

Next Week- April 3rd

Watch for more info coming soon in your email
(April chart was not completed at the time of printing)



Lenten Bible Study - Spiritual Integrity

Mondays at 9:30 am in Pastor Deb's office and online

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Join Pastor Deb as we dig deeper into our Spiritual Integrity theme each week. No experience necessary. Bring your own Bibles.

The coffee pot will be on.



Mid-Week Lenten Services

Thursday Evenings

Soup Meal @ 5:15pm Services @ 6:00pm

**If you would like a Holden Evening Prayer Booklet sent to you, please let Josie know



Spiritual Integrity

Sunday Morning Lent Series 9:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, March 27th

9:30am Worship @ OSL and live online (FB and YouTube)

Potluck Follows

5:00pm Confirmation

6:30pm HS Youth Group

Monday, March 28th

9:30am Lenten Bible Study with Pastor Deb @ OSL and on Zoom

Zoom Meeting ID: 518 251 3825 Password: OSLHermosa

Wednesday March 30th

5:30-7:00 DOG Night

Thursday, March 31st

5:15pm Dinner @ OSL

6:00pm Mid-Week Lenten Service @ OSL and live online (FB and YouTube)

Sunday, April 3rd

9:30am Worship with Communion @ OSL and live online (FB and YouTube)

10:30am Worship Committee Meeting

10:30am Outreach Committee Meeting

10:30am Choir Practice

5:00pm Confirmation

6:30pm HS Youth Group

