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*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
C: Amen.*

OPENING SENTENCES

*P: Today is the Lord's Day, a Sunday in Lent, but not part of
Easter. Let us rejoice and be glad in it,
C: in Jesus' name. Amen.*

*P: O Lord, open my lips,
C: and my mouth will declare Your praise.*

*P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C: make haste to help me, O Lord. Glory be to the Father
the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning
and will be forever. Amen.*

✂ WORD ✂

KYRIE

(The congregation's responses are sung to the tune WEI)

*P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C: (sung) Mercy show us, Lord God. Hear us as we pray
Grant us, Lord, Your mercy, Peace at end of day.*

*P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the
Lord.*

**C: Mercy show us, Lord God. Hear us as we pray.
Grant us, Lord, Your mercy, Peace at end of day.**

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of all
God's people, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.*

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. Though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul.

C: Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience;

P: 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

¹ 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. 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.” ³ With joy you will draw water from the wells of the salvation. ⁴ And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim them. ⁵ “Sing praises to the Lord, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶ Shout, and sing 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

sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him become the righteousness of God.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

VERSE

Luke

P: The father said to his servants, “This my son was dead again;

C: he was lost, and is found.”

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 1:

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹ Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near Jesus. ² And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” ³ So He told them this parable: ⁴ “There was a man who had two sons. ⁵ The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the inheritance that is coming to me.’ And he divided his property to them. ⁶ And the younger son gathered up all that he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ⁷ And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ⁸ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ⁹ And he was content to feed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him a

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. ²⁶ And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷ 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.' ²⁸ But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹ 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. 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.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN "God Loved the World So That He Gave"LSB 571 vs. 1-4

SERMON

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into

resources, political powers and courageous leaders, liberty and freedom to all who are displaced or denied. Renew in them faith in Your promises and a realization that You are in their midst even in difficult days.

P: Let us pray for all who, like David in his earlier days, defend their transgressions, defend their iniquities, and groan in their

C: Reconciling Lord, by Your Word of Law and Gospel to true contrition and repentance. Be a hiding place and surround them with Your love. Grant that we may be in Your embracing arms.

P: Let us pray for clergy and lay leaders around the world, Paul, are Christ's ambassadors through whom God is made known. appeal.

C: Reconciling Lord, strengthen and protect Your Church in the world, all who bring the good news of salvation to those they meet. Guide us as we carry the ministry of reconciliation in our various relationships. Help us encourage one another on behalf of Christ to be reconciled to You each day.

P: Let us pray for all who reflect the family members in Jerusalem, those who find themselves destitute, those harboring resentment, those offering compassionate care.

C: Reconciling Lord, where generations are at odds, bring healing and understanding. Where families are fractured, bring healing. Where people are forgotten, unseen, and marginalized, bring dignity and new hope. Use us gathered here – as we emergency personnel, health-care workers, mental health consultants, and social agencies of all sorts – to care

C: and you forgive the iniquity of my sin.

P: Together with God's people who rejoiced when Isaiah's prophecy was fulfilled, we "give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name."

C: But we confess that when we are drained in our broken relationships, we do not always remember that God is the source of every blessing, nor do we remember that He is always ready to listen when we call out to Him.

P: With David, we rejoice that "against [us] the Lord counts no iniquity."

C: But we confess that we do not always admit all our transgressions to the Lord, groaning instead all day long.

P: With Paul, we rejoice that Christ "gave us the ministry of reconciliation."

C: But we confess that we do not always regard one another as His new creations, failing to be reconciled to one another or to God.

P: With the prodigal son in Jesus' parable, we have felt our heavenly Father's forgiving embrace, welcoming us home.

C: But we confess that at times we are more like the elder brother, feeling sorry for ourselves and seeking tangible blessings for serving our Lord through the years.

P: The Pharisees were correct, saying that Jesus "receives sinners and eats with them." Let us therefore confidently go to God, asking His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

(Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.)

servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May God strengthen you in your Lenten journey toward the Easter.

C: Amen. The LORD GOD is my strength and my song, become my salvation.

PEACE OF THE LORD

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends for the Eucharist, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive the Eucharist. If you are not a confirmed member, please contact your pastor for more information.

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

nourished and refreshed. Gather us together, we pray, from the of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one now and forever.

C: Amen.

high - est one, Who did our sin - ful race
might - y One. O Lord, the sole - be - got

grace and peace to us ex - tend. A - mor
Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's Son, True Go

gra - cious will All hearts with deep thanks - giv -
ter - ni - ty, O Lamb of God, to You

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You I a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father"LSB 725

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READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16–21 Philippians 3:(4b–7) 8–14 Luke 20:9–20

THIS WEEK— (March 6th – 13th)

Sunday: Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

Monday: Bible Study, 1:00pm; Council, 6:30pm

Tuesday: Bible Study, 10:00am

Wednesday: Bible Study, 8:30am; Confirmation (1st year) 5:00pm;
Confirmation (2nd year), 6:00pm; Choir, 7:00pm

Thursday: Bethesda Work Day, 1:00pm; Lenten Worship/HC, 6:30pm;
Bible Class, 7:30pm

Saturday: 'Spring Ahead' Set Clocks Forward One Hour Before Bedtime

Sunday: Daylight Savings Time Begins; Worship/HC, 9:00am; Christian Ed, 10:30am

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending 02/28/16)

General Fund: \$4206.79; Building Fund: \$60.00; Blessings: \$60.30;

Seasonal: \$673.00; Memorial: \$85.00; Miscellaneous: \$83.00

Total Attendance: 216 (Midweek: 86; Sunday: 130)

CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUESTS AND VISITORS: We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship and Bible study following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

HOPE LIFE CENTER THANKS YOU for participating in Opera Bottle program. Your donations will continue to help **HOPE** as unwed mothers to choose life for their unborn babies.

EASTER EGG HUNT AND GAMES will be held on Saturday, Ma from 10:00 am – noon.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES (LHM): A stark reality exists in t today. Billions of people live without the hope of Christ. - nearly seven billion people on this planet are not followers of Christ - 3 Protestants in the United States don't feel a personal responsibility their faith - younger generations have grown skeptical of the ch relevance - Islam is the world's fastest growing religion

Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM) works spreading the Gospel t United States and around the world. LHM works to help local chu ours, in all areas of evangelism and discipleship through several o training programs and resources.

Your gift will be matched dollar for dollar by a \$50,000 grant. are available by the collection point in the narthex, by the Project (display. Prayerfully consider a donation to LHM - share the Gospe with all people.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 20th	Palm Sunday	9:00 am
March 24th	Maundy Thursday	6:30 pm
March 25th	Good Friday	1:00 pm & 6
March 27th	Easter Sunday	6:30 am & 9

MARCH HUMAN CARE DONATIONS will go to WAUSAU COMM WARMING CENTER. Donations requested include breakfast-type soft breakfast bars, fruit cups, powdered creamer, packaged suga wrapped crackers, and power bars. Thank you for donating.

