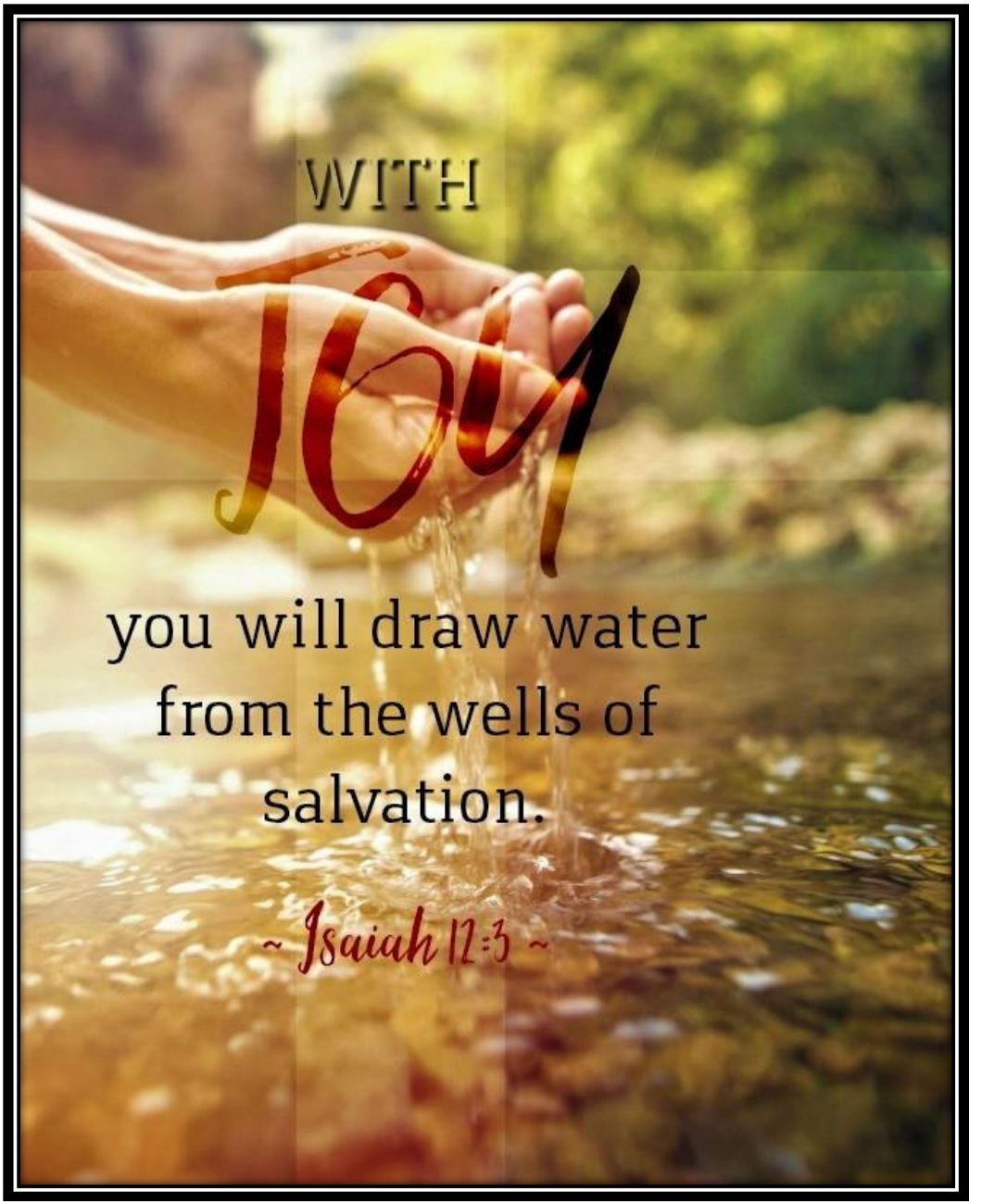


The Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 2022
10:30 a.m.

As We Gather

No parable more fully describes the profound character of God's mercy than the prodigal son and the waiting father. We are the rebels who begin to think we deserve our heavenly Father's kindness and who demand from Him what is not our right to claim. But instead of disowning us, He meets us with joy, welcomes us with His forgiveness, restores our tattered righteousness with the robe of Christ's holiness, and sets His Table before us. This is what happens every Sunday as the Lord reclaims us from our sins, restores joy to our heavy hearts, reminds us of His baptismal promise, and feeds our body and soul with the body and blood of His Son. This is the source of our holy joy and this is the peace that passes all understanding.



Lay Me Down by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman

With this heart open wide From the depths
from the heights I will bring a sacrifice

With these hands lifted high Hear my song hear my cry
I will bring a sacrifice I will bring a sacrifice

Chorus
I lay me down I'm not my own I belong to You alone
Lay me down lay me down
Oh hand on my heart this much is true
There's no life apart from You
Lay me down lay me down

Letting go of my pride Giving up all my rights
Take this life and let it shine Take this life and let it shine

Chorus
I lay me down I'm not my own I belong to You alone
Lay me down lay me down
Oh hand on my heart this much is true
There's no life apart from You Lay me down lay me down
Oh lay me down lay me down Lay me down

(Bridge)
It will be my joy to say Your will Your way
It will be my joy to say Your will Your way
It will be my joy to say Your will Your way always (Repeat)

Chorus
I lay me down I'm not my own I belong to You alone
Lay me down lay me down
Oh hand on my heart this much is true There's no life apart from You
Lay me down lay me down

I lay me down I'm not my own I belong to You alone
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There's no life apart from You Lay me down lay me down
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Welcome

Invocation

Your Love Awakens Me by Chris Quilala, Phil Wickham

There were walls between us
By the cross You came and broke them down
You broke them down
And there were chains around us
By Your grace we are no longer bound
No longer bound

Pre-Chorus
You called me out of the grave
You called me into the light
You called my name and then my heart came alive

Chorus
Your love is greater Your love is stronger
Your love awakens awakens awakens me (Repeat)

Feel the darkness shaking
All the dead are coming back to life
I'm back to life
Hear the song awaken
All creation singing we're alive
'Cause You're alive (Pre-Chorus, Chorus)

Bridge
And what a love we've found
Death can't hold us down We shout it out
We're alive 'cause You're alive (Repeat) Chorus

Your love awakens me
Your love is greater
Your love is stronger
You're love awakens awakens awakens me

Confession and Absolution *Psalm 32:1–2, 5, 10b–11*

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

People: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: That we may receive the blessing of Christ's forgiveness, let us draw near to God, confessing the brokenness of our sin and receiving the fullness of our Father's mercy.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Pastor: Together, we pray:

People: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity;
People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, almighty God, our merciful Father has declared you to be His children and has gathered you into His family, the Church, in which He daily and richly forgives all your sins and the sins of all believers. This new life is yours today! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✢ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen!

Pastor: Steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
Pastor Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Once And For All by Lauren Daigle, Paul Mabury, Paul Duncan

God I give You what I can today
These scattered ashes that I hid away
I lay it all at Your feet
From the corners of my deepest shame
The empty places where I've worn Your name
Show me the love I say I believe

Pre-Chorus
Help me to lay it down
O Lord I lay it down

Chorus
O let this be where I die
My Lord with Thee crucified
Be lifted high as my kingdoms fall
Once and for all once and for all

There is victory in my Savior's loss
In the crimson flowing from the cross
Pour over me pour over me Chorus

Bridge
O Lord I lay it down O Lord I lay it down
Help me to lay it down O Lord I lay it down Chorus

Old Testament *Isaiah 12*

[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 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 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.
[6]Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

Epistle *2 Corinthians 5:16–21*

[16]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. [17]Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. [18]All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; [19]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. [20]Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21]For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Holy Gospel *Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32*

[1]Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [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: . . .

"There was a man who had two sons. [12]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. [13]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. [14]And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. [15]So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. [16]And 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! [18]I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. [19]I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.”’ [20]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. [21]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.’ [22]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. [23]And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. [24]For 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. [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.’”

Nicene Creed

Run To The Father by Cody Carnes, Matt Maher, and Ran Jackson

I've carried a burden for too long on my own
I wasn't created to bear it alone
I hear Your invitation to let it all go
I see it now I'm laying it down
And I know that I need You

Chorus
I run to the Father I fall into grace
I'm done with the hiding No reason to wait
My heart needs (found) a surgeon
My soul needs (found) a friend
So I'll run to the Father
Again and again And again and again

You saw my condition
Had a plan from the start
Your Son for redemption
The price for my heart
I don't have a context
For that kind of love
I don't understand
I can't comprehend
All I know is I need You Chorus

Bridge
My heart has been in Your sights
Long before my first breath
Running into Your arms
Is running to life from death
I feel this rush deep in my chest
Your mercy is calling out
Just as I am You pull me in
And I know I need You now Chorus

Sermon

Good Good Father by Patt Barrett and Anthony Brown

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like,
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night.
You tell me that You're pleased, and that I'm never alone.

Chorus
You're a good, good Father; it's who You are,
It's who You are, it's who You are.
And I'm loved by You; it's who I am, it's who I am, it's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide.
Because You know just what we need before we say a word.
Chorus

Bridge
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us. (repeat)

Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think
as You call me deeper still, as You call me deeper still,
as You call me deeper still into love, love, love. Chorus

Installation of Director of Christian Education
Jaime Brinkmann

We Lift Our Hearts in Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Distribution Songs

Rescue by Jason Ingram, Lauren Daigle, Paul Mabury

You are not hidden There's never been a moment
You were forgotten you are not hopeless
Though you have been broken your innocence stolen

Pre-Chorus
I hear you whisper underneath your breath
I hear your SOS your SOS

Chorus
I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night it's true
I will rescue you

There is no distance That can not be covered
Over and over You're not defenseless
I'll be your Shelter I'll be your Armor

Pre-Chorus
I hear you whisper underneath your breath
I hear your SOS your SOS

Chorus
I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night it's true
I will rescue you
I will never stop marching to reach you
In the middle of the hardest fight it's true
I will rescue you

Bridge
I hear the whisper underneath your breath
I hear you whisper you have nothing left

Chorus
I will send out an army to find you
In the middle of the darkest night it's true
I will rescue you
I will never stop marching to reach you
In the middle of the hardest fight it's true
I will rescue you

Reckless Love by Caleb Culver, Cory Asbury and Ran Jackson

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus
(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away
O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me **Chorus**

Bridge
There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me (Repeat) **Chorus**

My Revival by Lauren Daigle

I will run and not grow weary.
I will walk, I will not faint.
I will soar on wings like eagles,
Find my rest in Your everlasting name

You are my revival. Jesus, on You I wait
I'll lean on Your promise. You will renew my strength

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

Child Of Love by Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cash, Martin Cash, Scott Cash

I was walking the wayside
Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life
Try'n to satisfy my soul

All the lies I believed in
Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven
And I've never been the same

Chorus
I'm gonna climb a mountain I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love

I've felt the sting of the fire
But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over
You broke me out of the grave Chorus

Interlude
Yeah yeah oh
I am a child of love
Yeah oh
I am a child of love

Bridge
Nothing can change the way You love me
Nothing can change the way I belong to You
Yes I do
Nothing can separate (Repeat)

Interlude
I'm gonna climb a mountain I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom I am a child of love Chorus

Ending
Oh yeah oh
I am a child of love
I am a child of love



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Scripture Reader:	Seminarian Mark Esser
Elder on Duty:	Eric Batchelder
Praise Vocals/Band:	Vocals: Taylor Kaschke, Donna Summers, Josh Davis; Band: Josh Davis, acoustic; Jake Meyer, electric; Bill Heizer, bass guitar; Chris Baron, set; Dawn Tayon, keys
Acolytes:	Nathaniel Shaddock, Anna Florczyk
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Communion

Those baptized and confirmed Christians who share our Lutheran confession of faith are welcome to receive the Lord's Supper with us. Since the Lord's Supper is a testimony of our unity in faith and love, those Christians of a different confession of faith who desire to receive the Sacrament are asked to speak with a Pastor before worship. All are welcome to come to the altar and receive a blessing. The desire to receive a blessing can be indicated by crossing arms over the chest and keeping hands folded. For further discussion and a guide to self-examination before communion, see the Holy Communion Guide in the pew pocket.

Communion in the Pew

Please notify an usher if you would like to be served communion in the pew.

Care Needed During Worship

Should you or anyone with you today experience a health-related problem, look for someone wearing a yellow lanyard/nametag (seated on the center aisle left side as you exit sanctuary). They have specialized training to assist you.

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