



Week 2: The Prodigal Son

March 8, 2023

It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found. Luke 15:32

Opening Hymn ... “Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted”

LSB 451; vrs. 1, 3-4

Call to Worship ... Psalm 6:1-9

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.

C: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing; heal me, O Lord, for my bones are troubled.

P: My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O Lord—how long?

C: Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.

P: For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?

C: I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping. My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.

P: Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

C: The Lord has heard my plea; the Lord accepts my prayer.

Confession and Absolution

P: A son received a generous inheritance, but wasted it all in sinful living. He acknowledged his sin and returned in humble repentance, seeking his father’s mercy. Our gracious heavenly Father has given us so much, but we too have misused his gifts and wasted what we have received. Humbly repenting of our sins, we ask his forgiveness.

C: Heavenly Father, we confess that we are not always

thankful for the gifts we have received, the gifts of family, home, work and friends. Daily we choose to follow paths that may lead us away from you, the pathways of our own desires. We turn away from your will and your Word. Have mercy on us and forgive us for the sake of Jesus, who took up the path of the cross for us.

P: The father welcomed his wayward son and celebrated his return, saying, “My son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” God our heavenly Father has had mercy on us, showering us with his grace through Jesus, who suffered the penalty of death for our sins. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Heavenly Father, in Jesus’ parable, the father showed grace to his lost son, welcoming his son home even though he did not deserve such a welcome. You showed your grace to us when we were lost and dead in sin. You sent your only Son to seek and to save the lost. You are our Father and, in Christ, you welcome us back to yourself, forgiving our sins for Jesus’ sake. So many people are still lost in the darkness of sin. Empower us with your Spirit to share with them the good news that Jesus died to save them and that you are eagerly waiting to welcome them home. Hear our prayer in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Hymn ... “Lord Jesus, Think on Me” *LSB* 610; vrs. 1, 4

Old Testament Reading ... Joel 2:12-13

Epistle Reading ... Ephesians 2:1-10

Special Music “I Walk Today Where Jesus Walked”

Performed by Dr. Sharon Ocker. Words and Music by Geoffrey O’Hara.

Gospel Reading ... Luke 15:11-32

Sermon Hymn ... “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” *LSB* 609; vrs. 1-2

Sermon

Hymn of Response ... “Amazing Grace” *LSB* 744; vrs. 1, 3-4

Apostles’ Creed

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

Prayers

P: (after each petition)...Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

P: For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

C: For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

P: Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn ... “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” *LSB* 609; vrs. 3-4