

A large, dark wooden cross stands prominently on a grassy hill in the foreground. The background features a vast landscape of rolling hills and mountains, densely covered with evergreen trees. The sky is filled with soft, golden light from a setting or rising sun, with scattered clouds catching the light. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative.

God made him  
who had no sin  
to be sin for us

1 Corinthians 5:21

# Sunday - March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

## Order of Worship

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Song** *"In the Garden"*

**Responsive Reading** - Psalm 32

**Song** *"Goodness of God"*

**Prayer of the Day**

**Readings**     Isaiah 12:1-6  
                    Luke 15:3, 11b-32

**Anchored in Christ**

**Choir** *"You Are the Christ"*

**Sermon Text** 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

**Message**

**Prayers of God's People**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Words of Institution**

**The Apostle's Creed**

**Distribution Song** *"Gratitude"*

**Prayer of Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Benediction**

**Song** *"Cornerstone"*

**Postlude**

## This Week at Christ Lutheran:

**Sunday**     9am - Worship Service  
                  10am - Coffee Fellowship

**Monday**    9am - Quilting  
                  10am - Coffee

**Wednesday** 5:30pm - Soup Supper  
                  6:30pm - Lenten Worship

**Thursday**   9am - Charis Women's  
                  Bible Study

**Friday**      Office Closed

**Sunday**     9am - Worship Service  
                  10am - Coffee Fellowship  
                  10:15am - Family SS  
                  4pm - ROOTS: Unleashed!

## **Sunday Servants -**

Greeters: Sandie Larson

Reader: Sharon Michael

Communion Prep: Linda Mickschl

Coffee: Paula Weis, Sandie Larson, Renée Burrows

## **Please pray for the following people:**

Pam Farmer, De Anderson's family,

Dolores Peterson's family, Ron Wipf,

Rod Grandstrand, Don Anderson, JoEllen

Horazuk, Val Molin, Yvonne Breeschoten,

Sue Pedersen

## Isaiah 12:1-6

<sup>1</sup> In that day you will say:

“I will praise you, Lord. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me.

<sup>2</sup> Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation.”

<sup>3</sup> With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup> In that day you will say:

“Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted.

<sup>5</sup> Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

<sup>6</sup> Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.”

## Luke 15:3, 11b-32

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable:

“There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup> The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup> “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup> After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup> So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup> He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup> “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup> I will set out and go back to my

father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup> I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’ <sup>20</sup> So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup> “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup> “But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.

<sup>23</sup> Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup> “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup> ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

<sup>28</sup> “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup> But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup> “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup> But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

## **Acts 1:8 Mission Partner Spotlight: Love I.N.C.**

**Tiffany's Story:** Before Tiffany\* learned about Love INC, her life was chaotic, unstable, and lost. She was homeless, living with her boyfriend and their brand-new baby girl in the basement of a relative while experiencing postpartum depression. Shortly after this, she chose to become a single parent in an attempt to escape an unhealthy environment. **She lost everything.** She was trying to maneuver through life blindly, not understanding how unsafe of a lifestyle she was creating. One night, the Holy Spirit spoke to her, saying, "Be vulnerable, allow God to set the pace, instead of yourself. This is all temporary." She realized she wasn't open to what God's plan was for her. She began searching for a helpful and safe community to guide her through this new season of life. That's when Tiffany was connected to the Fresh Start Program. **This program helped Tiffany learn about who she was, what her strengths and challenges were, and how to overcome them.** By participating in this program, she transformed into someone who trusted God and gained better insight into how to take care of herself & her daughter physically, spiritually, emotionally, & financially.

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# 150 Years of Memories



One of our church supported ministries is **Feed My Starving Children**. They provide meals for children and families all around the world with donations for the food and volunteers to pack the meals. This multi-generational crew had a lot of fun serving others!

# Weekly Bible Reading Guide (NT in 1 Year)

## **Week 13 (March 31 – April 4): Ephesians 3 - Jude**

### **Monday - Ephesians 3**

- What is the “mystery” of verses 1–6?
- What was Paul’s particular ministry? (vv. 7–9)
- What does it mean to have Christ “dwell in your heart”? (vv. 17–19)

### **Tuesday - Ephesians 4**

- According to verses 11–12, what is the role of a Shepherd or Teacher?
- How does Paul describe the Christian life in verses 17–24?
- For each sin in verses 25–32, what is the respective righteous thing that a person ought to do instead?

### **Wednesday – Ephesians 5**

- For each sin in verses 3–21, what righteous things ought a Christian to do?
- What is the purpose of marriage, according to verses 22–33?

### **Thursday – Ephesians 6**

- What is the reason a child must obey their parents? (vv. 1–4)
- How should a Christian view their responsibilities? (vv. 5–9)
- How should a Christian respond to Satan’s schemes? (vv. 10–20)

### **Friday - Jude**

- Describe the false teachers that Jude was confronting.
- What is Jude quoting in verses 14–15?
- How should Christians respond to these false teachers? (vv. 20–23)