



This son
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alive
again!

LUKE 15:24

**Hope Lutheran Church
March 30, 2025**

**Pastor
Organist**

**Jim Helgren
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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Prelude, Welcome, Announcements

Opening Hymn "Glory Be to Jesus" LBW # 95

Brief Order of Confession pg. 56

Greeting and Kyrie pg. 57

Prayer of the Day

God of compassion you welcome the wayward, and you embrace all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Lessons Joshua 5:9-12

Psalm 32 pg. 230

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

"Oh How He Loves You and Me" back of the LBW

Gospel Luke 15:1-3,11b-32

Sermon

Hymn of the Day "Just as I Am" LBW # 296

The Apostles' Creed
Prayers of the Church

Offering /Offertory: We give thee but thine own, whate'er thy gift
may be. All that we have is thine alone. A trust O Lord, from
thee. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Benediction and Dismissal

Closing Hymn "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" LBW # 499

In our prayers we remember Carol Speth and Bruce Riensche.

We welcome you to Hope Lutheran Church. If you are a visitor
please sign the guest book in the entry. We are so happy to have
you worship with us today.

Wednesday, April 2nd: 6:00 Confirmation, 7:00 Lenten Service
at Hope

Thursday, April 3rd: 11:30 Lenten Lunch at Grace

Saturday, April 5th: Confirmation, WELCA Spring Gathering

Sunday, April 6th: 10:00 a.m. Holy Communion Worship, Nancy
communion assistant

**MARCH IS CULTIVATING LOVE THRU RESPONSE
APRIL IS CULTIVATING LOVE THRU CREATION**

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FIRST READING: Joshua 5:9-12

(not printed)

Psalm 32

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable:

^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The 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. ¹³A 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. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would

gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But 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! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' ²⁰So 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. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But 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. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But 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. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But 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.'"

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 43:16-21; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8.

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