



**REFORMATION
LUTHERAN CHURCH**

The Heart of Christ in the Heart of the City

GOD FINDS

LOST SHEEP



LUKE 15:1-32

***Sunday, March 7th, 2021
Worship***

Sharing the Heart of Christ in the Heart of the City!

Service of the Word
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Third Sunday in Lent – March 7, 2021

WELCOME

Pastor Jason Adams

Thank you for worshiping at home with us. This resource is meant to help us all share in worship even though we can't be together in person. If you're able, you may also want to join us online. We'll be live streaming this order of worship at 9:00am on Sunday at www.facebook.com/reformationlasvegas

As we continue to adapt to the decline in COVID-19 and adjust office procedures and worship schedules, we want to hear from you. Please be assured that communications to the church office will be received and answered as quickly as possible. If you or someone you know is in need of help, you can always email office@reformationlasvegas.org or call 702-732-2052. You can also reach Pastor Jason's cell phone at 702-443-0582.

PRELUDE

Command Your Way, BWV 727

J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 119:167-176

I keep your laws;
I love them so much!

I keep your precepts and your laws
because all my ways are seen by you.

Let my cry reach you, Lord;
help me understand according to what you've said.

Let my request for grace come before you;
deliver me according to your promise!

Let my lips overflow with praise
because you've taught me.

Let my tongue declare your word,
because all your commandments are righteous.

Let your power help me
because I long to follow you.

Lord, I long for your saving help!
Your Instruction is my joy!

Let me live again so I can praise you!
Let your rules help me!

I've wandered off like a sheep, lost.
Find your servant
because I haven't forgotten your commandments!

GREETING

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C And also with you.

OPENING HYMN *Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross* Hymn #335

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

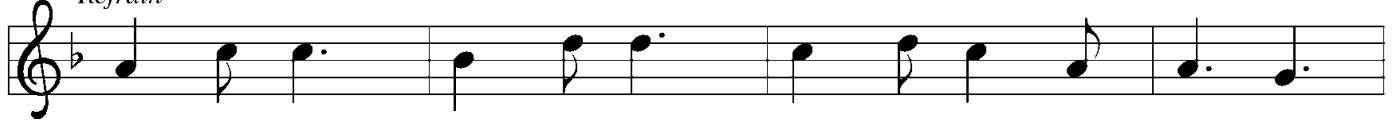


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

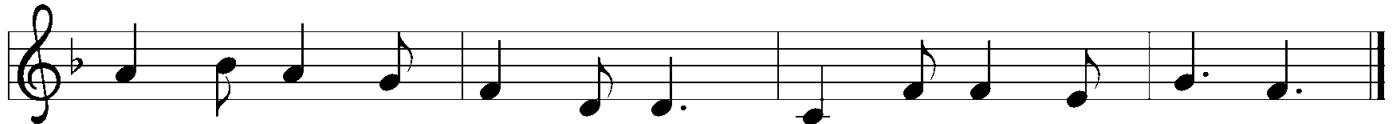


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

CONFSSION & FORGIVENESS

- P** Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ⁺ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.
- C** Amen.
- P** Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
- P** Have mercy, O God,
- C** **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us.**
- Amen.**
- P** As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through ⁺ Jesus Christ. Your sins are forgiven. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
- C** Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- P** Rejoicing Father,
- C** **You celebrate when one of your lost children is found because no one is worthless to you. We stand humbled and in awe that you would count us among your most prized possessions. Give us eyes to see the priceless value of every living soul, for the sake of the one who became human for the sake of our souls, Jesus Christ our seeker. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SPECIAL MUSIC

His Eye is On The Sparrow

Civilla D. Martin

LENTEN ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of two staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat, and a common time signature. It features a melody with quarter notes, eighth notes, and sixteenth notes. The lyrics "Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord." are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with a similar pattern of notes. The lyrics "Save us as you promised; we will trust your word." are written below the notes.

P The Gospel according to **Luke 15:1-32**

C Glory to you, O Lord.

1 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus.
2 And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."
3 So he told them this parable: 4 Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? 5 When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. 6 And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' 7 Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

8 Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? 9 When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' 10 Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

11 Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. 12 The 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. 13 A 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. 14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout 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 to his fields to feed the pigs. 16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 17 But 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! 18 I will get up 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 like one of your hired hands." ' 20 So 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. 21 Then 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 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. 23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; 24 for 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. 26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. 27 He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' 28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. 29 But 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. 30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' 31 Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 32 But 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.'"

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

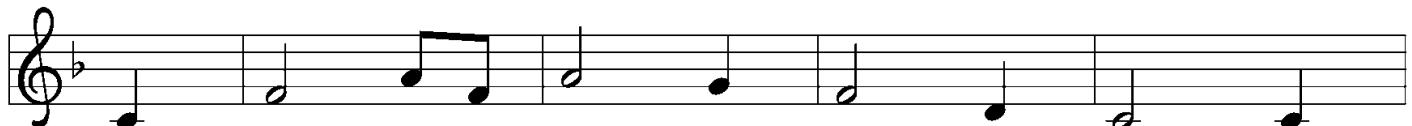
SERMON

"Always Being Found"

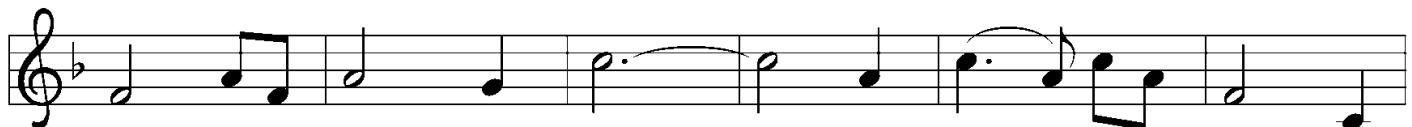
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HYMN OF THE DAY*Amazing Grace*

Hymn #779

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, to snares I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt., sts. 1–4; anonymous, st. 5

Music: NEW BRITAIN, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 hell. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Pass the peace in the comments! Post an emoji or comment as we share the peace of Christ!



THE OFFERING

All that we have belongs to God, and we give faithfully in gratitude for God's abundance, as a practice of discipleship, and to serve the needs of those around us. Our mission to bless and serve our neighbors matters now more than ever.

You can give your
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OFFERTORY

People Need the Lord

McHugh/Nelson, arr. M. Hayes

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

P O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Jason Adams

BLESSING

God Blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in ⁺ Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Come Thou, Font of Every Blessing

Hymn #807

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



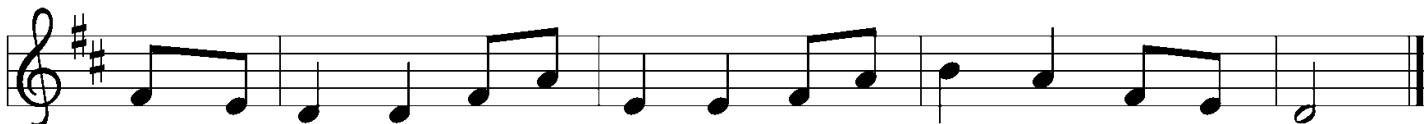
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE *Majesty (in the setting of Chopin's Polonaise, Op. 40/1)*

arr. G. Smith

Preaching today: Pastor Jason Adams

Worship: Pr. Matt Metevlis

Music: Dr. Alexandria Le

Readers: Neal Orabka, Maxine Harju

Next Sunday:

March 14th

Luke 16:19-31

The Rich Man and Lazarus

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Online Attendance

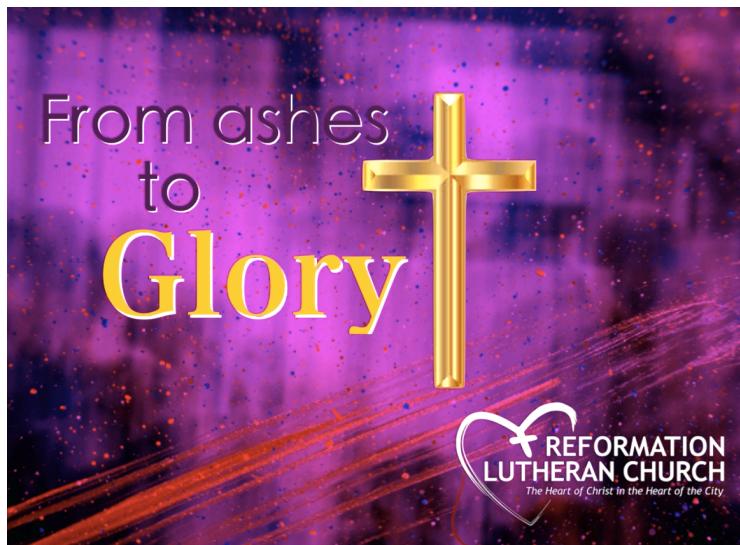
Our Facebook live Sunday worship online (2/28) has been viewed over 150 times!

PRAYERS

Please remember in prayer: Please remember in prayer: Jeri Brown, Lois' sister Gail, Christy Lyn's father Eldon, Kristine Bailey, Paul Hansen's sister Ruth and family, Pastor Marta's niece Rachel and family, Helen's nephew Stephen, Sharon Graf, Bill Graf, Andy Windes, Sara Siller, Anita & Mark, Dennis Geiter, Stephen Sappington, Carla, Pete Geloff, Pat Ward, Jeremy Filer, Mark Jones, Levi Billsie, Peggy & Wendell Edwards, Debbie Schultz, & Cris Champion.



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP

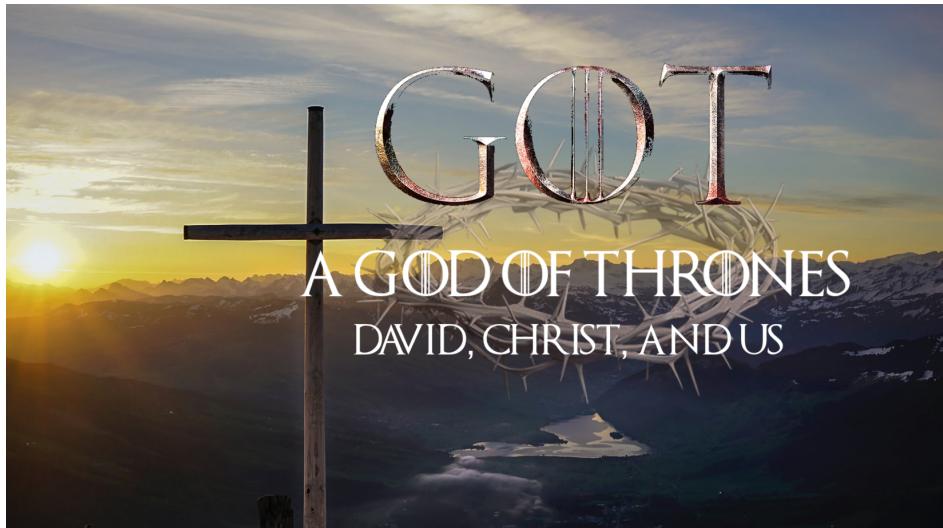


It's helpful to take some time to reflect as we prepare to move forward. In the season of Lent, gather with us online for prayer and worship. We'll be centering our practice in the spiritual discipline of the Daily Examen, in the style of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

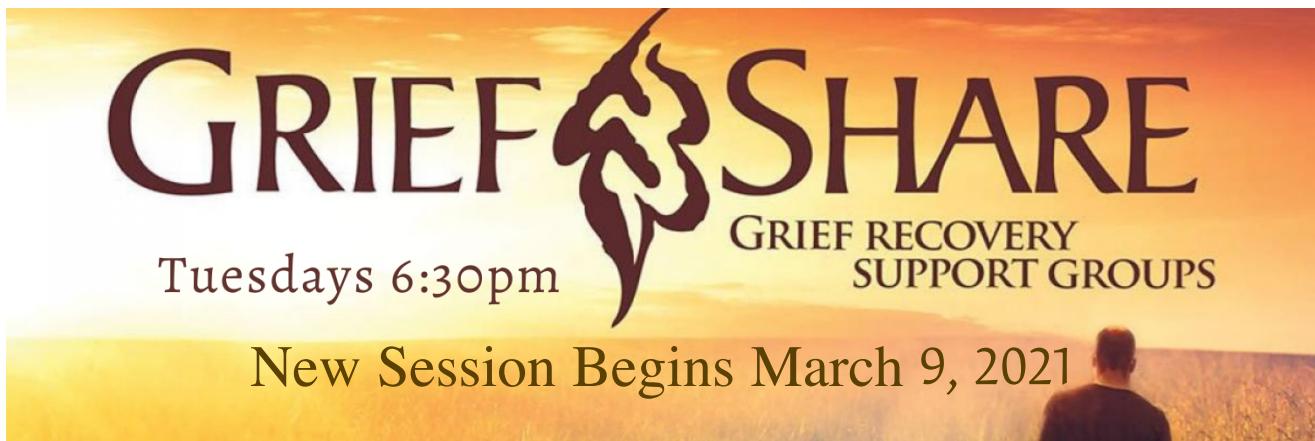
*Online, Wednesday evenings,
6pm*

Sunday Bible Study Returns

Today, join us for **Sunday Bible Study** on the first fully developed character in the Bible, King David. We'll hear today about his battle with the warrior Goliath as we read *1 Samuel 17*. The discussion happens on **Zoom today at 10:30am**, or follow along on our Facebook group.



Click the link in your email to find us!



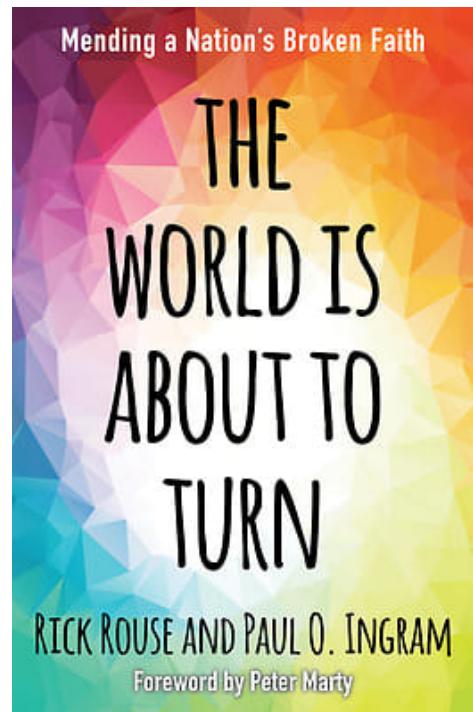
GriefShare, a 13-week faith-based seminar and support group begins again on Tuesday, March 9, **6:30 PM**. This on-line Zoom group helps those struggling with the death of a loved one.

For more information or to register, contact the church office at (702) 732-2052.

Reformation Readers - New Book Study

Our new book study continues this **Monday evening at 6:30PM!** In these increasingly divisive times, how does God intend for us to live well together in the common life? Drawing from scripture as well as writings from a variety of other faith traditions and contemporary theologians, *The World is About to Turn* offers a practical guide for dialogue and mutual understanding for leaders of faith organizations, schools, and member of faith communities; everyone who hopes to make a positive difference in our corporate life together.

Books are available at the discounted rate of \$10 each. Email prjason@reformationlasvegas.org to reserve a copy now!



Happy Birthday!

- 17 - Donna DeLancy Spierer
- 25 - Stephen Sappington
- 28 - Dan Olson
- 29 - Audra Rael
- 31 - Peter Geloff