

St. John's Reformed Church

March 30, 2025 10 a.m.

Fourth Sunday in Lent

lost & found

(Please join responsively by speaking aloud the bolded sections)

Pre-Prelude

Announcements and Hospitality

Our Approach to God

Prelude

Votum So much of the beauty of the world comes from the
in-between spaces

*Call to Worship

Our God is a shepherding God.

Our God knows us by name.

Our God will never stop searching for us. So if you feel lost,
then know that God is seeking you.

If you feel found,

then know that God will never leave.

This is the promise of scripture.

This is the promise of God's love.

Let us worship our with-us God.

*Hymn *What Wondrous Love* #164 v. 1-4

Salutation & Prayer of Invocation

Prayer of Confession

**If God is a painter, let us be the brush. If God is a musician, let us
be the song. If God is an architect, let us be the tools. Let us be the
hands. Let us be the builders. But if God is a shepherd, who never
stops seeking, let us be willing to be found, no matter how lost we
feel. Our God is never far away. Forgive us for forgetting this good
news. Amen.**

Kyrie Eleison

"Lord have mercy upon us;

Christ have mercy upon us; Lord have mercy upon us."

Assurance of Pardon

Summary of the Law: **Micah 6:8** "He has told you, O mortal, what is
good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to
love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

**Response: May the Spirit guide us to be obedient to this Word.
Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end, Amen. Amen."*

Musical Meditation

The Word of God in Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination & Lectionary Lessons:

Lesson from the Psalms: **Psalm 32** (pp.506-507)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn *Lost and Found*, bulletin insert

*Lesson from the Gospel: **Luke 15:1-7** (p. 78)

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Prayer for Blessing

Our Response to God's Grace

*Affirmation of Faith:

**We believe in a seeking God, a with-us and before-us God, a
chasing-after-us God. We believe that no matter where we wander
or what mountains we climb, this God—the God who walked the
streets of Jerusalem, shook hands with lepers, patted children on
the head, and told stories of love— is always close at hand. So on
the good days and the hard days, on the mountains and in the
valleys, we believe that we are always being found. Thanks be to
God for a love like that. Amen.**

*The Peace The peace of Christ be with you. **And also, with you.**

The Offering

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him all creatures here below.

Praise Him above ye Heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.

With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our

lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us-Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers for the People of God

The Lord's Prayer (use 'trespasses')

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Prayer Response *Threefold Amen* **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

*Hymn *Amazing Grace* #691 v. 1-5

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen "Go Now in Peace"

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with us each hour of every day.

Go now in faith steadfast strong and true.

Know he will guide us in all we do.

Go now in love, and show we believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

*Postlude

*Indicates congregation to stand if able.

