

**4th Sunday of Lent
MARCH 29-30, 2025**

ORDERS OF WORSHIP

Saturday Worship - 5pm

Welcome & Announcements
Invocation
Call to Worship
Confession & Forgiveness
Litany of Praise
Prayer of the Day
Bible Readings
Message
Hymn of the Day
Creed, Prayers and Peace
Offertory Song

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The Words of Communion
Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Blessing & Sending

Sunday Liturgical - 10am

Prelude
Invocation
Confession & Forgiveness
Opening Hymn
Greeting
Kyrie
Prayer of the Day
First Bible Reading
Psalm of the Day
Second Bible Reading
Gospel Acclamation
Today's Message
Hymn of the Day
Creed, Prayers & Peace
Offertory
Offering
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**WEEKLY WORSHIP
BULLETIN FOR
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LUTHERAN CHURCH
OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH**

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YOU BELONG HERE

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. We believe that Christ is present in this meal of forgiveness and unconditional love. We welcome all to join us at the Lord's Table. If you choose not to commune, we welcome you to come forward for a blessing.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a restroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

TODAY'S THEME

The psalm sets the tone this day: "Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!" Happy are those who have "become the righteousness of God" in the merits of Christ Jesus. Happy are those for whom the forgiveness of God has "rolled away . . . the disgrace" of former times. Happy is the father at the return of his prodigal son. Happy are we that our sins are forgiven for Jesus' sake. Rejoice!

Today's Bible Readings

Joshua 5:9-12	Pew Bible p. 171
Psalm 32	Pew Bible p. 440
2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Pew Bible p. 940
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Pew Bible p. 850

Today's Message

"God Cries With Joy"

by Rev. Ralph Mineo

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us 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.

PSALM RESPONSE:

I con - fess my sin be - fore my God, —
 — as I live with the bur - den of my shame;
 — and I pray for the safe - ty of my soul. —

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OUR PRAYER LISTS:

Members: Barb Huff, Tom Tell, Nancy Varner, Janel Anderson, Carol Snippert, Cathy Goellner, Carolyn Sturtevant

Cancer treatments:

Friends of the congregation: Michelle, Baby Easton, Matt, Mary Bemis, Derf Hopsecger, Jonathan B., Joe Mineo, Heidi Sturtevant, Jill Eichner, Walter Ang, Charles Schlaufman, Rev. Bill Cox

Cancer Friends: Canda, Chris

Pray for those who grieve: Pray for the family of Willow West, two-months old, who died February 25th of SIDS. Pray for Skyler and Jacob, and Rose West, and grandparents Matt Sanders and Brenda Wurst.

Prayer Requests/Names will be removed on the 1st of each month unless otherwise requested. If you would like a name on the prayer list, please use the "Prayer Request" link on our church website, email or phone the church office.

"We Sing, We Serve" "We Ring, We Serve"

St. John's choirs need **YOU**. If you would like to sing or ring just for the Lenten/Easter season we would love to have you join us. The Chancel Choir rehearses at 9:00 AM and the Bell Choir at 11:15 AM on Sunday mornings.

Thank you-We would like to thank Nolan Durst for his gift of music this morning.