

# THE PARABLES OF LENT

RECEIVE MERCY

THE PARABLE *of the*  
GOOD SAMARITAN

Welcome to Week Three in The Parables of Lent series of services, which is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. In this parable, a man beaten on the road gets help from an unlikely traveler.

**Opening Hymn:** LSB #852 verses 1-5

**“O God of Mercy, God of Might”**

O God of mercy, God of might, in love and pity infinite,  
Teach us, as ever in Thy sight, to live our lives in Thee.

And Thou, who cam'st on earth to die that our lost world might live thereby,  
O hear us; for to Thee we cry, in hope, O Lord, to Thee.

Teach us the lesson Thou has taught: to feel for those Thy blood hath bought,  
That ev'ry word and deed and thought may work a work for Thee.

All are redeemed, both far and wide, since Thou, O Lord for all hast died.  
Grant us the will and grace provide to love them all in Thee!

In sickness, sorrow, want, or care, may we each other's burdens share;  
May we, where help is needed, there give help as unto Thee!

P In this holy season the Son of God humbles himself so that we receive mercy.

**C Humble me once again, O God, that my life would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

P In this holy season the Son of God demonstrates that he is the most perfect neighbor to us by serving us with his very life.

**C Live through me, O God, that I would be a neighbor when I encounter anyone in need.**

P In this holy season the Son of God enters into his Passion and death so that we are exalted.

**C Grant me your grace, O God, that my faith in Jesus would be pleasing and acceptable to you.**

**We Sing:** (Tune LSB # 685)

Let us listen to our Savior as his parables unfold,  
Learning what he has to teach us, bearing fruit a hundredfold.  
When a trav'ler fell to robbers and was left alone to die,  
Priest and Levite passed him by. Then a stranger came in mercy,  
Bound his wounds and paid for care, for he saw his neighbor there.

## **Confession and Absolution**

P Too often we fail to be a neighbor to those who most need us. Let us confess the sins of our hearts and lives to our Lord who hears and forgives:

**C Most merciful God, we confess that our very nature is sinful. We do not love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as ourselves. Far too often when we see those in need we pass by on the other side. Our thoughts focus only on ourselves, and we fail to love and serve as you have called**

**us. By our selfishness we have sinned against you and against others in thought, word and deed. Forgive us, most holy God.**

P The Lord Jesus came into this world to be a holy neighbor for all of humankind. His perfect life, crushing crucifixion and glorious resurrection mean complete forgiveness for the sins of our hearts and lives. Because he was beaten and left for dead on the cross, all of your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**We Sing:** LSB #852 verse 6

**“O God of Mercy, God of Might”**

And may Thy Holy Spirit move all those who live to live in love  
Till Thou shalt greet in heav’n above all those who live in Thee.

**Scripture Readings**

Old Testament: Leviticus 19:13-18 (Lg. print: 184; Reg. print: 95)

Epistle: Romans 13:8-10 (Lg. print: 1763; Reg. print: 921)

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 (Lg. print: 1615; Reg. print: 843)

**Sermon Hymn:** Tune LSB #424

We listen as the Word like scattered seed is sown,  
For as each parable is heard Christ’s kingdom is made known.

The stranger’s need was known, and which one of the three  
Had mercy and so he alone a neighbor proved to be?

In ev’ry time of need, before the judgment throne,  
Your work, O Lamb of God, I’ll plead, your merits, not my own.

**Sermon**

## Offering

**Special Music:** “It Wouldn’t Be Enough”

Lori Carbno

## Prayers

**P** God, who is the perfect neighbor, forgive us for the times we fail to help those in need, whether in body, soul or spirit. Make us ever better neighbors to our family, friends and co-workers, that they would see Jesus in and through us. Perfect Neighbor to those in need,

**C** **show us your mercy.**

**P** God, who is the perfect neighbor, make your Church the place where people grow in their ability to be neighbors not only to one another but also to those who have not yet come to faith, or who have fallen away. Use your Church to serve “the least of these.” Perfect Neighbor to those in need,

**C** **show us your mercy.**

**P** God, who is the perfect neighbor, as the Good Samaritan saw to it that a helpless victim was brought health and healing, please use your healing power to help and heal those amongst us who are ill, weak or in need of strength. Perfect Neighbor to those in need,

**C** **show us your mercy.**

**P** Amen.

## The Lord’s Prayer

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**All: Amen**

**Closing Hymn: LSB #878 verses 1 and 6**

### **“Abide With Me”**

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide.  
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.  
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
In life, in death, O Lord abide with me.



**Lenten services continue March 17 and March 24 at 7:00 pm**

Note Schedule changes to Wednesday evening activities:

6:00-7:00 pm – OSKids

6:00-6:45 pm – Adult Choir Rehearsal

Confirmation Classes meets at 6:00 pm

Senior Youth meets at 7:00 pm