

Music Prelude Glenda Teachey  
Call To Worship  
Welcome & Announcements  
**\*Procession**  
Praises & Prayer Requests  
Hymn of  
Preparation  
Liturgy of the Word:  
Old Testament Joshua 4:19-24; 5:9-12 Barb Cook  
Psalms Psalm 34:1-8 (in unison)  
Anthem Rockland Choir  
**\*Gospel** Luke 15:11-32 Pastor Bill Faupel  
*L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

Message: "Come to the Party!" Pastor Bill Faupel



*In today's gospel, we encounter our Lord's most famous parable, "The Prodigal Son." On the surface, this story seems to offer forgiveness without the necessity of the cross. As such, it may seem to be a bit strange that we are called to reflect on it during the Lenten*

*season. There are a couple of reasons. First of all, Jesus told the story while he was on that last journey to Jerusalem. He is very much aware that He is facing the cross. All of his teaching during this time has this reality at the center of his thought. Secondly, it is told at this season because it tells of the length that Our Heavenly Father goes to show his love for us and his desire that we be reconciled to Him. But it is a story of two sons. One has remained faithful, but does not understand the nature of the Father's love. The other rebellious. Both are invited to come to the party. The invitation is also extended to the reader -- to you and me.*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** #887

**\*Please stand as you are able**

Liturgy of the Table:  
+Holy Communion Doris Hirth  
*+Everyone is welcome to take Holy Communion who has accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Please receive the bread from the server in your cupped hands, and either dip it into the chalice before eating or take an individual cup from the server.*  
**\*Closing Hymn**  
**\*Blessing** Pastor Bill Faupel  
**\*Benedictory Response**  
Postlude Glenda Teachey

**Next Sunday's Scriptures:**

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 126; Philippians 3:8-14; Luke 20:9-19  
*To our Guests, thank you for visiting us today. Please fill out a visitor's card located in the pews and place it in the offering plate, or see an usher or the Pastor. Join us in the Overflow Room for a "Meet & Greet" after the service...*

***We welcome you to worship with us again!***



*"He did this so all the nations of the earth might know that the Lord's hand is powerful, and so you might fear the Lord your God forever."  
Joshua 4:24*

**\*Please stand as you are able**