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Third Sunday of Lent
March 12, 2023

9:30am



† Celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service †

To Our Guests,

- The type in **bold** is for the congregation to say.
- The * Indicates "Stand if you are able".
- Visitor sheets are located in the red folders in front of you.

Introduction

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Welcome

Prelude

Near the Cross

Lori Johnson

Meditation

Psalm 95

Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. (Ps. 95:1)

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's
pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸“Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.
⁹There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
¹⁰Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not
know my ways.’
¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger,
‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who journeys with us these forty days,
and sustains us with the gift of grace.

Amen.

Let us acknowledge before God and one another
our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection

Holy God, **we confess to you our faults and failings.
Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word;
we take for ourselves instead of giving to others;
we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt
though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in
your way of life.**

Amen.

Hear the good news: God so loved the world that
God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you! God embraces you with
divine mercy, † forgives you in Christ’s name,
and revives you in the Spirit’s power.

Amen.

***Greeting**

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

Hymn of Praise: *For All the Faithful Women

ELW 419 vs 1 & 8

***Prayer of the Day (AM)**

Merciful God, **the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading: (AM)

Romans 5:1-11

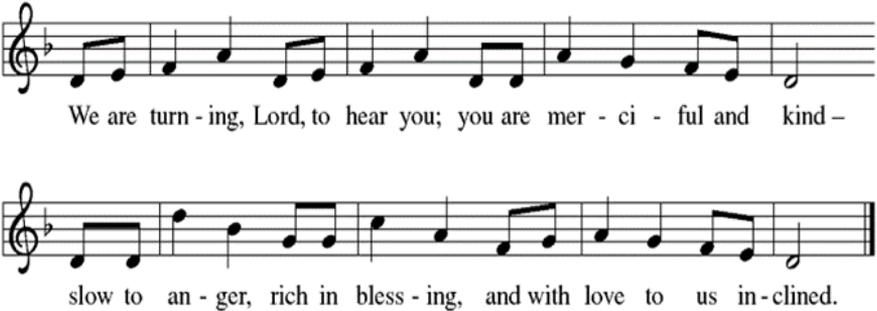
Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps

for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation

Word of God, Word of Life
Thanks be to God

***Gospel Acclamation:**



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

***Gospel:** The gospel according to John 4: 5-42
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him,

“How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰ Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.”¹¹ The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?”¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?”¹³ Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.”²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to

the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The good news of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

Children’s Song *I’ve got Peace Like a River*

I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul;
I’ve got peace like a river, I’ve got peace like a river,
I’ve got peace like a river in my soul.

I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul;
I’ve got love like an ocean, I’ve got love like an ocean,
I’ve got love like an ocean in my soul.

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *As the Deer Runs to the river* **ELW 331**

Presentation of New Member

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for all who are one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as a new member into the life and ministry of this congregation. Karen comes to our congregation from *Ascension Lutheran* in *Colorado Springs* .

Apostles' Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 to the dead.
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.**

Address and Questions

In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Siblings in Christ,

do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Those being welcomed respond.

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God,

do you promise to support and pray for *this new member in her* life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Welcome

Let us welcome Karen in Christ to this community of faith.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.
Together we will give thanks and praise to God
and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

Prayers of Intercession (AM)

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Brief Silence

Merciful God, **receive our prayer**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Peace (AM)

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering Message

***Offering Prayer (AM)**

God of good gifts, **receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.**

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

Holy God, our living Word, our faithful Companion, our true Guide, by your Word you created a world with rivers and seas, wells and springs, and in mercy you provided water for your people in the wilderness. For your Word with the water of baptism, we thank you, O God.

We praise you for Christ, who joined us in our desert, calling us to righteousness, granting forgiveness, and walking with us into newness of life. For Jesus, your gracious Word, we glorify you, O God.

We glorify you, O God.

Through these days of Lent we plead for your Spirit, that strengthened by your Word, we may care for others and for the world you made, and work for justice and peace for all. For your Word in our hearts and minds, we praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

Receive our thanksgiving, and grant us your blessing, Holy God, now and forever. **Amen**

***Lord's Prayer**

Gathered by the holy spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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

***Blessing**

God, the giver of love, † Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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***Dismissal** (AM)

Go in peace. Serve in Love.

We go, celebrating God's grace through acts of love and service.

Thanks be to God!

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OUR PRAYER LIST



Joe D. for strength and healing and he continues with health issues.

Don A. for strength and healing for his health issues.

Jean B for strength and comfort as she deals with health issues.

Joan O (Lori's Mom) for strength and comfort as she recovers from her health issues.

John O (Lori's Dad) for strength and comfort as he enters hospice.

Vince L. for strength and comfort with health issues.

Katie H. (friend of Fenske's) for strength and healing for her health issues.

Brett S. (Friend of Mike P) for strength and healing with health issues.

Heather H. (Granddaughter of Bill and Donna M) for strength and healing with health issues.

Jane D. (sister-in-law of Donna M) for strength and healing as she recovers from her health issues.

Mary B. (friend of Kathy B) for strength and comfort as she deals with her health issues.

Steve H. (Friend of Mike P) for strength and healing with health issues.

Alan K. (Friend of Mike P) for strength and healing with health issues.

Chuck H. (Friend of Mike P) for strength and healing with health issues.

The Family of Joel L. (friend of Carl S) for comfort and peace as they mourn his passing.

The Family of Mosier/Salda (Kari D's. Son-in-law) for comfort and peace as they grieve the passing of his grandfather.

The family of Thea Stecker (Carl S. and Kari D.'s Mother) for comfort and peace as they mourn her passing.

Grace Lutheran Church our prayer partners.

SUNDAY COFFEE TIME

March 19—Early Fellowship March 26—Miyo Park

You will find the Sign-up sheet on the Kitchen door.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday, Mar 13, 9 am-11am- Food donation drop-off at WSC

Monday, Mar 13, 7 pm— Zoom Bible Study—True Inclusion

Wednesday, Mar 15, 12:30 pm—Westside Cares Pantry

Wednesday, Mar 15, 5 pm—Alter guild -Church Cleaning

Wednesday, Mar 15, 6:00 pm - Soup/Vespers Service

Wednesday, Mar 15, 7:00 pm—Bible Study—Chronicles 1 & 2

Thursday, Mar 16, 10am—Gift Policy Committee Meeting

Sunday, Mar 19, 8:30 am— Early Fellowship

Sunday, Mar 19, 9:30 am—Worship Service

Sunday, Mar 19, 10:45 am –Outreach

Welcome our new member, Rev. Karen Matuska. There will be refreshment afterwards and opportunity for you to introduce yourself to her. Pastor Karen is the Minister of Mental and Spiritual Health, being both a spiritual director and a licensed counselor. She is using CTK space for her counseling practice.

Devotionals for Lent are available at church for each household. you can pick up your copy to use as a daily devotion.

Soup suppers are on Wednesday's **at 6:00 pm**. With vespers following. We'll serve a vegetarian soup, and a gluten-free bread each week. Sign up on our kitchen door.

Continuing in the Covenant of Baptism: This is the theme of our Soup and Vespers Wednesdays during Lent. There will be special offerings taken at the tables and the Vespers will cover the 5 promises we make at baptism. Confirmands will eat together at 6pm and then assist with the Lenten services for the **5 Wednesdays**. Others may assist with the services as well.

Lent Food Drive for WSC - Fun fact #3 It takes more fruit to make preserves than jam or jelly. BUT Westside Cares isn't picky; they'll accept ANY! Please pick up a jar or two when you're out shopping...

Calling all cooks! Lori's mom, Joan, is back home but still could use some help with meals. Please talk (or text 719-439-8941 or email ja1937cy@hotmail.com) with Joan Corder who has graciously offered to organize this with Lori.

Easter is coming - and the Altar Guild is going to give the sanctuary an extra cleaning on Wednesday, **March 15th from 5 - 6pm**. Since some of you may be attending Soup Supper, please join us in this effort, as many hands make light work. For more information, contact Kathy B at 719-360-3402. Thank you!

Outreach team Calling all those who have a passion for extending CTK ministries to those outside the congregation. We currently have members working with West Side Cares, Habitat 4 Humanity, Family Promise, Angel Tree, and others. Is there something missing from the list? Visit with the Outreach Team after worship on **March 19** to have your voice heard... and to learn more about the current projects.

Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers are needed. Also small individually wrapped candies and small toys, scripture quotes, etc. to be put into plastic eggs. Contact Terri Kelly @ 830-822-6954.

Annual Audit - will take place on Tuesday, **April 11th from 5 - 9pm**. If you would like to join the team effort, please contact Kathy Blanchard at ikblanch@comcast.net. I am also looking for a volunteer(s) to provide a light dinner for the group

Book Club. We are now reading *The Night Villa* by Carol Goodman. Please sign out a copy of the book from the book bag in the narthex. We will be discussing it on **April 3**, at 6:30pm and Marilyn's home.

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