

*Grace to All Who Have Gone Astray*



**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**March 15, 2020**

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Guests. Welcome to Zion. We are glad to have you with us. Please sign our guestbook located in the Narthex. About Holy Communion: We welcome to the Lord's Table all who have repented of their sins and seek to amend their sinful life; all who believe that Jesus is truly present in, with, and under the bread and the wine; and all who believe that through the words "given and shed for you" forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given. If this is your confession and you are a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, then come with a thankful heart and join us. See p.329, 330 in the front part of the hymnal for guidance in preparing to receive Holy Communion. *We offer gluten free wafers.* Please talk with an Elder or Pastor before the service if you would appreciate the gluten free. *If you are a visitor and would like to commune, please talk with Pastor Dan before the service.*

## **AS WE GATHER**

**G**od's mercy and grace are revealed to those who deserve anything but. The Israelites who wandered the wilderness complained of no water. They didn't deserve anything because of their sinfulness, yet God responds in mercy providing water from a rock. A Samaritan woman didn't receive compassion from her community and didn't deserve it from our Savior Jesus Christ, yet she was given and shown mercy and came to believe He was the Savior and giver of living water. We, too, have gone astray. We deserve much less than mercy and grace from God Himself. Yet, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

*Altar Guild for March:*

*Betsy S*

*920-927-2228*

*Thank You!*

## **Ringing of the Bell and Opening Announcements**

### **Order of Worship**

**Opening Hymn \*\* Vs 10 is the inserted verse! \*\***

**"For All the Faithful Women"**

**LSB 855**

### **Invocation**

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Amen.**

Pulpit: Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

**Lecturn: the author and perfecter of our faith,**

Pulpit: who for the joy set before Him endured the cross,  
scorning its shame.

**Lecturn: and sat down at the right hand of the throne of  
God.**

***All: Oh, come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, who  
humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even  
death on a cross!***

### **Introit for Third Sunday in Lent**

**O Lord, Your glorious throne, exalted from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary. LORD, you are the hope of Israel; all who forsake you will be put to shame. Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust because they have forsaken the LORD, the spring of living water. Heal me, LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise. They keep saying to me, "Where is the word of the LORD? Let it now be fulfilled!" I have not run away from being your shepherd; you know I have not desired the day of despair. What passes my lips is open before you. Do not be a terror to me; you are my refuge in the day of disaster. Let my persecutors be put to shame, but keep me from shame; let them be terrified, but keep me from terror. Bring on them the day of disaster; destroy them with double destruction.**

### **Collect for Third Sunday in Lent**

**O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**People: Amen**

## Old Testament Reading

**Exodus 17:1–7**

(Water from the rock)

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?” But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?” Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah (to test) and Meribah (to quarrel) because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## Epistle

**Romans 5:1–8**

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely

will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Pastor:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Holy Gospel**

**John 4:5–15, 19–26**

(Jesus and the woman of Samaria)

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband.

What you have just said is quite true.” “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.” “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn: “Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”**

**LSB 761**

**Sermon**

**Nicene Creed – Back Inside Cover of the Hymnal**

**Prayers of the Church**

**We Gather our Tithes and Offerings**

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**Confession and Absolution (Responsive)**

**Preface**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## **Proper Preface**

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

<b>We Sing the Sanctus</b>	<b>Page 161</b>
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<b>Lord's Prayer</b>	

## **Distribution of the Lord's Supper**

### **Communion Hymns:**

<b>"Christ, the Word of God Incarnate"</b>	<b>LSB 540</b>
<b>"When Peace, like a River"</b>	<b>LSB 763</b>
<b>"O Lord, We Praise Thee"</b>	<b>LSB 617</b>
<b>"We Sing the Praise of Him who Dies"</b>	<b>LSB 429</b>

**Post-Communion Canticle "Thank the Lord" page 164**

## **Post Communion Thanksgiving**

Pastor: Let us Pray. O God the Father, who in loving kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your people who have gone astray but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit, having obtained access by faith into Christ's grace in which we stand, rejoicing in the hope of Your glory, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **People: Amen.**

## Closing Sentences

Pastor: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,

**People: we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Pastor: For while we were still weak,

**People: at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.**

Pastor: While we were still sinners,

**People: Christ died for us.**

## Benediction

Hymn: “O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace”

LSB 693

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### \*Announcements\*

#### *From the Board of Stewardship and Evangelism:*

**Ex. 17:3 – “But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, ‘Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?’ ”** Even the Israelites who saw miracles with their own eyes fall into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

#### *The Pewpoint*

#### THEME OF THE DAY

*We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel*

Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, “*all the congregation of the people of Israel*” grumbled against Him because “*there was no water for the people to drink*” (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at “*about the sixth hour*” (John 4:6; 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the

sins of the world. He is *“the gift of God”* (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people *“a spring of water welling up to eternal life”* (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we *“worship the Father in spirit and truth”* (John 4:23). *“We rejoice in hope of the glory of God”* because *“God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us”* (Rom. 5:2, 5).

**Attendance:**

Sunday Service:	68	Communed:	62
Lent Service:	37		

**YES IN CHRIST -- Saying Yes With Our Treasures**

Needed per week to make budget: \$2,873

Sunday Envelopes: \$2,341

Plate: \$2

Easter Breakfast \$30

Lenten Service \$440

Memorials: Steeple Fund Judith Neuberger \$60

General Judith Neuberger \$25

Westyn Engle \$25

Bev Kreuziger \$25

Bessy Wolfgram \$25

# Friendly Reminders

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Sunday      After service      Sunday School & Bible Class  
Wednesday      6pm      Soup Supper with  
   Lenten service to follow  
Thursday      6pm      Bell Choir  
   7pm      Voice Choir  
Friday – PASTOR’S DAY OFF  
Maundy Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup> 7pm with communion  
Good Friday April 10<sup>th</sup> **1pm and 7pm**  
Easter Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup> – **6:30am & 9am**  
Easter Breakfast will be serviced between the two services

We received a newsletter from Becky Grossman – Becky is doing missionary work as a translator. We have sent money to her in the past years to help her in her mission work. So, if you would like to see what she is up to I’ve printed some copies. They are on the tables in the back of church.



We received another newsletter from Pastor and Karen Schempf – if interested there’s copies at both tables.

Are you interested in putting some flowers on the altar in memory/honor of a loved one/loved ones? The sign up sheets are on the tables in the narthex or back of church. Just sign up and we'll let you know more information when it gets closer to Easter on when you should deliver them.



**Let's decorate the altar like never before!**



March 2020 Lutheran Witness Magazine has arrived – take one home!

You can sign up for any Wednesday – all the pages are out there so come and enjoy the evening with food conversation and learning about the path of our Lord. All Lenten Service dates are out there if you want to sign up for something down the line.



There's Sign up sheets for the Easter Breakfast – also if you want to give a monetary donation you are welcome to do that too as Marti has decided that she will be purchasing items to make our breakfast a wonderful meal as usual. Also if there is any chance that you can work on Saturday or Sunday for the breakfast there's sheets for signing up for that too.



Monday

Important – we will not start Monday services until April 27<sup>th</sup> due to Pastor being gone for convention Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for supporting Bethesda's mission to *enhance the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities through services that share the good news of Jesus Christ!*

Your willingness to commit to serving people with disabilities is a blessing. God bless your ministry.

Ministering Together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike".

Mike Thirtle  
President & CEO

Received this nice thank-you from Bethesda