

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42 ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸ (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) ⁹ 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.) ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² 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?" ¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." ¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ 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." ¹⁹ "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ 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. ²⁴ God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." ²⁵ The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶ Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he." ²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, "What do you want?" or "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him. ³¹ Meanwhile his disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about." ³³ Then his disciples said to each other, "Could someone have brought him food?" ³⁴ "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵ Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. ³⁶ Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. ³⁷ Thus the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. ³⁸ I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." ³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers. ⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

P: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Children's Message: *Pastor Eric Hanson* (you may be seated)

PreK-1st Graders Sing

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Hymn of the Day & Offering: (you may be seated)

Offerings will be collected during the hymn of the day. Thank you also to those who give online. If you'd like to sign up for online giving please visit <http://www.stlukegoodhue.org/online-giving.html>. Children's coin offering will go toward ELCA Good Gifts serving communities in need around the world.

"Come To Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty" #777

Verse 1: "Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."

Refrain: Jesus, Ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well.
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.

Verse 2: "Come to me, all travelers weary; come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest." [Refrain.]

Verse 3: "Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face." [Refrain.]

Verse 4: "Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.
Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name." [Refrain.]

Offertory Response: *"Give Thanks"*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart. Give thanks to the Holy One.
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.**

And now let the weak say, "I am strong".

Let the poor say, "I am rich Because of what the Lord has done for us". Give thanks.

Offertory Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive first from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Baptism of Rylee Marie Meyer

The Prayers: (call and response)

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, & all of creation. *A brief silence.*

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness. Give them your living water always. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Named Prayer Requests:

P: On this day we especially pray for Keith Brown, Dolly Mensink, Judy Carpenter, Larry Reese, Jan Benidt, Dave (Pud) Gnotke, Jen Berg, Marilyn O'Brien, Kellie Peterson, Kay Kurtti, Shawn Frederixon, Harold Lensch, Donald & Marcy Jonas, & McKenna Dicke. For whom or what else shall the people of God pray...

Sharing the Peace: P: The peace of Christ be with you always, **C: And also with you.**

The Great Thanksgiving: (stand as you are able)

P: The Lord be with you **C: And also with you**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C: It is right to give Him thanks & praise.**

The Words of Institution

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.**

Meal and Hymns: (congregation may be seated)

All are welcome at this meal. We believe in the saving power of Jesus Christ through the gift of his life, death, and resurrection experienced in bread and wine.

Please move forward via the center aisle. Bread is received in the hands. Wine is received by dipping the bread into the wine chalice and consuming both together. All ages are welcome to commune. Those not communing may receive a blessing by simply keeping your hands folded or extending your arms over your chest in the sign of a cross inviting blessing. For those unable to consume either wine or bread, communion is received fully in either element alone, for Christ is fully present in the meal. You may return to your seats via the side aisles after communing. Gluten-free is available, simply make the server aware of your need. Also, if you cannot come forward, but wish for communion or blessing, let the usher know it will come to you at the end.

"Taste and See" #493

Refrain: Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord.
Oh, taste and see, taste and see the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Vs 1: I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord; for God has been so good to me. (Refrain)

Vs 2: Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us all praise God's name.
I called the Lord, who answered me; from all my troubles I was set free. (Refrain)

Vs 3: Worship the Lord, all you people. You'll want for nothing if you ask.
Taste and see that the Lord is good; in God we need put all our trust. (Refrain)

"Lamb Of God"

Vs 1: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.

Vs 2: Lamb of God, I'm asking you to take away my sin.
I confess that I've done wrong, I need your help again.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, have mercy on me.

Vs 3: The precious blood of Jesus Christ cleanses me from sin.
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Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.
Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord, have mercy on me.

Communion Prayer:

P: Let us pray.

C: Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of life. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful
hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

The Blessing:

P: May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light,
strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine
upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you + peace. Amen.

Sending: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" #618

Vs. 1: Guide me ever great Redeemer, pilgrim through this barren land; I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand: bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

Vs. 2: Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through: strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
shield me with your mighty arm, shield me with your mighty arm

Vs. 3: When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside; death of death, & hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side: songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forever more, I will raise forever more.

Dismissal: P: Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

A Journey Through Lent

St. Luke Lutheran Church • Pastor Eric Hanson
Third Sunday in Lent • 9:30AM • March 12, 2023

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Lenten Greeting: *(please stand as you are able)*

L: Friends in Christ, we gather during this season of Lent to remember Jesus' Passover from death to life.
We journey through this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's grace.
We are created to live in joyful communion with God and one another, but we oftentimes wound our
relationship with God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.
As disciples of Jesus, we long for repentance leading to change.

C: God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess
our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek your will for our lives.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: With honesty of heart, we confess our sin together. Merciful God,

C: Lord, Forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, & we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should
have kept quiet. We were silent when we should have said something. We were still when we should
have moved. We moved when we should have been still. For the wrong we have done, and for the good
we have failed to do, have mercy on us & bring us new life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior & Lord. Amen.

P: Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces us in tender care. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet
us again this day. In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. We are created anew, freed from sin and death for
new life in Christ. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: "This Is The Spirit's Entry Now" #448

Vs 1: This is the Spirit's entry now: the water & the word,
the cross of Jesus on your brow, the seal both felt & heard.

Vs 2: This miracle of life reborn comes from the Lord of breath;
the sinless one from life was torn; our life comes through his death.

Vs 3: Let water be the sacred sign that we must die each day to rise again by his design as foll'wers of his way.

Vs 4: Renewing Spirit, hear our praise for your baptismal pow'r
that washes us through all our days. Come, cleanse again this hour.

Prayer of the Day: *(you may be seated)*

P: Let us pray together

C: 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 & Lord, who lives & reigns with you & the Holy Spirit, one God, now & forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: "Tree Of Life" vs 1, 2, 3 & Lent 3 #334 *(stand as you are able)*

Verse 1: Tree of Life and awesome myst'ry, in your death we are reborn;
though you die in all of hist'ry, still you rise with ev'ry morn, still you rise with ev'ry morn.

Verse 2: We remember truth once spoken, love passed on through act and word;
ev'ry person lost and broken wears the body of our Lord, wears the body of our Lord.

Verse 3: Christ, you lead and we shall follow, stumbling though our steps may be;
one with you in joy and sorrow, we the river, you the sea, we the river, you the sea.

Lent 3: Living Water of salvation, be the fountain of each soul;
springing up in new creation, flow in us and make us whole, flow in us and make us whole.