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*"The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true
worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth."*

John 4:23a

DIVINE SERVICE Setting Three

Hymn of Invocation # 423

Confession & Absolution p. 184

Introit

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
 in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
 O Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;
 my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
 ever singing your praise!

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
 in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Gloria Patri p. 186

Kyrie p. 186

Gloria in Excelsis *is omitted during Lent*

Salutation & Collect p. 189

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.

Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7 (ESV)

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" 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?" So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross,
despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle Reading: Romans 5:1-8 (ESV)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

“Alleluia” *is omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. John 4:5-26 (ESV)

So He came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as He was from His journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, *"Give Me a drink."* (For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to Him, "How is it that You, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 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."* The woman said to Him, "Sir, You have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do You get that living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, *"Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."* The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, *"Go, call your husband, and come here."* The woman answered Him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, *"You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."* The woman said to Him, "Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but You say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, *"Woman, believe Me,*

the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship Him. God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ). When He comes, He will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ's Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination's doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

Welcome to worship in the season of Lent, the time of following Jesus to the cross. Lent teaches us that it was our sin which caused Jesus to suffer and die. As we confess our sin, our great comfort comes from the promise of God, “ Whenever we confess our sins, [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9). Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

Today’s Sunday School lesson is the account of Jesus and the Samaritan Woman. We learn that Jesus gives the Spirit, who cleanses us from sin and unrighteousness in the living water of Holy Baptism. Talk with your children about how sin causes us to have guilt and shame before God. Emphasize that through the Water and Word of Holy Baptism all guilt and shame are removed. Talk about Jesus coming for all people, no matter what race or color they are. Point out that ordinary water leaves us thirsting for more, but the living water of Jesus, which flows from His Word and the font of Baptism, quenches our spiritual thirst forever.

Today is Church Workers Appreciation Sunday. Help us say “thank you” to those who work at the Church.

Please join us for Bible Class as we look at “The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks,” the focus of our worship Wednesday evening.

Our midweek Lenten services continue this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. This week our worship focuses on The Miracle of the Splitting Rocks, Matthew 27:51c. Soup & sandwiches will be served by the LWML at 5:30 p.m. Chime practice will be at 5:00 p.m. and Handbell choir will be at 7:15 p.m.

April calendar items should be turned into the Church office or emailed no later than 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 31st.

Large print hymnals are available for use. Please talk to an usher.

Calling all ladies! Please join us for our SW Zone LWML Spring Rally on Saturday, April 2nd. Registration starts at 9:30 am at Zion Lutheran Church in Bismarck. The theme of this spring gathering is: *“Fashioned for Him: What (Not) to Wear”* Based on Colossians 3:5-1, *“Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.”* Come learn more about this theme in Bible Study. Heidi Selby from West Central Human Services will speak to us about the Missouri Valley Homeless Coalition. We will be making fleece tie blankets so please bring any size of fleece (preferably about 1.5 yards each). We hope to see you there! We finish by 2:45pm.

In our thoughts and prayers,

- † Our sick and recovering: Carolyn Johnson (Julie Dschaak's mother), Art & Laverne Mueller (Leeta Aanderud's parents), & Carolyn Riegel;
- † Craig Schaan & Autumn Weil, united in holy marriage;
- † The people of Japan & surrounding countries, as they recover.



Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 120 Offerings: \$3,736.00

Because we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we can rejoice always, even in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character, and character hope. Because of God's grace we can daily live out our stewardship in a truly free and joyous way.

† This Week at Concordia †

Today	8:30 am	Divine Service
	9:30 am	Sunday School/Bible Class
	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>
Tuesday	2:00 pm	Bible Class
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
	5:00 pm	Chime Practice
	5:30 pm	Soup & Sandwiches-LWML
	6:30 pm	Lenten Service
	7:15 pm	Bell Practice
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for April calendar items
	2:00 pm	<i>Pastor @ Marian Manor, Glen Ullin</i>
	7:00 pm	<i>Lenten Service @ Glen Ullin</i>
Sunday	8:30 am	Divine Service
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	11:00 am	<i>Worship @ Glen Ullin</i>

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*Please use a pew card to record your Church and/or
Communion attendance this morning.
Thank you*