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3rd Sunday in Lent



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

John 4:23a

Salutation & Collect

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 Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

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

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.

“Alleluia” *is omitted during Lent*

Holy Gospel: St. John 4:5-26

So [Jesus] 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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**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP
WHERE WE ARE ABOUT
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES
FOR JESUS**



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.

*For those unable to drink wine,
water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each
individual cup tray.*



In our thoughts and prayers,

✠ Our sick & recovering, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber), and Carter Johnson (grandson of Ray & Lorraine Sorge).

Lent has long been a season of catechesis in the Christian Church. In the early centuries, those preparing for Holy Baptism were instructed in the Christian faith during these forty days that culminated in their Baptism during the Easter Vigil Service. Lent remains a wonderful time to return to the Small Catechism. Consider taking one chief part of the Catechism each day and reading it at home with your family. Luther once quipped, "I am a doctor and preacher... yet I act as a child who is being taught the Catechism. I read and recite the Catechism daily, and I must remain a child and pupil of the Catechism."

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

Announcements

The “I AM” sayings of Jesus: God revealed Himself to Moses simply and profoundly as “*I am*” (*Exodus 3:14*). In the Gospel of John, the Evangelist records for us Jesus speaking those exact words to reveal and make Himself known to us as “very God of very God” (Nicene Creed). For our midweek worship in the season of Lent, we will be looking at the “I AM” sayings of Jesus. Please join us as we continue this Wednesday, looking at the words of Jesus, “*I AM the good shepherd*” (*John 10:11*). Worship will be at 6:30 pm. Soup and sandwiches will be served at 5:30 pm.



Thrivent Choice Dollars: The deadline to direct your dollars is March 31. You can direct Choice Dollars online by logging onto thrivent.com and going to Generosity or Member Benefits and choosing “Thrivent Choice Dollars”. You can also direct Choice Dollars by calling 1-800-847-4836.

The March calendar, birthday and anniversary sheet and the March “*My Devotions*” for the children are on the table in the social hall.

During the month of March donations of snacks for children will be collected for Women’s Action & Resource Center.

2026 Greeters are needed. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.



Our Stewardship of Offerings and Attendance

Worship: 82 Offerings: \$4,391.06

*“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?’”*

Exodus 17:3

Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell 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.

