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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.

Worship with Holy Communion
The Third Sunday in Lent

Our worship service uses *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, the cranberry hymnal in your pew.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Ringling of the Chimes

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Call to Worship/Kyrie (ELW #155)

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen**

We want to return to you, O God, so show us the way.

Give us signposts, food for the journey, and companions to meet us. And if, even then, we lose our way, send your Spirit, with all her power, to draw us back into your sacred, treasured embrace. Amen

Jesus, our deliverer, we take your freedom from others.

Lord, have mercy. (Sing verse 1)

Jesus, our hope, we deprive others of hope.

Christ, have mercy. (Sing verse 2)

Jesus, God's shalom, we distort your peace.

Lord, have mercy. (Sing verse 3)



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
1, 3 Lord, . . . have mer - cy. Lord, . . . have mer - cy.
2 Christ, . . . have mer - cy. Christ, . . . have mer - cy.



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Music: Russian Orthodox traditional



Children are invited forward for an age-specific message focused on the day's reading and the lesson they will study in Sunday School. The children will be dismissed for their own Sunday School learning time after their time in front and return with their leaders in time for Communion.

Celtic Prayer

Chancel Choir

Confession and Absolution

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**

You may be seated

Children's Time

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **O God, we come to you thirsty. Our bodies thirst for wholeness. Our hearts thirst for justice. Our communities thirst for liberation. We shout out, "Give us water to drink!" while we look around and wonder "Is God even among us?" In the deepest wells of our longings, Loving One, satisfy our thirst and fill us with your living water. May our hope not disappoint us! Amen.**

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the LORD among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.



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.

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?”

⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.”

Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Hymn (Based on Psalm 95)

Oh, Sing to the Lord (Verses 1 – 4 only) ELW #822

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans.

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.

³ And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,

⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and 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.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die.

⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For 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. ¹¹ But 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.**

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Gospel Acclamation: Listen to the Word that God Has Spoken (ACS #974)



 Lis-ten to the word that God has spo-ken; lis-ten to the One who is

close at hand; lis-ten to the voice that be-gan cre-a-tion;

lis-ten e-ven if you don't un-der-stand.

Text: Anonymous, Canada

Music: LISTEN TO THE WORD, Anonymous, Canada; adapt. *Church Hymnary*, 4th Edition, 2005

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



Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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.)¹⁰Jesus 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."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but 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."¹⁵The 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."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³But 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.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."



²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” ²⁷Just 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?” ²⁸Then 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 Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

ELW # 611

You are invited to stand in body or spirit.

Prayers of the People

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God’s creation.

We pray for those in need:

JoAnn and the family and friends grieving the death of Dick Voegeli;
 John Imp who is in the hospital;
 Zelka Marincak, cousin of Barb and Rich Regent, recovering from brain surgery;
 Donna Babilius;
 Dennis (Jenna Bednar’s friend) who is entering hospice after a battle with cancer;
 Stephanie (young lady who is a friend of Jenna Bednar’s daughter) who is battling cancer;
 Mary, (Sandy Young’s sister);
 Jackie, recovering from back surgery (Deanna Posig’s relative);
 Cecilia, friend of Jill Lindberg, who is battling aggressive breast cancer;
 Kenny, brother of Joyce Weinert, who is hospitalized with a brain tumor;
 Eric and family, grieving the loss of spouse from cancer (Kathy Imp);
 Nick, with advanced cancer (Carol Fehr);
 Doug Hamilton (spouse of Lori Hamilton);
 Jerry (Bruce Crueger’s brother);
 Bob (friend of Bob & Connie Yersin);
 Karen (Sandy Ringwall’s sister);
 Joy Braun (friend of Sue Clark);
 Amy & Family (friends of Kathy Wakefield);
 Eric (Crystal’s brother)

We continue to pray for strength for:

Joani Bettin;
 Tom Nowakowski;
 Betty Wing;
 Kathy and John Imp;
 Marylee Dye;
 Ruth & Bob Bauer;
 Pat Koch;
 Wally Stasiewski;
 Mary Anne Markiewicz

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for healing.
 Fashion us anew. **Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for deliverance.
 Fashion us anew. **Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for help.
 Fashion us anew. **Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for wholeness.
 Fashion us anew. **Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers of thanksgiving.
 Fashion us anew. **Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for blessing.
 Fashion us anew. **Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

Gracious Spirit, receive our prayers for wisdom and discernment
 Fashion us anew. **Come, Holy Spirit, Come.**

Gracious God, keep us working and praying for the day when your justice will roll down like waters, and your righteousness like an ever-flowing stream. Replenish our strength and stir up our hope as we look for signs of your coming reign. And fill us with the peace that passes understanding—the deep peace of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose holy name we pray. **Amen**

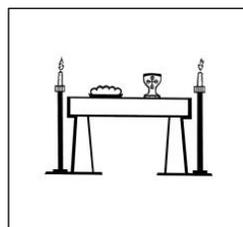
Sharing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**
Please share signs of peace with those in your vicinity.

Today we give our tithes and offerings by bringing them forth as we come to receive Communion.

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.



We keep in our prayers:

Lindsay, deployed to Qatar (granddaughter of Sandy Ringwall);
 The Lindahl/Lazaris Family; Dawn (friend of Sandy and Bob Young);
 Pat (Cousin of Donna Babilus);
 Scott and Debbie (family of Margaret Duris);
 Keith (Sandy Eigner's brother-in-law);
 Susan (Darlene Witkowiak's daughter);
 Jeremy (Tom Nowakowski's nephew);
 Caroline (Jill Lindberg's daughter);
 Shelby and the family of Taylor Daniels (friends of Crystal Januchowski)

**We pray for the following
 with our siblings across the
 ELCA:**

*For peace and an end to violence
 in our world, especially between
 Ukraine/Russia and
 Israel/Palestine...*

*For refugees and all migrants,
 especially those facing threat of
 violence...*

*For recovery efforts following
 landslides in Indonesia...*

*For open access to education for
 women and girls across the
 globe...*

*For equitable outcomes from labor
 strikes in Paris, France, and for all
 workers seeking just working
 conditions and fair compensation...*

*For transgender siblings,
 especially transgender youth, in the
 midst of political battles, threats of
 violence, and diminished access to
 healthcare...*

*For those called to challenge
 religious, political, or institutional
 authority for the sake of justice...*

*For those suffering and dying from
 COVID-19 in our nation and in our
 world, and for loved ones fearing
 risk of contagion...*

*That the love of God so fill our
 deeds and words that our whole life
 is joyful noise...*

**Introduction to the Meal:**

Lent is a season of turning –

We look for God to turn us toward God's self.

Turning from what is hurtful and toward what is healing

Turning from what is shattered and toward what is whole

Re-turning to the Lord, we come to Jesus' healing table,

hungry for mercy and yearning for steadfast love. Amen

Communion Elements are brought forth to the Table by the ushers.

Offertory Hymn: Let My Spirit Always Sing (ACS #1020)

1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be
 2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en -
 3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and
 4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it



win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair
 gage my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern
 chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,
 an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain



give no sign that you are there, God to whom my
 how much more there is to learn, see a world be -
 to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be
 know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er



days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.
 com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.
 full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.
 on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020

Music: SPIRITSONG, Jane Marshall, 1924–2019

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. **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

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy one, great God of judgment and mercy, we give thanks to you through your beloved son, Jesus Christ.

From earliest days, you turned toward your creation, bringing light from darkness, firm ground from the deep, life from the dust. Adam and Eve turned from the garden to toil and struggle.

Abraham and Sarah turned from a life of wandering to the land that you showed them. Your people Israel turned from captivity to cry unto you, and you delivered them from captivity. And in the wilderness Jesus turned away from the tempter and toward his proclamation of the heavenly kingdom.

You ordained for everything a season, a time to break down, and a time to build up, a time to keep, and a time to put aside. Let this now be a time of healing, a time of justice, a time of reconciliation and peace.

Words of Institution

Remembering and Invocation

Remembering, therefore, Christ's turn toward the world, his journey to the cross, and his resurrection from the dead, we turn toward you in the gifts of bread and wine, signs of your mercy and balm for our souls.

Amen. Come Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that these gifts may be healing and redemption for us and for your world, the turning toward a new day of righteousness.

Amen. Come Holy Spirit.

And now, may all creation turn toward you, seeking your mercy and trusting in your word, that we may share in your glory with all the saints in light. **Amen.**



ON RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

You are invited to the Lord's Table by the Lord Jesus Christ himself. Therefore, Adoration Lutheran Church practices "Open Communion," which means we do not restrict anyone from receiving this grace filled gift of God. Jesus loves everyone and welcomes everyone to his table of grace and peace.

We come forward to share in Holy Communion today. You may choose to receive a wafer and a poured cup of wine or juice or a pre-sealed packet containing both a wafer and juice. Gluten-free wafers available by indicating your need to the server. Consecrated Goldfish crackers are available for children. All are welcome to come forth and receive a blessing. Please place used cups in the baskets on the end of the front pews.



Lord's Prayer

Remember us, dear Jesus, and teach us to pray.

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.

Please be seated.

Invitation to Communion

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

Please wait to come forward for Holy Communion until we have completed singing the "Lamb of God."

Lamb of God (ELW #195)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Music: *Bread of Life*, Jeremy Young, b. 1948
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Communion

**Hymn During Communion *Healer of our Every Ill*
ELW #612**

Post-Communion Blessing

Today's Lay Leaders

Lector: Sandy Ringwall

Ushers: Judy Goodwin
and Linda Kolar-Wood

Communion Assistants:

Altar Guild:
Deanna Posig

**Music & Worship
Coordinator:**
Barb Regent

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**Benediction excerpts adapted from Jewish Shabbat prayers.*

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors. and reach toward the world with your love. Amen**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

May this season of rest and renewal open our hearts to joy and our minds to truth.

May all who struggle find rest. May all who suffer find solace. May all who hurt find healing. May all who despair find purpose. May all who hunger find fulfillment. May these days sustain God's promise.

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: *There in God's Garden (Verses 3 and 6)*
ELW #342**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve in love. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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