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them a spring of water
gushing up to eternal life.”

John 4:13-14

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 3

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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St. Matthew invites you to join us in celebration of Holy Communion!

The Lord's table is open to all who believe and are baptized.

Please join us as we receive the means of grace, where Jesus promises to meet us
in the bread and the wine.

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*"Pages" are in the front of the hymnal.
"Hymns" are located toward the back of the hymnal.*

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Good News Moment

Prelude

***Confession and Forgiveness** (*You may stand or kneel.*)

D: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: Amen.

D: Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

D: Holy God,

C: 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.

D: 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.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* Hymn 335

***Greeting**

D: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

*Prayer of the Day

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

Children's Message

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

WORD

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

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?"

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 95

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
⁶**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸**“Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger,
‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Return to the Lord

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*Gospel

John 4:5-42

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵Jesus 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."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

***Hymn of the Day:**

As the Deer Run to the River

Hymn 331

***Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession** (*You may stand or kneel.*)

D: Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

D: 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,

C: receive our prayer.

D: 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,

C: receive our prayer.

D: 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,

C: receive our prayer.

D: 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 especially Arline, Adam and family, Bill, Carl, Pat, Dorothy, Sandi, Judy, Steve, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Give them your living water always. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: 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,

C: receive our prayer.

D: O God, call us into a deeper relationship to be your church for the sake of the world. Help us to see with new eyes the injustices within church and society. Call us to have a loving heart that respects and uplifts the humanity and dignity of every person; open our ears to listen to and learn from the experiences of people of color. Open our mouths to speak up and about injustices. Join us with others to work for racial equity and inclusion for all people. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: 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,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

How Deep the Father's Love For Us (8:30)
Townsend/Shackley

Luther Choir

***Offertory Response**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Hymn 186

***Offering Prayer**

P: 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.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

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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 and praise.

***Proper Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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***Eucharistic Prayer**

***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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymns

Eat This Bread (3X)

Hymn 472

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn 471

One Bread, One Body

Hymn 496

***Prayer after Communion**

P: 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 touch the world with your love.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the
Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Hymn 807

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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11:00 - Emma Kotick

Reader: 8:30 - Delores Ivan

11:00 - Lisa Burke

Ushers: 8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan; Jeff & Linda Taraschke

11:00 - Julie & Devin Shrader; Sophie & Jen Hogan

Communion

Servers: 8:30 - Cindy Rickly

11:00 - Lisa Burke

Sound: 8:30 - Joe Obermeier

11:00 - Larry Mohler

Video: Rex Rickly (8:30 only)

Altar Guild: Becky Malloy & Julie Shrader

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of Ryan Sherman's birthday by Debra Sherman.

Prayers for Healing: Becky, Arline, Adam and Family, Pastor Bill Lucht, Carl Ulich, Pat Straub, Dorothy Ulich, Sandi, Judy McLaughlin, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Third Sunday in Lent, we worship in person at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 3* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

First Communion Instruction - 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. in the Brown Room.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, AT ST. MATTHEW

Lenten Meal/Gathering - 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Worship - 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Fourth Sunday in Lent, we will worship in person at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with *Praise* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Lenten Worship Schedule

Lenten Worship - Wednesdays, March 15, 22, 29.

*Meal at 6:00 p.m. Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Palm Sunday - April 2, Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday - April 6, Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 7, Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 9, Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

***Wednesday Lenten Meals** - Each week for Lent we are requesting four pots of soup to share, two people to help set up each week (need to arrive at 5:40 pm) and one person to provide bowls and spoons. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-lent1>

Please BYOB and bring any extra food items you wish to partake for solely yourself and/or family. If you have any questions please contact a member of Small Groups or Congregational Life. Thank you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flowers - Members of Altar Guild will be taking orders for Easter flowers beginning this Sunday, March 12, and the next two Sundays, after both services. Lilies are available for \$12.50 & \$25.00. Spring flowers: tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths, for \$11.00. Help to beautify our sanctuary on Easter Sunday by ordering a flower or two.

Easter Breakfast - The Luther League will be serving breakfast between services on Easter morning. They will provide eggs, pancakes and sausage. They will be taking donations of pastries and juice. Please see the sign up chart in the back of the narthex if you are interested in contributing to the breakfast.

Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse, will be out of the office on Tuesday, March 14. Please direct any questions or concerns to the church office or my voicemail.

Looking for a reliable vehicle. If you know of a vehicle, free or for which payments can be made, please contact the office.

Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, March 26, before each service in the Parish Nurse's office.

Medical Equipment Closet - Walkers/walkers with seats – at this time we have 12 walkers in stock and 3 canes with legs/quad canes, and are no longer in need of any more walker/quad cane donations at this time. *But we are in need of “like-new adjustable” **walking cane with cushioned hand grip**. If anyone has one they no longer need, and would like to donate it to the church, please bring it to the Parish Nurse office. Thank you to all who have helped this project continue throughout the years.

Progressive Dinner - St. Matthew is hosting an adult Progressive Dinner on Saturday, April 29th beginning at 4 pm. All adults are welcome. There will be three courses: appetizer, soup/salad or entree and we all come together for dessert. Everyone will have a role. Also, if you have a concern about driving, just let a member of Small Groups know and we will make arrangements for you to pair up with someone.

Please sign up in the narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-progressive> no later than April 9th. The week prior to the dinner, you will be contacted with your location for the first two courses.

We are working on babysitting services at the church. We are planning to provide very capable teenagers at our church with fun games and activities for the kiddos. Stay tuned on that component.

SAVE THE DATES

Sunday, May 7, 12:30 pm - Women's Luncheon (*Small Groups*)

June 26-30, 9 - 11 am - VBS (*Comprehensive Youth*)

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