

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday in Lent, Year A



PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 95

- L: Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- C: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**
- L: For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.
- C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- L: The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.
- C: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**
- L: For 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!
- C: "Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**
- L: There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- C: Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**
- L: Indeed I swore in my anger, 'they shall never come to my rest.'

HYMN: *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.**
- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.**
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**All: 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 WORD

A READING FROM: 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?" WORD OF GOD. WORD OF LIFE. **THANKS BE TO GOD.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO: JOHN 4:5-42

C: 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."

P: THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

SERMON *Pastor Julie L. Rogness*

HYMN *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

ELW 611

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place, and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

APOSTLES 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

SHARING THE PEACE — *The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***

GRATITUDE IN ACTION—OFFERING—OFFERTORY—GLOBE OFFERING...

Children are invited to bring forward an offering to the globe in the front of the church. Globe offerings will go to one of our global mission partners to be decided by our youth.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: God of good gifts,

C: 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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P 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.

P: 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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION—LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION: *Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness*

DISTRIBUTION & HYMN *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* ELW 777

- 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.**

- 2 **"Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest.
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest."** *Refrain*

- 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*

- 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*

- 5 **"Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend."** *Refrain*

- 6 **"Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home."** *Refrain*

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

BENEDICTION 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.

HYMN *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* ELW 335, vs. 1 & 2

- 1 **Jesus, keep me near the cross, there's a precious fountain;
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calv'ry's mountain.** *Refrain*

Refrain **In the cross, in the cross be my glory ever;
till my ransomed soul shall find rest beyond the river.**

- 2 **Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me.** *Refrain*

Ring of Bell

DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Serve in love.
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARTICIPANTS

PASTOR—Julie Rogness INTERN—Kris Kincaid ASSISTANT—Carmen Nesseth PIANO—Caryl Jorgensen
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CALENDAR

SUN/MAR 12	9 AM	WORSHIP w/Communion / In Person & Live-Streamed
	10 AM	Sunday School
	10 AM	FIFTH GRADE: 1ST COMMUNION CLASS
	10 AM	Internship Committee
	7 PM	AA
MON/MAR 13	10-noon	Stockettes
	7 PM	EdYou
WED/MAR 15	5:30 PM	Soup Supper
	6:15 PM	LENTEN WORSHIP
	6:45 PM	Mentors & Students
	7:45 PM	COUNCIL
THU/MAR 16	5:30 PM	Sons of Norway
	7 AA	AA
SUN/MAR 19	9 AM	WORSHIP w/Communion / In Person & Live-Streamed
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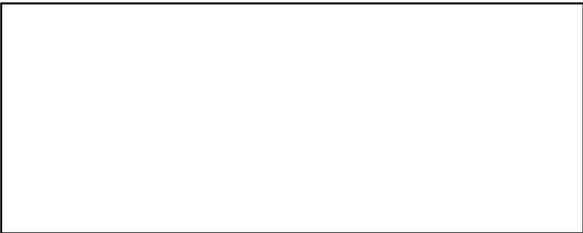
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SOUP COOKOFF FUNDRAISER – For Kenyon Area Internship Committee — Sunday March 26 at Gol Lutheran Church — Beginning 11 a.m. Live auction at 12:30

EASTER PLANTS - If you would like a plant in Church for Easter in Honor or Memory of a loved one, please purchase your own and deliver to the church. In order to be listed in the bulletin, please fill out a **PLANT SLIP – FOUND ON ENTRANCE TABLES** - leave slip in the offering plate or bring to church office, or e-mail your information to: firstlutherankenyon@gmail.com -- **DUE BY SUN, APRIL 2 (Palm Sunday)**

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