

John 4:14, NRSV



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As We Gather

One guideline consistently commended to hikers is the importance of bringing along sufficient water for the journey. It is important to be refreshed and revitalized along the way, wherever our paths may take us. As we gather for worship, our gracious God refreshes us here in this place where, as American hymnist Christopher Wordsworth beautifully phrased it, “Gospel-light is glowing With pure and radiant beams And living water flowing With soul-refreshing streams” (TLH 9:4). As we join in worship, our cups run over with that living water. Once again, we are renewed and satisfied and made ready to journey further in the name of the Lord.

✠ Preparation for Worship ✠

Hymn

9 -- O Day of Rest and Gladness

Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 34:1–3, 5, 22

- P** I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
- C** **My soul shall make its boast in the LORD; The humble shall hear of it and be glad.**
- P** Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together.
- C** **They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed.**
- P** The LORD redeems the soul of His servants,
- C** **And none of those who trust in Him shall be condemned.**

Confession and Absolution

- P** Almighty God, we know and admit that we are sinners. We are conceived and born sinful, and we add on to that burden of sin throughout our lives by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds. Indeed, we deserve God’s punishment now and eternally. When we reflect honestly on our lives, we readily see that we need repentance and renewal that can only come through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us then make confession to our gracious God.

C Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. You know too well our failings and our transgressions. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.

P In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ The Service of the Word ✠

Lord, Have Mercy

Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord, have mer - cy on us.

Glory to God in the Highest

Gloria in Excelsis

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to all peo-ple on
earth. Lord God, heav-enly king, al - migh-t-y God and
Fa - ther: We wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we
praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus

Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,
 Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the
 Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For You a-lone are the
 Ho - ly One, You a-lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it, in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray...
 ... who offered Himself as our Savior and our Redeemer.
- C** Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

¹ Then all the congregation of the children of Israel set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped in Rephidim; but there was no water for the people to drink. ² Therefore the people contended with Moses, and said, "Give us water, that we may drink." So Moses said to them, "Why do you contend with me? Why do you tempt the LORD?" ³ And the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses, and said, "Why is it you have brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, saying, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me!" ⁵ And the LORD said to Moses, "Go on before the people, and take with you some of the elders of Israel. Also take in your hand your rod with which you struck the river, and go. ⁶ Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock in Horeb; and you shall strike the rock, and water will come out of it, that the people may drink." And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ So he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the contention of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 95:1-9

- P** Oh come, let us sing to the LORD!
- C** Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.
- P** Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;
- C** Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.
- P** For the LORD is the great God,
- C** And the great King above all gods.
- P** In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
- C** The heights of the hills are His also.
- P** The sea is His, for He made it;
- C** And His hands formed the dry land.
- P** Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
- C** Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- P** For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture,
- C** And the sheep of His hand.
- P** Today, if you will hear His voice: "Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion,
- C** As in the day of trial in the wilderness,
- P** When your fathers tested Me;
- C** They tried Me, though they saw My work.

Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1-8

¹ Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; ⁴ and perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. ⁶ For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Response

P Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Amen.

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Hymn

277 -- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Sermon Text

John 4:5-26

⁵ So He came to a city of Samaria which is called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶ Now Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from His journey, sat thus by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give Me a drink." ⁸ For His disciples had gone away into the city to buy food. ⁹ Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no

dealings with Samaritans. ¹⁰ Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you living water.” ¹¹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water? ¹² Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?” ¹³ Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.” ¹⁵ The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” ¹⁷ The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You have well said, ‘I have no husband,’ ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.” ¹⁹ The woman said to Him, “Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.” ²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. ²⁴ God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ The woman said to Him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When He comes, He will tell us all things.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am He.”



Sermon

Quench Your Thirst

- I. Spiritual Thirst
- II. Living Water

Offertory



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O
God. Re - new a right spir-it with - in me. Cast me
not a - way from Your pres-ence. Take not Your Ho - ly
Spir-it from me. Re - store to me the joy of Your sal-
va - tion. Up - hold me with Your free Spir - it.

Hymn

324 -- Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

Offering Hymn

441 (1-2) – We Give Thee But Thine Own

1. We give Thee but Thine own,
Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

2. May we Thy bounties thus
As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,
To Thee our first-fruits give!

General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

C 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.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

469 -- Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

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✠ Announcements ✠

Welcome to all of our guests and visitors this morning in our Savior's name. We are glad that you have come to worship with us this morning, and hope that you will come back and join us again. It is our prayer that your faith will be strengthened by the preaching of our Lord's pure Word and by the psalms and hymns that our Scripture-based liturgy offers. If you have any questions about our church or are interested in learning more about the Scriptures, please ask Pastor Sauers.

Upcoming Schedule

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| March 12 | 8:00 am | Worship Service (Orlando) |
| | 10:15 am | Worship Service (Winter Haven) |
| March 15 | 6:30 pm | Midweek Lenten Worship Service |
| March 19 | 9:15 am | Bible Class |
| | 10:15 am | Worship Service |
| | 11:15 am | Trustees/Sign Committee; Council |
| March 22 | 6:30 pm | Midweek Lenten Worship Service |
| March 26 | 8:00 am | Worship Service (Orlando) |
| | 10:15 am | Worship Service (Winter Haven) |
| April 1 | 9:00 am | Work Day |

Member Visits: Pastor would like to get to know everyone in the congregation, and to that end, would like to visit with each family individually. These visits are intended as an opportunity for spiritual encouragement and for members to share their concerns, questions, comments, and suggestions. Please find the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board and sign up.

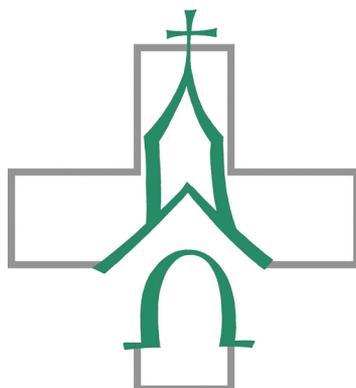
Midweek Lenten Worship: This year, our midweek Lenten theme is "Chronicles of the King." Throughout this series, we will explore how the kings of Judah are a shadow of Christ, the King of kings who sits upon the throne of David, His Father, forever. We will see how the kings in Chronicles point us to Christ, who fulfills all the kingly promises that the kings of Judah were unable to realize in themselves. This Wednesday, we consider King Joash under the theme: Cleaning House. We hope you will make plans to join us at 6:30 pm.

CLC Call News: Grace Lutheran of Valentine, NE has decided to call a third full-time teacher for their Christian Day School beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and decided to ask for a graduate from ILC's teacher-training program. The teacher will be asked to teach the middle grades, which at present would involve ten 3rd-4th graders. <> Mrs. Haley Seffens, a member of Messiah, Eau Claire, WI has accepted the call to teach kindergarten at Messiah, Eau Claire. <> Paul Agenten, currently in his 2nd year of Seminary training, has accepted the call to be Vicar at Immanuel, Mankato. Their call to him extends beyond the normal Vicar time period.

| Fruits of Faith – March 5, 2023 – WH – 57 | |
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| Immanuel Home | \$2,386.25 |
| Missions | \$250.00 |
| Tuition Grant | \$10.00 |
| Rent | \$600.00 |
| Lent | \$90.25 |
| Sign Fund | \$25.00 |
| Total Offering | \$3,361.50 |

✠ Serving Next Weekend ✠

Cleaner (3/18): Bernthal **Acolyte (3/19):** Maxwell Kuehne



✠ Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions ✠
March 13-18

Monday: Luke 9:51-56 -- Jesus face was set to go to Jerusalem, but not to destroy mankind, by nature sinful and unclean, but to save them at the cost of His very life. The human response to animosity is greater animosity, which Jesus turned and rebuked.

Tuesday: 1 Peter 1:13-16 -- Peter, whose response in Gethsemane had been to draw his sword, now points rather to the grace of God in Christ. This will move God's obedient children not to follow the passions of their former ignorance, but to conduct themselves as children of the heavenly Father.

Wednesday: Luke 22:63-65 -- The passions of ignorance included mocking God's Servant Jesus. His captors challenged His prophetic office, by suggesting that if He were a prophet He should prove it by responding to their "test." We, too, are tempted at times to put God to our tests. "If God really cared, He would..."

Thursday: Luke 22:66-71 -- After practice trials during the night, it was necessary to convene in the daytime to make Jesus' condemnation legal. This is accomplished by getting Him to testify that He is the Christ, the Son of God. For them this justified killing the Lord of Glory. For us this is the light of Salvation shining through the clouds of death.

Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-15 -- The prophet Jeremiah was sent to call people back from their evil ways to the true God. He was given the words to speak which prophesied the end of those who reject God's word. The people's passionate response was to encircle God's messenger, haul him to court, and threaten him with death.

Saturday: 2 Peter 1:19-21 -- Peter speaks of the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and reminds us that God's prophets (like Jeremiah) spoke what they were moved to speak by the Holy Spirit. Their words bring light in the darkness, and Christ's fulfillment brings the dawn of a new day in our hearts.