

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

9:30am Worship

The Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

*** Confession & Forgiveness p. 94-96**

*P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.***

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*P: Most merciful God, **C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.***

*P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.***

*** Gathering Hymn #660**

“Lift High The Cross”

*** Greeting p. 147** *P: 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.***

*** Kyrie p. 147** *P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

*P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.***

*P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C: Amen.***

*** Glory to God p. 148**

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth.

*** The Prayer of the Day (all pray) **Father in Heaven, You have called us to be your Church in the world. Strengthen our faith, so that our witness will be strong. Give us hearts that love and hands that serve. And in all that we do, help us to glorify our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave his life for us on the cross. In his holy name we pray. Amen.****

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

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. ² 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?" ³ 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?" ⁴ So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ 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?"

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading - Psalm 95

L: ⁹⁵ Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C: ² Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

L: ³ For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

C: ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

L: ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

C: ⁶ Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

L: ⁷ For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, if you hear his voice,

C: ⁸ do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

L: ⁹ when your fathers put me to the test and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

C: ¹⁰ For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known my ways."

ALL: ¹¹ Therefore I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter my rest."

Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-11

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. **2** 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. **3** Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** 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.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. **7** For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— **8** but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be

saved by him from the wrath of God. **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. **11** More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* **Gospel Acclamation** p. 151

* **Gospel Announcement**

* *Pastor:* The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

* **The Gospel Lesson:** John 4:7-14

7 A woman from 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** 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.) **10** 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." **11** 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? **12** Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." **13** Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon

Hymn #779 (vs. 1, 2)

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound"

The Sermon

"A God Moment At The Well"

Pastor William Shields

(sermon text: John 4:5-42)

* **Apostle's Creed** p. 105

The Hymn of the Day #164 (TOSB)

"Pass It On"

Offering

* **Offering Response #186**

Prayers

* **The Lord's Prayer** p. 154 **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**

* **Sending Hymn #759**

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"

* **Dismissal** *P:* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements:

Weekly Events:

Tues. Mar 14 10:00am Prayer Shawl
3:30pm Council meeting
Wed. Mar. 15 6:30am Men's Bible
11:00am Pastor's Bible Study
1:00pm Prayer Group
5:30-6:45pm Soup Supper
6:00pm Confirmation
6:00pm Choir
7:00pm Lenten Service
Thurs. Mar. 16 6:00pm Pastor's Study
Sat. Mar. 18 7:00am Gideon's Prayer meeting
1:00-5:00pm Mill's Family Party
Sunday, Mar. 5 – 9:30 am Worship
10:45 am Coffee Fellowship
Sunday School

Lenten Soup Suppers
March 15, 22, 29
Please sign up to make
soup, a dessert or help
in the kitchen.

March 19th
New Member Sunday!
Welcome our new members during Coffee time
downstairs.

Mobile Food Pantry
Thursday, March 30th
B.C. Fairgrounds
Volunteers needed at 8:30am
Anyone who can bring a wagon,
please do so.

Altar Guild Meeting
March 12 following the worship service.
Please meet in the front of the sanctuary.

Lutheran World Relief
The focus for this week is toothbrushes.
You may pick up a slip in the back with all items
required to make a Personal Care Kit to help with
your shopping.

Looking for ushers for the 7:00am Easter Service. If
you can do this, please contact the office.

Continued prayers for:

Those with cancer: Pastor Ian Griffith of Zion
Lutheran, Clarion, Karen May, Loren Cook, Linda
Kloc, Dennis Little, Shawn (co-worker of Dave
Little), Gary Peach (friend of Keith Cain).
Others: Harold Richards (stroke), Beverly
(cousin of Jerry Zibert brain tumor), Evelyn Sale
(upcoming knee surgery), Ron Dolenga (neighbor
of Zibert's on Hospice)