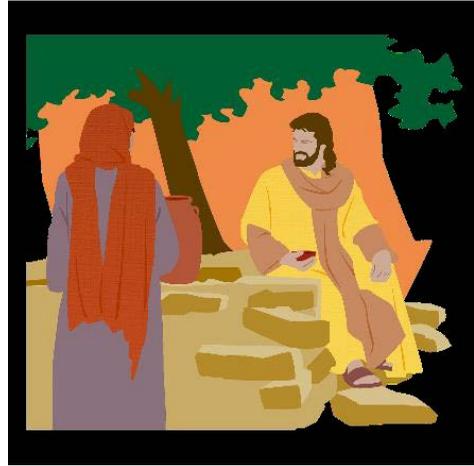


Sunday Worship  
Bulletin  
**THIRD SUNDAY**  
in  
**LENT**

10:00 a.m.

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### **WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS, OUR LORD**

We pray that our worship this day will be an inspiration to every one of us.

If you are a visitor or the guest of someone, please sign our Guest Book at the round table in the Foyer. Requests for prayers in this morning's service may be made by writing them on the Prayer Request form in the entryway of the church.

A Nursery for infants and toddlers is available in Room 4 on this level.

***Jesus said: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you are also to love another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."***

*John 13:34-35*



## The Order of Holy Communion– Setting One

TO OUR VISITORS AND GUESTS: The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at this congregation is administered in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions. It is celebrated in the confidence that we receive into our mouths, not just bread and wine, but as our Lord promises His true Body and Blood "through and in which we obtain the forgiveness of sins". If you are not a member of a congregation of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, we kindly ask that you arrange for a time to speak with Pastor Riley if you are interested in receiving Holy Communion.

**AS WE GATHER** : God's mercy and grace are revealed to those who deserve anything but. The Israelites who wandered the wilderness complained of no water. They didn't deserve anything because of their sinfulness, yet God responds in mercy and grace, providing water from a rock. A marginalized Samaritan woman didn't receive compassion from her community and didn't deserve it from our Savior Jesus Christ, yet she was given and shown mercy and grace and came to believe He is the Savior of the world. We, too, have gone astray and deserve much less than mercy and grace from God Himself. Yet, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

✠ OPENING HYMN NO. **423**: *"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"*

### ***Confession and Absolution***

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### ***Service of the Word***

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Kyrie

✠ SALUTATION and COLLECT

P: Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

***(Be Seated)***

P: Halfway through our Lenten journey to the cross this Third Sunday in Lent, we are reminded of the sinful waywardness of humanity and that despite our unfaithfulness, God answers with His grace. From the wilderness wandering in Exodus and His providing water from a rock to a grumbling people, to the Epistle truth of Him saving us even while we were sinners, to the Gospel where upon meeting a marginalized Samaritan woman Jesus would give the gift of living water that brings eternal life, we are also reminded of our own waywardness and sin. Yet through it all, our own hunger and thirst for righteousness and forgiveness are always met by the gift of our Savior Jesus Christ.

† OLD TESTAMENT: Exodus 17:1–7 (*Water from the rock*)

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. 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?” 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?” So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” 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. 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. 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?”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

† EPISTLE: Romans 5:1–8 (*Peace with God through faith*)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice[d] in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

***(Please Stand)***

† HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5–26 (*Jesus and the woman of Samaria*)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) 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.) 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.” 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? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” Jesus said to





her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

✠ HYMN of the DAY NO. **555**: "*Salvation Unto Us Has Come*" (Odd Verses)

**(Be Seated)**

✠ SERMON: "*The Hope That Never Disappoints*" Romans 5:1-8

**(Please Stand)**

✠ STATEMENT of FAITH: Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, Begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead whose kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

✠ PRAYER of the CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Lord God, though we are undeserving of not only Your mercy and grace but also of Your tending to our daily needs, we give You thanks that You provide all we need for this body and life. We pray for all that we need—health for the soul, peace for the mind, strength for the body, forgiveness of sin, freedom from condemnation, and a genuine heart gifted for service. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant Your healing to those we name before You. Bind up the hearts of those who are troubled, heal the wounds of those who suffer disease or injury, and comfort those who are burdened. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Grant that the witness and teaching of those whom You have called and placed as overseers and leaders in Your places of worship here and throughout the world faithfully fulfill the tasks You have placed before them, that they speak Your Word in confidence so that Your truth prevails. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for those who serve in our country in the armed forces and ask that You would guard and protect them in the fulfillment of their duties in domestic and foreign lands. For all who work in our communities for safety, order, and protection, be with them in their service; for all who use Your gifts and abilities given for the health and well-being of others in medical fields, guide their care. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: In this season of Lent, continue to open our ears to hear Your Word, to repent of sin, and to be drawn to the cross of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Bless all who commune at this altar today, that through the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus, they be strengthened in Your forgiveness, enabled to withstand temptation of the devil, and empowered to lovingly serve neighbors in Your name. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

† SHARING of the PEACE

† ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Offering**

We respond to God's love with our OFFERINGS

***(Please Stand and Sing Hymn Number 956: Create in Me )***

### **Service of the Sacrament (p. 160)**

*At the time of DISTRIBUTION, all those wishing to receive Holy Communion will come forward as the ushers direct. The bread/Body of the Lord will be served in your hand. If you wish to receive the Lord's blood from an individual glass rather than from the common cup, indicate so when Assistant comes to you and he will hand you a glass from which you then drink and place back in the tray carried by the acolyte.*

. DISTRIBUTION HYMN No. **629**: *“What Is This Bread”*

***At the end of the Distribution we stand and continue with  
NUNC DIMITTIS on p. 165***

† CLOSING HYMN No. **421**: *“Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing”*

† **POSTLUDE**

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SERVING US AS WE WORSHIP TODAY:

Assisting Elders – Paul Brose & Bill Schneeloch

Acolyte – Derek Henchey

Lay Reader – Erika Slozak

Altar Care – Jane McClure