

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 15 and 16, 2020

Welcome to Worship! Although God calls us to serve others, we so often live selfishly with our hearts of stone. But in Christ, God pours out His living water into our lives, and our hearts become springs that well up to eternal life! Because of this new life, we can and do live as God desires.

First time guests: Please stop by the Welcome Center for a travel mug and other gifts!

A Staffed Nursery is available at **9:00 A.M.** below the entrance on Walnut St. and a Comfort Room is in the Atrium.

All Sunday School classes meet UPSTAIRS. **Adult Bible Classes** are in the Fellowship Hall, and the **Adult Information Class** meets upstairs in 203. Everyone is welcome!

Cell Phones: *Please remember to silence cell phones and electronics during worship.*

Holy Communion will be offered at **11:15AM.** If you are not a confirmed member of the Lutheran church, please contact an Elder or Pastor before Communing. Wine with alcohol removed is in the tray center. The Common Cup is served to those who do not take an individual cup. Gluten free wafers are available.

Large Print bulletins and **Hearing devices** are available from an usher.

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THE PRELUDE: "My Song is Love Unknown" - Charles Callahan

THE OPENING HYMN: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" Hymn 761

+++ **7:00 THE HYMN:** "See this Wonder in the Making" Hymn 593

+++ **7:00 THE BAPTISM** of **JENNIFER ANNMARIE JONES** Page 268

Parents: Jason and Denise Jones

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THE LENTEN CROSS HYMN: "Jesus, I Will Ponder Now" Hymn 440, verse 3

THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY: (We pray together) **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. Amen.**

THE WORD OF THE MONTH: (We speak together) **God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Exodus 17:1-7 (page 59)

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?"

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

+++ **9:00 THE ANTHEM:** "The Lord is a Mighty God" - Felix Mendelssohn

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:1-8 (page 942)

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 in hope of the glory of God. More than that, 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.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God!**

THE ALLELUIA AND VERSE are omitted during Lent (Please stand)

THE GOSPEL: John 4:5-26 (page 888) **C: (Sing) Glory be to Thee, 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. There came a woman of Samaria 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 forever. 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."

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord. C: (sing) Praise be to Thee, O Christ!

+++ THE CREED: APOSTLES' 9:00 (pg. 192) NICENE: 11:15 (pg. 191)

THE HYMN: "Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" Hymn 423

THE SERMON: "Water from a Stone"

THE OFFERING: (Please register Attendance and Communion)

THE MUSICAL OFFERING: 9:00: "God's Wondrous Love" - O.C. Christiansen
11:15 and 7:00: "Trio VIII" - Josef Rheinberger

THE PRAYERS

+++ 11:15 HOLY COMMUNION: Pages 194-202; Hymns: 437, 763, 625, 642

THE CLOSING HYMN: "Glorious Things of You Are Spoken" Hymn 648

Please take time after the closing hymn to greet and introduce yourself to those around you.

THE POSTLUDE: "Cross of Jesus Cross of Sorrow" - Kevin Hildebrand

A pastor will be available after the service in the chapel to take prayer requests or notes for care.

Preacher: Vicar Ronchetto **Liturgists:** Pastor Blomenberg and Pastor Bloch

Lector: Pastor Rodriguez **Organist:** Mr. Paul Scheiderer **Special Music:** Adult Choir

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