

CREATED, SAVED AND GIFTED BY GOD
WE ARE CALLED TO SEEK,
SERVE AND SHARE JESUS CHRIST



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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 27, 2005

8:30 AM

GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

In the early church, immediate preparation for baptism at Easter was heightened by the proclamation of gospel stories chosen especially for the last Sundays in Lent. We hear these readings today and in the Sundays to come.

Today's gospel is the story of the Samaritan woman asking Jesus for water. It is an image of our great thirst for God's mercy, grace, and forgiveness. It is an image of God's grace freely given to us in scripture, baptism, the holy supper, and the faith of our brothers and sisters. The church invites all who seek God to come to these good things where we encounter the one who gives us life-giving water.

February 27, 2005

8:30 a.m. Worship

Drinking Fountain

Some of us gather with colleagues at water coolers to share stories and catch up with each other. In biblical times the well was also a place to meet and gather. Since wells often were the place where matches were made, symbolically we could say they represent the place where things come together.

Things come together for the woman in today's gospel reading. The woman is concerned with wells and buckets, but Jesus has something else in mind. Coming to draw water for her daily needs, she encounters instead an invitation to a deeper relationship with God. Thirsty for meaning, for community, the Samaritan woman experiences the living water offered by Jesus.

It is a common human experience to be thirsty for more out of life. Advertisers promise that if we drink a certain product, wear certain clothes, or buy certain things we will be cool, happy, and fulfilled. We numb our spiritual thirst by becoming addicted to substances, our work, or being busy. We try to gain the approval of others to make the thirst go away, but it doesn't.

Today's gospel became a central text for those preparing for baptism at Easter. Baptism is about a new way of life. It's where things come together in Christ. It's about being thirsty and turning to Jesus as the source of living water. But what is more awesome is that God thirsts for us, and longs to fill our deepest needs.

It is not a well or a water cooler where we meet this Lord's day, but a drinking fountain. The water is streaming for all people to drink. It is God's mercy raining down on us and drenching us with grace. It is a flood drowning our sin and all the pain and injustice in the world.

So drink deeply from the cup we share this day. Drink deeply from the fountain that is your baptism, that is Easter, that is Christ!

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We encourage worshippers to read the introductions to the Readings of the Day in preparation for listening to the Word of God. Thank you.

** Stand if you are able.

WELCOME

HYMN 499 LBW (green hymnal)

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

GATHERING

** KYRIE

(David Haas)

▣ Gathered in peace, gathered in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. ◻ Lord, have mer - cy.

▣ For peace from above, and for the saving power of God, let us pray.

Christ, have mer - cy. ◻ Christ, have mer - cy.

▣ For peace in the world, for the Church, for the unity of all, let us pray.

Lord, have mer - cy. ◻ Lord, have mer - cy.

▣ For this holy place, and for all who gather here for praise, let us pray.

Christ, have mer - cy. ◻ Christ, have

mer - cy. A - men.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (spoken)

Let us sing *Turn My Heart, O God* as we prepare to confess our sin before God and in the presence of one another.

Marty Haugen

Refrain

Turn* my heart, O God. Turn my heart, O God.

Take my pain and bro-ken-ness; shape my life for



you. Come and turn my heart, O God.



Verse response (3 times)

Come and turn my heart, O God.

** If desired, the first word of this phrase may be changed each time it appears.*

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Gracious and merciful God,

We confess to you the truth of our broken lives. We have not trusted your promises or walked in your ways. We have hoarded and squandered the gifts of your creation. We have failed to welcome the stranger and the outcast, and to make room at the table for the homeless and the hungry. We have neither worked to release the oppressed nor admitted our own captivities. Forgive our sin, heal our lives, and set us free that we might live with your whole creation in the justice and joy of your promised future.

God, who is merciful and kind, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, hears the cries of all who plead for mercy and, in these last days, has sent Christ Jesus to announce the good news of forgiveness and release to all who are bound by guilt or broken by shame, that they might praise God and serve the world with glad and generous hearts.

For freedom Christ has you free.

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

What Wondrous Love is This
Shepherd Bells

(arr. Kevin McChesney)

Let us contemplate on the love, grace, and forgiveness our Heavenly Father has given us. As the Shepherd Bells play, you are invited to turn to number 385 in the green hymnals to follow the words.

GATHERING OF PRAYERS / Collecting of Gold / Green Cards

Pastor Prochaska

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

Pastor Prochaska

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

The first reading is from Exodus, chapter 17.

Today's reading is one of several that tell of experiences during the wilderness wandering. In this case, the people complain because they have a legitimate need, and God responds by providing for them. Later in their wanderings, when the people complain because of their wants, God responds with anger.

From 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?" (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM (spoken)

Psalms 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.

**⁴In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.

**⁶Come, let us bow down and bend the knee,
and kneel before the LORD our maker.**

⁷For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

**⁸Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness,
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.**

⁹They put me to the test,
though they had seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years long I detested that generation and said,**

“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways.”

¹¹So I swore in my wrath,

“They shall not enter into my rest.”

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

The Second Reading is from Romans, chapter 5.

Through Jesus’ death on the cross, sinners have been put right with God through faith. And being made right with God produces results—ultimately, sure hope for the future, a hope produced and confirmed by God’s Spirit.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

** LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Haas)

Assistant: Return, return to the Lord your God.



☐ or ☒ Re - turn, re - turn to the Lord, your God.

Assistant: Who is gracious and merciful, and slow to anger, abounding in love. Return, return to the Lord your God.



☐ or ☒ Re - turn, re - turn to the Lord, your God.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

In the culture of Jesus' time, Jews tended to avoid dealings with Samaritans, and men did not converse with women in public. When Jesus crosses these boundaries to speak with a Samaritan woman, he makes himself known as the agent of God who knows all.

[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."¹¹ The 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."¹⁵ The 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."¹⁷ The 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."²¹ Jesus 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."²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶ Jesus 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."³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about."³³ So 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." (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Shepherd Bells and Congregation

The congregation will sing verses 1,2 and 4. Please listen during verse 3 and meditate on the wonder of our Lord's amazing love for us.

Verse 1

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Verse 3

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compse so rich a crown

Verse 2

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

Verse 4

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were a present far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

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SERMON

Reconciled to God

Pastor Prochaska

** **HYMN** 9 (purple songbook)

As the Deer

** **PRAYERS** (spoken)

Prayers are included for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish and special concerns. The minister gives thanks for the faithful departed, especially for those who recently have died.

The Lenten journey leads us to repentance and new life. Let us turn our hearts to God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

We pray: **Lord have mercy.**

Merciful and gracious God, hear our prayers, restore us to the joy of your salvation, and uphold us with your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

MEAL

** PEACE (spoken)

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

*The ministers and congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words: **Peace be with you.***

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

The Offering is received as the Lord's Table is prepared.

OFFERTORY

Fill My Cup Lord

(Richard Blanchard)

1. Like the wo - man at the well, I was seek - ing _____ for
 (2. There are) mil - lions in this world who are crav - ing _____ the
 (3. So, my) bro - ther, if the things this world gave you, _____ leave

3 things that could not sat - is - fy. And then I heard my Sav - ior
 pleas - ure earth - ly things af - ford. But none can match the won - d'rous
 an - gers that won't pass a - way. My bless - ed Lord will come and

6 speak - ing: _____ "Draw from my well that nev - er shall run dry."
 treas - ure _____ that I find in Je - sus Christ, my Lord. Fill my
 save you, _____ if you kneel to Him and humb - ly pray:

9 cup, Lord, _____ I lift it up, Lord, _____ Come and quench this thirst - ing of my

12 B^b $F7$ B^b B^b7 E^b B^b $Cm7$
soul. Bread of heav-en, feed me till I want no more. Fill my
15 $F7$ B^b 1,2 B^b 3
cup, fill it up and make it whole. 2. There are whole.
3. So, my

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**** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (spoken)**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE FOR LENT (spoken by the Pastor)

Pastor prays... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY (sung)

(by Marty Haugen; based on Argentine folk melody)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. ho-san - na in the high - est.

Pastor prays...

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, ris - ing you re -
stored our life. Lord Je - sus, come in glo - ry, Lord
Je - sus, come in glo - ry.

... through whom all glory and honor is yours, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever.

AMEN



A - men, Al - le - lu - ia, all praise to you for - ev - er. A -
(Praise to you, Lord,)
men, A - men, to you, O God, now and ev - er - more.

**** LORD'S PRAYER** (spoken) (Personal option - holding hands)

Made bold by the Holy Spirit, we pray as Jesus taught:

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.

**** LAMB OF GOD** (sung as communion assistants come forward)

Cantor



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
Bread of Life,
Sav - ing Cup,

To Repeat *All*



world: have mer-cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Last time *All*



world: grant us your peace, grant us your peace.

HOLY COMMUNION -- Receiving the Lord's tangible presence

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. The communicant may say: **Amen.**

We invite everyone to come to the Communion Rail and kneel if you are able. Children who have not been instructed are encouraged to join their family for a blessing. The Pastor or Communion Assistant will place the communion wafer in the communicant's "cupped hands". Choice of chalice with wine or individual glasses with wine or apple juice are available. Communicants desiring apple juice will need to "gesture" to the innermost circle of glasses in the communion tray where glasses of apple juice are available. The Communion Assistant will hand you the proper small communion cup. After receiving Holy Communion and private prayer at the Altar we encourage communicants to return to their pew for additional prayer, meditation or participation in singing the communion hymns. God bless you.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

- 38 (purple songbook)
- 23 (purple songbook)
- 60 (purple songbook)

*For By Grace
Broken for You
Holy, Holy*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (spoken)

Let us pray.

We bless you, O God, for the free gift of righteousness and peace in Jesus Christ, whose body and blood have nourished us here. Lead us out from this house of prayer to the places you will show us, so that we will be a blessing to others in the name of Christ, our redeemer. **Amen.**

SENDING

THIS WEEK AT GOOD SHEPHERD

- * Brief Announcements
- * Birthdays & Anniversaries
- * Joys & Concerns
- * Special Matters

** **BLESSING** (spoken)

May God restore in you the joy of salvation, strengthen your love for your neighbor, and grant you to live in harmony with all creation; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you forever.
Amen.

** **HYMN** 369 LBW (green hymnal) (vs. 1,2,5)

The Church is One Foundation

DISMISSAL (spoken)

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

O LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER

Praise & Thanksgiving to God For

The people and friends of Good Shepherd

Cathy & Dan Smith, missionaries in Tanzania

Bishop Mark S. Hanson, Presiding Bishop, ELCA, Chicago

Bishop Callon W. Halloway Jr., Bishop Southern Ohio Synod, ELCA, Columbus

Companion Synods: East of Lake Victoria Diocese, Tanzania, East Africa

and Evangelical Church of Mecklenburg, Germany

GOD'S PRESENCE & STRENGTH FOR

Milan Filcik	Sharon
Hazel Reel	Terry
Dick Caton	The John Burris family
Ruth Lackey	Peg Potter
Hannah Pressnell & Captive Free West Lakes Team	Floyd Seim
Tami Miozzi	Becky Cook
Darren	John Heyl
Lygia Harrison	Sandy & Dick Moore on the death of Sandy's father in Florida, burial this week in Medina, Ohio
Roberta, friend of Bill Fahle	Prayer of Thanks for Mark Shoemaker for filling in for Kim Conway, while she is away
Ferne Neeb	Ron Hershey
Tsunami Relief efforts	Bob
David Curry	Jamie
Al Sessler on the death of his brother-in-law, Quintus Koth	Tina, on a death in her family
Mary Thieman	Tom, who has cancer
Charlotte Nelson – who has cancer	Sally, in the Cleveland Clinic
Christy	Maria, Michael, & Marisol
Ann Mess – who had a heart attack, Bambi Higgins mother-in-law	Wayne, Sylvia Bieller's uncle, who is near death
Jim Harrold	Brenda
Kim, a young mother, who has brain cancer	Hawond
Roberta	Michelle
Nicholas Sauer, grandson of Mary Ann & Bob Sauer, born 2/12, hospitalized at Children's in Cincinnati with breathing problems	The Bendig family Scott Stromhinger

February 27, 2005 – The Third Sunday of Lent

Prayers Received February 20, 2005 – The Second Sunday of Lent

**Please take this home and use it daily to remember in prayer
those who are near and dear to the Good Shepherd Community of Faith**

Please email Sheila or Jeff Stutrud with your prayer requests at prayers@goodshepherdkettering.com