

## Third Sunday in Lent

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### Celebrate (Introduction)

*"In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal – offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness."*

**Opening Hymn:** [ELW 631 – Love Divine, All Love Excelling](#)

### Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** [Exodus 17:1-7](#)

**Psalmody:** Psalm 95

### A Call to Worship and Obedience

- <sup>1</sup>O come, let us sing to the LORD;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- <sup>2</sup>Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
- <sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God  
and a great King above all gods.
- <sup>4</sup>In his hand are the depths of the earth; 3302  
the heights of the mountains are his also.
- <sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it,  
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- <sup>6</sup>O come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
- <sup>7</sup>For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!

<sup>8</sup> Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
<sup>9</sup> when your ancestors tested me  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.  
<sup>10</sup> For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray,  
and they do not regard my ways."  
<sup>11</sup> Therefore in my anger I swore,  
"They shall not enter my rest."

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:** [Romans 5:1-11](#)

**The Gospel:** [John 4:5-42](#)

**Hymn:** [ELW 324 – In the Cross of Christ I Glory](#)

**The Message:** ([Sermon Audio Link](#))

**Offering\*:** ([On-Line giving Link](#))

We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.

### **The Prayer**

We pray for all who need your comforting and healing presence especially: Heidi Brackbill, Parker Brennan, the Elshafei family, Alexis Erdman, Samantha Erdman, the Fleming family, Jeff Fultz, Mary Goehring, Samuel Edward Hawkins Jr., Angela Hayes, Mark Hughes, the Johnson family, Faith Jolly, Robert Karner, Charles Larsen, Charlotte Leer, the McNamara family, Donna Mayhew, Wendy Neumann, Julie Obie, Peter Olsen, Brenda Penyak, Dottie Reitz, Robert Reitz, Colin Shea, Jerry Shea, Jack Smith, the Spiegler family, Esther Trautwein, and Pastor Jack.

We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen

### **The Lord's Prayer**

#### **The Benediction**

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face shine upon you;  
The Lord lift up His presence upon you and give you peace. Amen

And now my brothers and sisters  
Live on knowing God's love,

The joy of living this life of love,  
And the peace which only comes through the power of His presence within you.  
So live on in Love, Joy, Peace, and Power.

**Closing Hymn:** [ELW 618 – Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer](#)

**Announcements**

- **Wednesday** Bread & Soup Dinner starting 6:00 pm, followed by the Lenten Discussion: “Baptized We Live,” by Daniel Erlander
- **Wednesday, Council Meeting** (following the Lenten Discussion)

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