



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT
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Service of the Word

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.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

P Blessed be the Holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

LITANY OF FORGIVENESS

P Lord, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy.

P Lord, have mercy.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

For self-centered living, and for failing to walk with humility and gentleness:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For longing to have what is not ours, and for hearts that are not at rest with ourselves:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For misuse of human relationships, and for unwillingness to see the image of God in others:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For jealousies that divide families and nations, and for rivalries that create strife and warfare:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For reluctance in sharing the gifts of God, and for carelessness with the fruits of creation:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For hurtful words that condemn, and for angry deeds that harm:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P For idleness in witnessing to Jesus Christ, and for squandering the gifts of love and grace:

C Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, have mercy on us.

P Christ, have mercy.

C Lord, have mercy.

P Christ, have mercy.

GATHERING HYMN

Give Me Jesus

ELW 770

GREETING

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE

O God beyond All Praising

SEE INSERT

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

C Amen.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

¹From 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?”

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

Psalm 95

Spoken responsively during Lent

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

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

⁷For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God’s voice!

⁸**“Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger,
“They shall never come to my rest.”

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹Since 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

⁵Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. ⁷A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the well is deep; where then can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" ¹³Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go call your husband and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered and said to him, "I do not have a husband." Jesus answered her, "You are right in saying, 'I do not have a 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 can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. ²⁴God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Anointed; when he comes, he will tell us everything." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." ²⁷At that moment his disciples returned, and were amazed that he was talking with a woman, but still no one said, "What are you looking for?" or "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸The woman left her water jar and went into the town and said to the people, ²⁹"Come see a man who told me everything I have done. Could he possibly

be the Messiah?" ³⁰They went out of the town and came to him. ³¹Meanwhile, the disciples urged him, "Rabbi, eat." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat of which you do not know." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Could someone have brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'In four months the harvest will be here'? I tell you, look up and see the fields ripe for the harvest. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving his payment and gathering crops for eternal life, so that the sower and reaper can rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying is verified that 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap what you have not worked for; others have done the work, and you are sharing the fruits of their work." ³⁹Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me everything I have done." ⁴⁰When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹Many more began to believe in him because of his word, ⁴²and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW HYMN 332

Please stand for the final verse of the hymn.

P Let us confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A God of living water, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. May its witness be a source of refreshment for thirsty souls. Strengthen our voices, that all people can know and believe that Jesus is truly the savior of the world. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of living water, protect from pollution or misuse all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. Bless the work of those who dig wells and those who advocate for access to clean water, that all people and animals have enough to drink. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of living water, open the hearts of leaders and authorities, that they hear the cries of the suffering and act with compassion toward them. Bring peace to disputed lands and bring reconciliation to people divided by race, culture, or nationality. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of living water, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill, especially Chuck Sodergren and Julie Reeves. Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of living water, renew us in the promises of baptism. Join us together in worship, fellowship, and sharing your good news. Embolden us to serve others and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of living water, we ask your blessings on St. John Lutheran in Bendena, St. John Lutheran in Lancaster, St. Mark Lutheran in Atchison, and Zion Lutheran in Beloit, Kansas. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A God of living water, bless Jake Kennedy, Trey Horton, and Carol Marker as they celebrate their birthdays this week and Cathy Tunnell, Jane Lewis, and Diane Bottorff as they remember their baptisms. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P God of living water, we thank you for those who endured suffering and who now boast in the glory of God. Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts and give us peace as we live in the hope of our salvation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

Let us greet one another with God's peace.

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERING

Offering – Reflection on *Lamb of God* — ELW 197 – Lamb of God —
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

During this Lenten season, you will hear various arrangements of *Lamb of God*. Since we won't be communing, I hope you will find these reflections a time to contemplate on the sacrament.

"Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us and grant us peace."

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom.

C Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

TO BE A SENDING PEOPLE

Each week during the service, we will examine what it means to be a people sent out into the World to Proclaim the Good News. We will particularly focus on ways that we can invite those around us to be members of this Godly Work.

Sending Activity and Music

SENDING PRAYER

P Brothers and Sisters, both your work and your rest are in God's hands. Will you endeavor to pattern your life on the Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to God and in service to others, at morning and evening, at work and at play, all the days of your life?

C We will, and we ask God to help us.

P May the Lord Bless you and keep you. May the Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

ELW 647

SENDING

A Go in peace. Share the good news.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Rebellious Bibles

From Waldo to Luther:

Translating the Bible and How It Changed Our Faith

During Lent, our Lenten Study will look at the efforts of Reformers during the Middle Ages to translate the Bible into the people's language. As Lutherans, we know the story of Martin Luther's Bible, but Luther was not the first. Luther looked to examples set by Peter Waldo in Italy, Jan Huss in Prague, and William Tyndale in England for inspiration and courage in setting a path for the church where all the people of the world could read the Bible in their native tongue.

The Lenten Study will be on Wednesday evenings starting with Evening Prayer at 5:15 pm in the sanctuary. After Prayer, we will move downstairs for the study. Please bring a snack item (chips, cookies, etc.) to share while we learn. See you there!

Lenten Midweek Study Dates

March 18

March 25

April 1

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Welcome to worship at Trinity!

Thank you for joining us for worship. We hope that you, members and visitors, found the Spirit of God in our midst.

If you are interested in becoming a member of Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, or have other questions, please contact the church office at 785.233.0767

| Worship Assistants | | | | | | | | | |
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| Date | Greeter(s) | Usher(s) | Musician | Lector | Acolyte | Altar Guild | Coffee Hosts | Assisting Minister | Presiding Minister |
| March 15, 2020 | Don & Charlotte O'Brien | Walt Laughlin | Laurie Jackson | Junior Utech | Parker Jackson | No communion | Andy & LaVell Winsor | Bob Horton | Pr. Andrew Patty |
| March 22, 2020 | Marilyn Heckman | Dean McGinnis | Laurie Jackson | Janelle Meredith | Curt Lewis | No communion | Donna Allen, Marilyn Heckman, & Carol Marker | Walt Laughlin | Pr. Andrew Patty |
| March 29, 2020 | Vickie Jacobs | Bob Horton | Laurie Jackson | LaVell Winsor | LaVell Winsor | No communion | Junior & Liz Utech | Ted Murphy | Pr. Andrew Patty |

Remember our shut-ins!

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| Lucille Brill | Marlene Hassan | Keith Springer |
| Peggy Buchholz | Roy O'Neil | Naomi Walker |
| Don Longren | Ron Owensby | |



As a reminder...Due to HIPPA and Privacy Laws, hospitals and care facilities are not allowed to notify us when patients are admitted. Therefore, we ask that you or a friend or family member contact the church office if you will be entering a hospital or care facility, if you are unable to attend worship due to illness or mobility, or if you would like your name or that of a friend or family member included in the prayers. Call 233-0767 or email office@topekatlc.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY

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| Today, Mar. 15 | Adult Sunday School..... | 9:15 AM |
| | Worship with Holy Communion..... | 10:30 AM |
| | Witness/Outreach Meeting..... | during coffee hour |
| Mon., Mar. 16 | Women's AA..... | 5:00 PM |
| | LFACT Meeting..... | 7:00 PM |
| Tues., Mar. 17..... | Quilters | 9:00 AM |
| Wed., Mar. 18 | Priscilla Circle Bible Study..... | 10:00 AM |
| | Lenten Evening Prayer & Study | 5:15 PM |
| | Women's AA..... | 5:30 PM |
| Thurs., Mar. 19..... | April 2020 Trinity Tidings Deadline | |
| | Men's AA | 7:00 PM |
| Sunday, Mar. 22 | Adult Sunday School..... | 9:15 AM |
| | Worship with Holy Communion..... | 10:30 AM |

We are invited to join 1st Lutheran and the residents of Luther Place for Bible study on the second and fourth Saturdays of each month. The study will take place at 9:00 am in the lounge of Luther Place I.

| OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|---------------------|------------------------|--|----------------------|
| Date | General | Other | Total Weekly Income | Average Weekly Expense | Weekly Income Minus Average Weekly Expense | Attendance/Communion |
| Feb. 16 | \$2,547.00 | \$50.00 | \$2,597.00 | -\$2,648.00 | -\$51.00 | 34/36 |
| Feb. 23 | \$2,345.00 | \$98.00 | \$2,443.00 | -\$2,648.00 | -\$205.00 | 31/32 |
| Mar. 1 | \$2,629.00 | \$95.50 | \$2,724.50 | -\$2,792.00 | -\$67.50 | 39/na |
| Mar. 8 | \$2,535.00 | \$168.50 | \$2,703.50 | -\$2,792.00 | -\$88.50 | 34/na |
| The money shown in the "Other" column is restricted and not available for our general fund. | | | | | | |
| | | | Income | Expense | Behind/Ahead | |
| | | Feb 2020 | \$9,979.17 | -\$8,434.73 | \$1,544.44 | |
| | | Jan. - Feb | \$18,972.17 | -\$20,530.87 | -\$1,558.70 | |



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**Trinity Evangelical
 Lutheran Church**
 is to

- worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

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