

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent

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**PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP** Heavenly Father, as I come into your presence today in your house I acknowledge my sinfulness. I have gone astray from your commands and loving will. Forgive me, for the sake of Jesus. Let the knowledge that you do forgive me in him reign in my life. Grant me peace as I hear your message today, and vigor as I live a life redeemed tomorrow and here after. Amen.

**GUESTS** Welcome to our visitors!



**OPENING HYMN** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

CW 526



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to  
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the  
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse  
down be-neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown  
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme,  
free, I'll sing his love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty



for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.  
I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.  
I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

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Tune: Southern Harmony, New Haven, 1835, ed. William Walker  
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In the name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature**

**and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the [+] Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*CW 190*

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

## **THE WORD**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

### **FIRST READING**

*Exodus 17:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

<sup>3</sup>But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

<sup>4</sup>Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

<sup>5</sup>The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

*Romans 5:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*John 4:13,14*

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.”**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”  
<sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

<sup>11</sup>“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

<sup>13</sup>Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

<sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

<sup>17</sup>“I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup>The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

<sup>19</sup>“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup>“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup>The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup>Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**HYMN OF THE DAY** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

CW 703



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

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**SERMON** Exodus 17:1–7

"The Water is Just Right"

*Stand*

## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Be seated*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Loving God and Lord, you created the universe that surrounds us and the globe on which we live. You control all things through your Son, who sits at your right hand in glory.

**Comfort us with the promise of your eternal presence.**

Give your Word power as it works in our hearts and minds. Clear away our confusion, and demolish our doubts. Send your Spirit to strengthen both our confidence in your promises and our desire to live according to your will.

**Take away our love of sinning, and restore us each day by your grace.**

The signs of the times warn us that the end of time is near. Protect us from scoffers who sneer at your truth. Spare us and Christians around the world from all forms of hate and persecution.

**Give us courage to carry the cross with patience and joy.**



Instill in the hearts of our children a desire to follow you as they prepare for future days. Help them distinguish between what is passing and what is eternal, between instant thrills and lasting joy. Encourage more young people to prepare for service in the public ministry of the gospel.

**Mold us and move us to be good examples for our youth.**

Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical or emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving, and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

**Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.**

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Whether we pray together or alone, you have promised to hear and answer us. Give us patience to accept your blessings in whatever way you send them. In your love and wisdom, prepare us for the day when you will take us to be with you forever.

**Hear us for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

## **OFFERING & WELS CONNECTION**

*Members and guests alike are also asked to fill out the Friendship Register, pass the entire pad to the next person, and return it to the center aisle.*

Luke 13:1-9 - In the aftermath of a major tragedy, survivors often find themselves trying to find answers to questions like "How could this happen?", "What do I do now?", or the more fundamental "Why me?" Christians who have placed their trust in today's popular "success theologies" may feel like they've received a sucker punch to the gut, as they're now forced to ask, "Is my sin greater than that of those around me?" In this text, Jesus responds with a resounding "I tell you, no!" and then reminds the rest of us that "unless you repent, you too will all perish." With his death on the cross, Christ paid the price for sin once and for all, and now lives to nurture and prune our faith. Although life's hardships and tragedies remain, we may rest securely knowing that we are at peace with God.

## HYMN

## "How Deep the Father's Love for Us"

CW 523:1-2



1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all  
 2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his



mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to  
 shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.  
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the  
 un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
 brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.

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## PRAYERS &amp; THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

## BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and [+] give you peace.

**Amen.**

## HYMN

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

CW 523:3

3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no  
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his  
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?  
I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with  
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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- General Fund
- Mortgage Reduction
- Parsonage Appeal
- Door Offering



## THIS WEEK AT OUR SAVIOR

Sunday (3/12)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Teen Bible Study
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
Monday	5:30 PM	Elders meeting
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Tuesday	10:30 AM	Senior Bible Study
Wednesday	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Children's Chapel</b>
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation Class
Thursday	<b>3:30 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b>
	<b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>Lenten Service</b>
Friday	9:00 AM	Mom's Circle (J.A.M)
Saturday	7:00 AM	Men's Breakfast Bible Study
Sunday (3/19)	<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/communion</b>
	9:15 AM	Adult & Teen Bible Study
	9:15 AM	Sunday School
	<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Worship Service w/communion</b>

*LiveStream on Youtube Channel at 10:30am every Sunday  
This service is also recorded for review after livestream.  
Link on our website (see below).*

## **THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICE**

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**ORGANIST:**  
Emily Christie

**HYMNS:**  
As Printed

**THE FIRST LESSON:**  
Exodus 17:1-7

**THE SECOND LESSON:**  
Romans 5:1-8

**THE GOSPEL LESSON:**  
John 4:5-26

**THE SERMON:**  
Exodus 17:1-7

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