



**OUR SAVIOUR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Southern Pines, North Carolina**

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Third Sunday in Lent

**March 12, 2023**

## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*Pastor:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Pastor:* Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy. Holy God,

*People:* **we confess to you our faults and failings. Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.**

*Pastor:* Hear the good news: God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life. This promise is for you! God embraces you with divine mercy, (+) forgives you in Christ's name, and revives you in the Spirit's power.  
**Amen.**

## **GATHERING SONG** - Scandal of Grace

## **THE APOSTOLIC GREETING**

*Pastor:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*People:* **And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

*Pastor:* In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor:* 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.

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

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

*People:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Pastor:* Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

*People:* **Amen. Amen.**

### **THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*Pastor:* 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.**

### **THE FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7**

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. The people quarrelled 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?' But 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?'

So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The 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. I 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. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **THE PSALM: Psalm 95** (*Read responsively by half verse.*)

<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;  
**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.'**

## **THE SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11**

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and 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.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been

justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For 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. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Here ends the reading. Word of God, Word of Life...

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON** - Heather Lussier

**THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** – *"Be Thou My Vision" ELW #793 v. 1*

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5-42**

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The 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.) 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 no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but 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.' 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.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' 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 have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 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 worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these 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' (who is called Christ). 'When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.' Jesus said to her, 'I am he, the one who is speaking to you.'

Just 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?' Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?' They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, eat something.' But he said to them, 'I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples said to one another, 'Surely no one has brought him something to eat?' Jesus said to them, 'My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do 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. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, "One sows and another reaps." I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.'

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, 'He told me everything I have ever done.' So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They 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 Saviour of the world.'

*Pastor:* The Gospel of the Lord

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**THE SERMON:** Saved by Grace: The Benefit of Faith  
Rev. Frank Waugh

**THE HYMN OF THE DAY** - *How Firm a Foundation* - ELW #796

## **PROFESSION OF FAITH**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

### **THE PEACE**

### **THE OFFERING + THE OFFERING RESPONSE**

### **THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

### **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** - ELW p. 144

*Pastor:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Pastor:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Pastor:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### **THE PREFACE** (*Sung by Pastor*)

### **THE SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## **THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Spoken)

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Come receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

## **COMMUNION SONGS**

### **Lamb of God**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace, grant us peace.

## **THE COMMUNION PRAYER**

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **THE BLESSING**

God, the giver of love, (+) Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

**THE SENDING SONG** - This is Amazing Grace

### **THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.  
**Thanks be to God.**