

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
Grace to All Who Have Gone Astray
March 14 & 15, 2020

AS WE GATHER

God's mercy and grace are revealed to those who deserve anything but. The Israelites who wandered the wilderness complained of no water. They didn't deserve anything because of their sinfulness, yet God responds in mercy and grace, providing water from a rock. A marginalized Samaritan woman didn't receive compassion from her community and didn't deserve it from our Savior Jesus Christ, yet she was given and shown mercy and grace and came to believe He is the Savior of the world. We, too, have gone astray and deserve much less than mercy and grace from God Himself. Yet, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

WELCOME

"For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God."
(2 Corinthians 5:21, ESV)

FELLOWSHIP GREETING

(Through the remainder of the cold and flu season, we are going to recommend a more reserved greeting; use your discretion. However, if you are sick at all, please do not greet others; also, if you do not desire to participate, you may simply remain seated.)

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN #423

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary"

Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest Redeemer, whom we love,
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:
Often have Your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.

Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,
Though we see You wounded, bleeding, See Your thorn encircled brow?
Yet Your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;
Only what Your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.

Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for You;
May our eyes be ever turning To behold Your cross anew
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.

(Rise)

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father,

People: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Pastor: and of the + Son,

People: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

Pastor: and of the Holy Spirit.

People: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. Amen.

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Pastor: In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

People: Almighty Lord, our Creator, we confess to you we forget your power and might, fail to trust in your ever-providing hands, and are found lacking in our managing of this world you formed.

Pastor: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

People: Almighty Lord, our Maker and Shepherd, we confess we like sheep have gone astray, listening to other voices of this world. We have not loved you with our whole heart and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put Me to the test and put Me to the proof, though they had seen My work. For forty years I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways." Therefore I swore in My wrath, "They shall not enter My rest."

People: Almighty Lord, like those you sent wandering in the wilderness, we justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you, and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In this Lenten season as we journey closer to His cross, God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners,

People: Christ died for us.

Pastor: As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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

People: Amen.

(Be seated)

(Saturday) BAPTISM HYMN #593 "See This Wonder in the Making"

See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.

Miracle each time it happens As the door to heaven opens

And the Father beams, "Beloved, Heir of gifts a king would covet!"

Far more tender than a mother, Far more caring than a father,
God, into Your arms we place them, With Your love and peace embrace them.

Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,
Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

5:00 BAPTISM of Kelsey Grace Williams

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✠ WORD ✠

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 17:1–7 (Water from the rock)

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And 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 grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE Romans 5:1–8 (Peace with God through faith)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

(Rise)

HOLY GOSPEL *John 4:5–26–30, 39–42* (Jesus and the woman of Samaria)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet." ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God 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 (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are

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you talking with her?"²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him. ³¹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² 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 indeed the Savior of the world."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN #611 "Chief of Sinners Though I Be"

Chief of sinners though I be, Jesus shed His blood for me,
Died that I might live on high, Lives that I might never die
As the branch is to the vine, I am His, and He is mine.

Oh, the height of Jesus' love, Higher than the heavens above,
Deeper than the depths of sea, Lasting as eternity!
Love that found me wondrous thought!
Found me when I sought Him not.

Only Jesus can impart Balm to heal the wounded heart,
Peace that flows from sin forgiven, Joy that lifts the soul to heaven,
Faith and hope to walk with God In the way that Enoch trod.

Chief of sinners though I be, Christ is all in all to me;
All my wants to Him are known, All my sorrows are His own.
He sustains the hidden life Safe with Him from earthly strife.

O my Savior, help afford By Your Spirit and Your word!
When my wayward heart would stray, Keep me in the narrow way;
Grace in time of need supply While I live and when I die.

SERMON

"The Woman at the Well"

(Rise)

(Sunday) NICENE CREED

People: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ☩ of the world to come. Amen.

(Be seated)

OFFERING As your offering is collected, please sign our attendance book located at the end of the pew. If you are a visitor, please leave your address and phone. After you are finished, please pass the book along to others in your pew, and return the book to the center aisle. You may check the register to see the names of those to greet after the service.

(Rise)

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Almighty God, Giver of all things, we rejoice today in the goodness of your creation, in your mercies new every morning, and in the gift of a Savior through whom we have been delivered from sin and death. We give You thanks for your Holy Spirit, for the gift of faith, for the promise of everlasting life and for this privilege of prayer.

Brief silence

Pastor: For the Church, purchased with the blood of Christ; for all pastors who proclaim your saving Gospel and serve us with your Holy Sacraments; for our growth in love and for the good works that manifest this love for our neighbor; and for our witness, that we may speak your Word to those who do not yet know you, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the baptized in their vocation of worship, witness, prayer and works of mercy; for strength in the midst of temptation; for courage in the face of threat; for hope in times of despair; and for confidence amid doubts and fears, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the newly baptized, especially Kelsey Grace Williams, that together with parents, godparents, and loved ones they may grow in the love and grace of Jesus and grow up to lead godly lives that witness to others, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the missionaries far and near, especially POBLO, Rachel Meyer, and Chuck Ferry, for the Lord's blessing upon mission congregations, for our steadfastness in the Word, for the flourishing of the work of the Kingdom everywhere, and for the Lord to prosper the work of the Church in every place, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Lord to preserve our nation and prosper the cause of justice in this land. We pray also for Donald, our president; the Congress of these United States; Tony, our governor; and for all elected and appointed civil servants. For peace among the nations, and for the protection of those who protect us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Lord to grant a spirit of cooperation; that the Lord would remove from us prejudice and hate and dispose our hearts to the common good; for all the places where people teach and learn God's Word; for the homes in which our people dwell; that they would be places of blessing and love, where His name is honored and children are raised up to know the Lord, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the Lord to grant comfort, aid, healing and peace to the sick in their afflictions; for the dying near the end of their earthly lives; and for those who struggle with adversity and sorrow, and especially for Doug, Edith, Norma, Marilyn, Tim, Dennis, Barb, Carol, Sydney, Diane, Dorothy, June, John, Arlene, Jerry, Nancy, Russ, Steve, Sharon, Bette, Cindy, Shirley, Bill, Katie, Sarah, Gladys, Shirley, Mary and Sarah, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For those who grieve the loss of loved ones; for Pat as she lovingly remembers her daughter Roxanne; for our own endurance in faith through trials; for the Lord to make us ready to receive our Savior when He comes in His glory; for the families of martyrs and those persecuted for the faith; and for the Lord to keep us in fellowship with those who have fallen asleep in the Lord and now rest from their labors, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the unity of the Church in doctrine and life, for our communion this day upon the body and blood of Christ, for the Lord to strengthen our faith and love for one another, for the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that we sing, and for the Lord to accept the tithes and offerings we bring in response to His goodness to us, let us pray to the Lord:

People: Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: All these things and everything else we need, let us pray to the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(Sunday) THE LORD'S PRAYER

People: 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.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

THE PEACE OF THE LORD

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

AGNUS DEI

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O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, You take the sin of the world away;

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ, And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

(Be seated)

DISTRIBUTION Those guests who desire to commune who are members of another LCMS congregation may do so; if you are coming from another church background, please see the pastor or an elder first.

HYMN

"A Stable Lamp is Lighted"

A stable lamp is lighted whose glow shall wake the sky;

The stars shall bend their voices, and ev'ry stone shall cry.

And ev'ry stone shall cry, and straw like gold shall shine;

A barn shall harbor heaven, a stall become a shrine.

This child through David's city shall ride in triumph by;

The palm shall strew its branches, and ev'ry stone shall cry.

And ev'ry stone shall cry. Though heavy, dull and dumb,

And lie within the roadway to pave His kingdom come.

Yet He shall be forsaken, and yielded up to die:

The sky shall groan and darken, and ev'ry stone shall cry.

And ev'ry stone shall cry, for stony hearts of men:

God's blood upon the spearhead, God's love refused again.

But now, as at the ending, the low is lifted high;

The stars shall bend their voices, and ev'ry stone shall cry.

And ev'ry stone shall cry, in praises of the Child

by whose descent among us the worlds are reconciled.

HYMN #637 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
And drink the holy blood for you out-poured;
Offered was He for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.

He who His saints in this world rules and shields,
To all believers life eternal yields;
With heav'nly bread He makes the hungry whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Come forward then with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
O Lord, our hearts with grateful thanks endow
As in this feast of love You bless us now.

HYMN #543 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and o the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

COMMON DISMISSAL

(Rise)

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray. O God the Father, who in loving kindness sent your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank you that for His sake you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask you not to forsake your people who have gone astray but always to rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit, having obtained access by faith into Christ's grace in which we stand, rejoicing in the hope of your glory, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

CLOSING SENTENCES

Pastor: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,

People: we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor: For while we were still weak,

People: at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Pastor: While we were still sinners,

People: Christ died for us.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

People: Amen.

HYMN #722

“Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me”

Lord, take my hand and lead me Upon life’s way:
Direct, protect, and feed me From day to day.
Without Your grace and favor I go astray;
so take my hand , O Savior, And lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear,
For You, the Rock of Ages, Are always near.
Close by Your side abiding, I fear no foe,
For when Your hand is guiding, In peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen And night has come,
I know that You will strengthen My steps toward home.
Then nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend;
So take my hand and lead me Unto the end.

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Lenten Mid-Week Worship
Wednesday at 10:00am & 6:00pm

Lenten Meal 4:45pm
March 18: Minestrone Soup, Italian bread & butter,
hotdogs, chips, carrots, dessert

St. Paul's Voter's Meeting Spring 2020

When? Sunday, April 19th at 10:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall

What? We will discuss important issues pertaining to the ministry of St. Paul's Lutheran Church & School and a light breakfast will be served (bagels, pastries, fruit, and Juice).

**** On Sunday, April 19th we will only have 1 worship service at 9:00 A.M.** to accommodate for the voter's meeting and light breakfast. Sunday school, adult bible class, and group discipleship hour will resume the following week. We want as much participation from our community as possible! Please spread the word. Your voice matters for the ministry of God's Kingdom at St. Paul's West Allis!**