

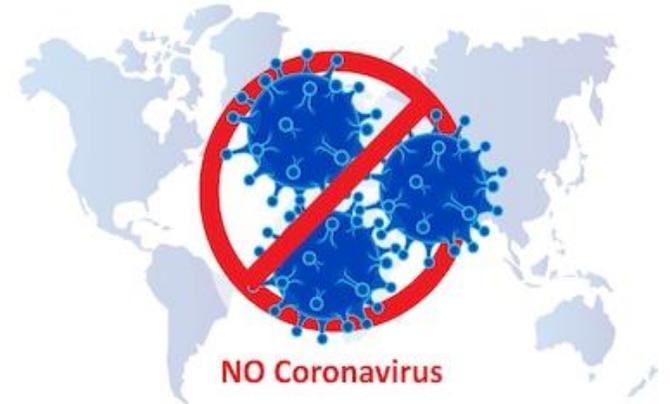


# Faith Lutheran Church

*Faithfully Growing, Welcoming, and Caring through Christ*

**3rd Sunday of Lent      March 15, 2020**

***The Synod has recommended that all churches suspend the shaking of hands until after the coronavirus spread has passed. Hand sanitizer is at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!***



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who is present, who gives life, who  
calls into existence the things that do  
not exist.

**C:** **Amen.**

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess. *(A brief silence.)*

Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life.**

**We have strayed from your love for all people.  
Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts  
and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing  
to you and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

**P:** Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of ✝ Christ, leading you from death into life.

**C: Amen.**

## **OPENING HYMN**

***“Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways”***

**Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways  
to keep his statutes still!**

**Oh, that my God would grant me grace  
to know and do his will!**

**Order my footsteps by your word  
and make my heart sincere;  
let sin have no dominion, Lord,  
but keep my conscience clear.**

**Assist my soul, too apt to stray,  
a stricter watch to keep;  
and should I e'er forget your way,  
restore your wand'ring sheep.**

**Make me to walk in your commands,  
'tis a delightful road;  
nor let my head or heart or hands  
offend against my God.**

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.**

## **INTRODUCTION**

**P:** 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.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:** Let us pray. *(A brief silence.)* Merciful God,

**C:** **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.**

# Children's Church



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

A reading from Exodus, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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 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?"

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 quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **A RESPONSIVE READING FROM PSALM 95**

**R:** Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

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

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

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

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

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

R: For 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!

**C: "Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

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

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

R: Indeed I swore in my anger,  
‘They shall never come to my rest.’ ”

**C: Amen.**

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

A reading from Romans, the 5<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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,

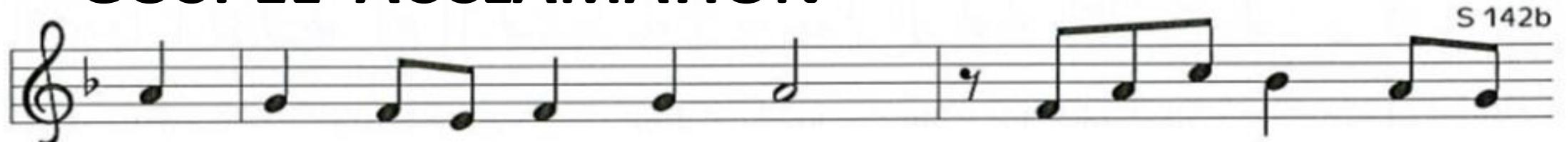
because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person - though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 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.

R: Word of God, word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and

The first line of musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one flat). It consists of two measures. The first measure contains six notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, and F4. The second measure contains a quarter rest followed by four notes: G4, A4, B4, and A4.



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in

The second line of musical notation is on a single staff in G major. It consists of two measures. The first measure contains four notes: G4, A4, B4, and A4. The second measure contains six notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, and F4.



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The third line of musical notation is on a single staff in G major. It consists of two measures. The first measure contains four notes: G4, A4, B4, and A4. The second measure contains six notes: G4, A4, B4, A4, G4, and F4.

## **GOSPEL: John 4:5-42 – READERS THEATER – Be Seated**

**P:** The holy gospel according to John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

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

Jesus 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 worshiped 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 worshipers 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 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 Savior of the world.”

**P:** The gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**  
**“Unlikely Preachers”**

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

***“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”***

### ***Refrain***

***Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

**I am weak but thou art strong:  
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long  
as I walk, let me walk close to thee.**

***Refrain***

***Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

**Through this world of toil and snares,  
if I falter, Lord, who cares?  
Who with me my burden shares?  
None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.**

***Refrain***

***Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

**When my feeble life is o'er,  
time for me will be no more;  
guide me gently, safely o'er  
to thy kingdom shore, to thy shore.**

***Refrain***

***Just a closer walk with thee,  
grant it, Jesus, is my plea;  
daily walking close to thee,  
let it be, dear Lord, let it be.***

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**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.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P:** 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.)* 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.**

**P:** 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.**

**P:** 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.**

**P:** 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*). Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. Hear us, O God.

**C:** **Your mercy is great.**

**P:** 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 those with the coronavirus*. Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. 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 (*especially*). 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.**

## **SHARING THE PEACE**

**P:** The Peace of Christ  
be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**



**OFFERING**

**~VIDEO DURING OFFERING ~**

***“Fill My Cup, Lord”***

**By Angela Primm**

## **OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

**We give thee but thine own,  
whatever the gift may be,  
All that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

**May we though bounties thus,  
as stewards true receive,  
And gladly as though blessed us,  
to thee our first fruits give.**

# OFFERING

## OFFERING PRAYER

**P:** Holy & generous host, you set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to your goodness with every gift you have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

## **DIALOGUE**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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

P: Let us give thanks and praise to the  
Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

# **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **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.**

*COMMUNION*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

**P:** Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, + bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN *“On Our Way Rejoicing”***

**On our way rejoicing gladly let us go.**

**Christ our Lord has conquered; vanquished is the foe.**

**Christ without, our safety; Christ within, our joy;**

**who, if we be faithful, can our hope destroy?**

***Refrain***

***On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,***

***hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!***

**Unto God the Father joyful songs we sing;  
unto God the Savior thankful hearts we bring;  
unto God the Spirit bow we and adore,  
on our way rejoicing now and evermore.**

***Refrain***

***On our way rejoicing; as we forward move,  
hearken to our praises, O blest God of love!***

# DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

## Sunday, March 29 Bluegrass Service



Tuesday, March 17th



## Simple Supper



You Are  
Invited!

## Wednesday Lenten Service, March 18

- Simple Supper at 5:30pm
- Service at 6:30pm

*Free Will*

*Door Offering:  
VETS ROLL*

*Faith Story to  
be shared by:*

*Gerry Cliffe & Family*







































**OPENING HYMN “*Lead Me To Calvary*”**

**King of my life, I crown Thee now,  
Thine shall the glory be;  
Lest I forget Thy thorn crowned brow,  
lead me to Calvary.**

***Chorus:***

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,  
Lest I forget Thine agony;  
Lest I forget Thy love for me,  
Lead me to Calvary.***

**Show me the tomb where Thou wast laid,  
tenderly mourned and wept;  
Angels in robes of light arrayed  
Guarded Thee whilst Thou slept.**

***Chorus:***

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,  
Lest I forget Thine agony;  
Lest I forget Thy love for me,  
Lead me to Calvary.***

**Let me like Mary, through the gloom,  
Come with a gift to Thee;  
Show to me now the empty tomb,  
lead me to Calvary.**

***Chorus:***

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,  
Lest I forget Thine agony;  
Lest I forget Thy love for me,  
Lead me to Calvary.***

**May I be willing, Lord, to bear  
daily my cross for Thee;  
Even Thy cup of grief to share,  
Thou hast borne all for me.**

***Chorus:***

***Lest I forget Gethsemane,  
Lest I forget Thine agony;  
Lest I forget Thy love for me,  
Lead me to Calvary.***

## **CLOSING HYMN**

***“The Church's One Foundation”***

**The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.**

**From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

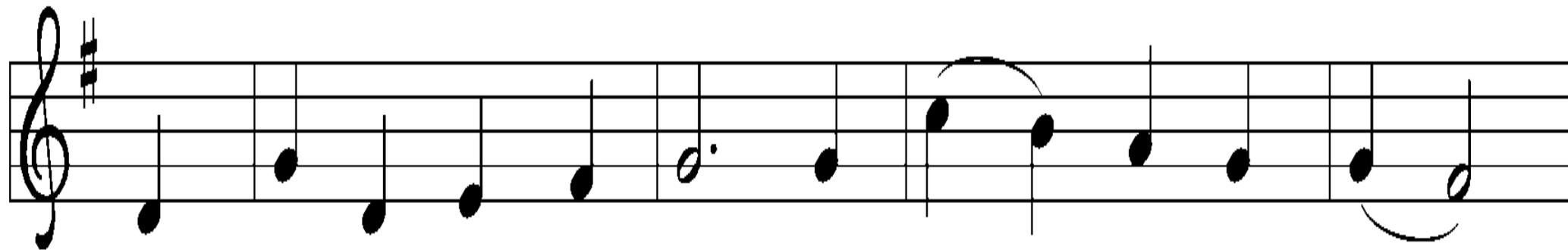
**Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.**

**Through toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.**

## Offertory Response



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.

**To God all glory, praise, and love  
be now and ever giv'n  
by saints below and saints above,  
the church in earth and heav'n.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own,  
O fallen human race!  
Look and be saved through faith alone,  
be justified by grace!**