

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

¹**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. 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?"

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

¹**SINCE 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.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

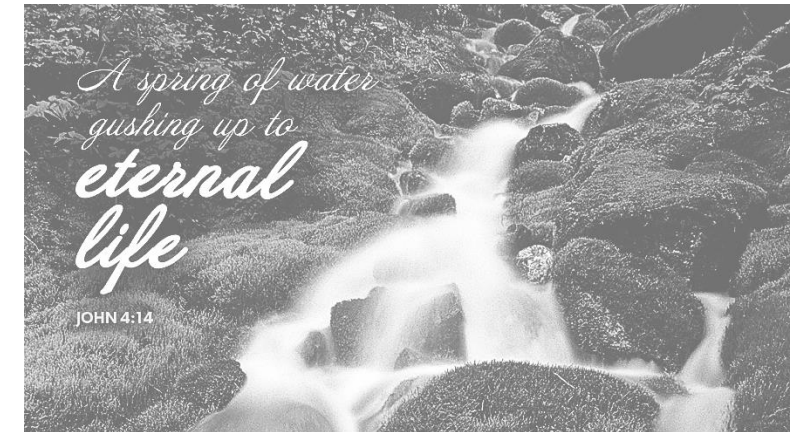
⁵**[JESUS] CAME TO A SAMARITAN CITY** called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The 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.) ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but 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." ¹⁵The 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."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no 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 see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But 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. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." ²⁷Just 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?" ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do 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. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." ³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT March 12, 10:30 AM



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AUGUSTANA LUTHERAN CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
ELW - *Setting 6*
10:30 AM March 12, 2023

GATHERING

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

From our wilderness of sin let us make our confession to the God who knows everything we have ever done.

O Lord...

All: you know what we thirst for,

and it is not your righteousness.

You know how we cling to the ways of old,

without regard for the evil in them,

and how we reject even your living water

because it means change.

Lord you know in our hour of greatest need

we find a quarrel instead of turning to your faithfulness.

Save us Lord from the sins we know in our heart.

Save us Lord from the sins we hide.

God proves love for us, that while we were still sinners Christ died for us, that we might be saved through him. For Christ's sake our sins are forgiven, and God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. In the name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

GATHERING SONG: "Come to the Water of Life"

ACS #955

- 1) All who are thirsty for mercy,
all who are thirsty for love;
all who are thirsty for love, for mercy, come:
come to the Water of life.
- 2) All who are thirsty for healing,
all who are thirsty for touch;
all who are thirsty for touch, for healing, come:
come to the Water of life.
- 3) All who are thirsty for beauty,
all who are thirsty for truth;

all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come:
come to the Water of life.

- 4) All who are thirsty for justice,
all who are thirsty for peace;
all who are thirsty for peace, for justice, come:
come to the Water of life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of our hearts...here we are!

We've come with thirsty hearts,

praying that your Word will satisfy us.

We come with aching hearts,

praying for good news to comfort us.

We come with overflowing hearts,

praying for a chance to share your love.

You, who know our hearts and hear our prayers,

be with us now in this hour of worship. **Amen.**

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WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

PSALM 95

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.'

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Surely God is My Salvation" ACS #926

- 1) Surely God is my salvation,
I will trust and shall not fear.
God the Lord is strong and mighty,
my salvation true.

Refrain:

Shout aloud and sing for joy, O Daughter Zion!

Great in your midst is the Lord, the Holy one! **(repeat)**

- 2) Thus with joy you shall draw water
from salvation's wells and springs.
Sing your thanks to God Almighty,
for these wonderous deeds. **[Refrain]**

- 3) Tell the nations of God's glory,
make this known in all the earth.
Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
call upon God's name. **[Refrain]**

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-52

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty" #777

APOSTLES' CREED, p. 105

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: "Merciful God – receive our prayer"

LORD'S PRAYER, P. 173

CHOIR ANTHEM: "All Praise to Thee, My God"(Tallis Cannon)

- 3) Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God, above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

SENDING

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

SENDING HYMN: "Come, Thou Found of Every Blessing" #807

Last Sunday's in-person attendance 43; Lenten Service: 78

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