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Jesus Has to Meet My Need

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welcome to
WORSHIP

We're so glad you decided to worship with us today. You could have chosen to be anywhere this morning, and you chose to spend your time with Living Hope. Thank you! It's an honor to have you here and to have the chance to fill you with hope. Welcome to Living Hope.

CURRENT SERIES INFO

Current Series: Exactly What I Need

"I didn't know I needed that" is a common expression of surprise and realization. It suggests that something, whether it's a piece of information, a lesson learned, or a newfound understanding, has come to light and is now recognized as being essential or valuable, even if it wasn't previously apparent.

Lent is the season of the Church Year when I recognize my greatest needs. During Lent, I realize that in Christ all my greatest needs are met. God knows what I need even when I don't have any idea. The Holy Spirit makes it clear, week after week, that if I lack Christ, I have nothing. But if I have Christ, I have exactly what I need.

Today's Focus: Jesus Has to Meet My Need

Jesus *had to* go through Samaria. There was a woman there whom he had to meet. He had to because she had needs that she couldn't meet by herself; she had to be shown how thirsty she was for grace. He had to because he had to elevate the conversation they were having to focus her on the solution he provided. He had to because of the necessity of love. Jesus has to do the same for us. And today we see that he has.



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ABOUT LIVING HOPE

Living Hope Lutheran Church is a brand new mission church on Chattanooga's east side. We are funded by and a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a collection of over 1,300 churches across the United States and Canada.

Living Hope succeeds in its mission when hope forever in Jesus brings hope for every day in life.

For more on our mission, background, and beliefs just visit our website: livinghopechatt.com

ABOUT WORSHIP

Worship at Living Hope is designed to fill you with hope! The message you hear at Living Hope will center you on your Savior, Jesus, and what he's done for you. Worship isn't just about filling up God with praise. Worship is all about *God filling you* with good news!

We follow a basic order of service, called the liturgy. In the message, in specially selected Scripture readings, and in carefully crafted songs, prayers, and creeds, the liturgy proclaims the good news (gospel) about Jesus from start to finish. Gospel-centered worship is also designed to include participation of those in attendance.

- Feel free to get up to use restrooms **at any time** during the service.
- **Restrooms** are located around the corner to your right.
- A **nursery** is available for small children out the left-hand side of the worship space. Just look for the **Kid's Zone sign** just past the info corner by the main entrance. Feel free to use that space during worship. The service will be livestreamed into the room.
- **Kid activity bags** are available on a table by the entrance to the sanctuary.
- Please fill out a **connection card**. It's our best way to stay in touch with you and thank you for joining us today! You'll find connection cards on the table at the entrance.
- Everything you need to enjoy today's worship will be found in this Worship Folder. **Songs** will also be found on the screen.

Show friends where you are—check in!

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Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

CW 919



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered
2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from
4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred
dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks our night
God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our heart and mind;
ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to
help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your
con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.
God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.
Church now rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.
low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

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The name of the Triune God and sign of the cross remind worshipers of their baptisms.

Call to Worship

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession & Absolution

We have come into the presence of our Holy God, who is enthroned on the praises of Israel.

The whole earth is full of his glory.

Isaiah 6:3

We have come into the presence of our Almighty Creator, who breathed into man the breath of life.

He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive.

Luke 20:38

We have come into the presence of our immortal God, whose gift of life was corrupted and cut short by sin.

Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people because all sinned.

Romans 5:12

Our God does not desire that we die in sin, but rather that we die to sin, abandoning the desires of our flesh and turning to him in repentance.

Unless we repent, we too will perish.

Luke 13:5

Let us confess our sins before God our Father.

Holy Lord, just God, merciful Father,

I have sinned against you with my body and life,

in the pursuit of my own pleasures,

in the rejection of your expectations,

in selfish thoughts, thoughtless words,

and faithless actions.

In every worship service we confess our sins then cling to the forgiveness that Jesus gives us. Confession is called the “heartbeat of the Christian.”

**By my own efforts, I have earned death upon death.
But Jesus, your Son, gave up his life and died my death,
took my sins to the grave and rose from it victorious.
Trusting in him I pray: Have mercy on me, a sinner.**

The wages of sin is death.

But the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

Jesus our great high priest brings your confession before the Father in heaven. He appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Because he died our death, we may now live his life. *Hebrews 9:26*

At Christ's command 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

All Glory Be To God On High



1 All glor - y be to God on high! Your name, O
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great



Lord, we glor - i - fy; We praise you for your
glor - y, heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther,



peace and grace, Your fa - vor toward our fall - en race.
you have done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.

Tune: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND (LM) *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628.

Prayer of the Day

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.

GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

¹The 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. ²So 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?”

³But 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?”

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

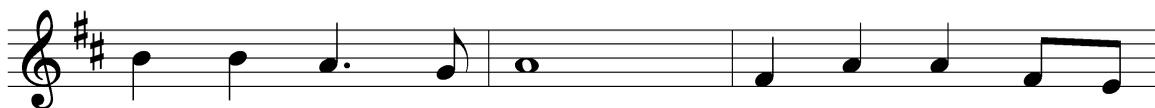
⁵The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And 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?”

As the Deer

Psalm 42A



1 As the deer pants — for the wa - ter, so my
 2 You're my friend, and — you're my broth - er, e - ven
 3 I want you more than gold or sil - ver, on - ly



soul longs af - ter you; you a - lone are my
 though you are a King. I love you more than
 you can sat - is - fy. You a - lone are the



heart's de - sire — and I long to wor - ship you.
 an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.
 real joy giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

Refrain

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to you a -
lone may my spir - it yield. You a - lone are my
heart's de - sire and I long to wor - ship you.

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Epistle Reading

Romans 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through 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.

³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And 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.

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

Children's Message

Children are invited to come forward into the front for the children's message. They will be given a special message designed just for them that ties in with the sermon.

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 Reading

John 4:5–26

⁴ Now he had to go through Samaria. ⁵ So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

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

⁹ 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.)

¹⁰ 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."

¹¹ "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water?" ¹² 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?"

¹³ Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ 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."

¹⁵ 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."

¹⁶ He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

¹⁷ "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸ 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."

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

²¹ "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You Samaritans worship

what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet 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. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

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

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

The gospel of the Lord

Praise be to Christ!

Please be seated

Jesus Has to Meet My Need

Questions to consider while hearing the sermon:

1. What was the big deal with traveling through Samaria?
2. Why was the woman at the well at midday?
3. Why did Jesus have to get personal with this woman?
4. How did Jesus elevate the conversation?
5. What does the woman do after this conversation?
6. Jesus has to meet my need because I can't _____.
7. Jesus has to elevate the conversation to point me to the _____.
8. Jesus has to meet my need because of the necessity _____.

9. In what ways might people today be a lot like that Samaritan woman?

10. What does Jesus have a habit of doing?

My sermon notes:

Please stand

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart im - print your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus,
King of grace, That life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures Have no
pow'r to hide your face. This the su - per - scrip - tion be:
Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me, Is my life, my hope's foun -
da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.

Tune: FREU DICH SEHR (87 87 77 88) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551, alt.

Christians have used the Apostles' Creed since the second century to unite themselves together and to obey God's invitation to "confess with our mouth and believe with our hearts" (Romans 10:9).

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.**

Offering

We collect offerings out of thanks for what God has done for us so that we can support gospel work here and around the world. You can give using the envelope provided in your worship folder. You'll also find instructions there for how to give online if you'd prefer. Thank you for supporting our gospel ministry! If you are a guest with us don't feel obligated to contribute. This service is our free gift to you!

Praying the prayer of the church is a time when we can pray for people in all kinds of circumstances and for the work of God's church on earth.

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and for all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

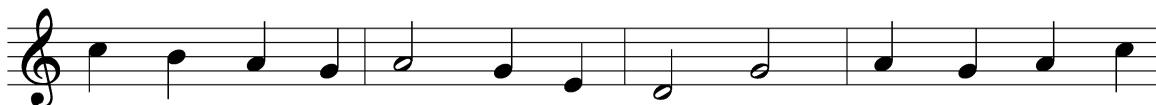
Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.



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.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Current worship series - Lent: Exactly What I Need.

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Holy Week services:

- Palm Sunday—Mar 29 @ 10:00am—Catered BBQ meal afterwards
- Maundy Thursday—April 2 @ 6:30pm
- Good Friday—April 3 @ 6:30pm
- Easter Sunday—April 5 @ 10:00am—Easter Brunch afterward will be potluck style. Please bring something to pass. A sign-up sheet will be sent via text and also placed at the beginning of the snack line. Thanks!

Thank you to today's musicians and vocalists!

Gretchen Bassett; piano

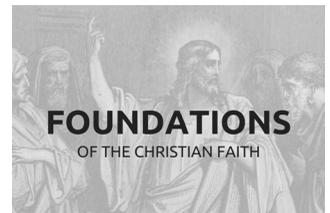
Congregational Update—Today after worship

At our upcoming ministry update we'll unveil our newly updated ministry plan and budget. Plan to stick around to hear more about what's coming up, how you can get involved in our gospel outreach, and to share your valuable input with the Council.

Sunday school for children will take place during the ministry update today. Children will meet with their appropriate age groups and are taught by a team of teachers with full background checks.

Foundations Bible Study

If you're interested in membership here at Living Hope, Foundations is our "next step" class, but even if you're not interested in membership, you'll find it to be a good overview of what God has to say to you in his Word. If you're interested in attending the course just check the box on your connection envelope that says "I'd like to attend a membership class" in order to jump into a new group class or individual class. In-person or online classes are available!



In person classes are available on Saturdays at 11:00am at church.

Online classes are available on Thursdays at 7:30pm. Message pastor for a class link.



April Fellowship Outing: Lookouts Baseball—Saturday April 18 @ 6:30PM

We are heading to the Lookouts' opening week at their gorgeous new stadium on Saturday, April 18th, and we want you there with us.

It's going to be a full evening of fun, featuring a pre-game concert to kick off the festivities. Cost is \$12/ticket. We have currently secured a block of 30 tickets, but since it's opening week, they are disappearing fast! If interest exceeds our initial batch, we will do our best to snag more, so don't wait. Want to join the fun? To claim your spot and pay, please call or text Carla at (630) 926-1201

Living Hope Small Groups

- Women's Group — Mondays every other week at 6:45pm (next meeting Mon Mar 23)
- Men's Group—Mondays every other week at 7am. (next meeting Mon. Mar 16)
- Hands of Hope—every other Thursday at 10am. (next meeting on Thurs Mar 26)
- Life on Mission—next session at church on Wednesday Mar. 25 at 7pm
- Small Catechism Discussion Group—Saturday evenings online weekly at 8pm

Connection Envelopes

We'd love to get your valuable feedback on our worship service today. If this is your first time at Living Hope we also want the opportunity to give you a gift to say "thanks for being our guest!" You can place your connection envelopes in the offering plate as it passes or in the basket located at the entrance of the sanctuary. Also feel free to just hand it to pastor.

Members' Minute

We pray for the following members, family, and friends

Lois Thom—surgery to remove a benign tumor removed from her optic nerve and brain on Apr 8

Service Teams — This week

Sunday Setup Team—Mayer
Snack Provider—Amerson, Rice
Ushers—Hansen, Rice
Acolyte—Eliza Dyer

Service Teams — Next week Mar 22

Sunday Setup Team—Snyder
Snack Provider—Hansen, Mayer
Ushers—Frizzell, Smith
Acolyte—Sam Hynson



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