

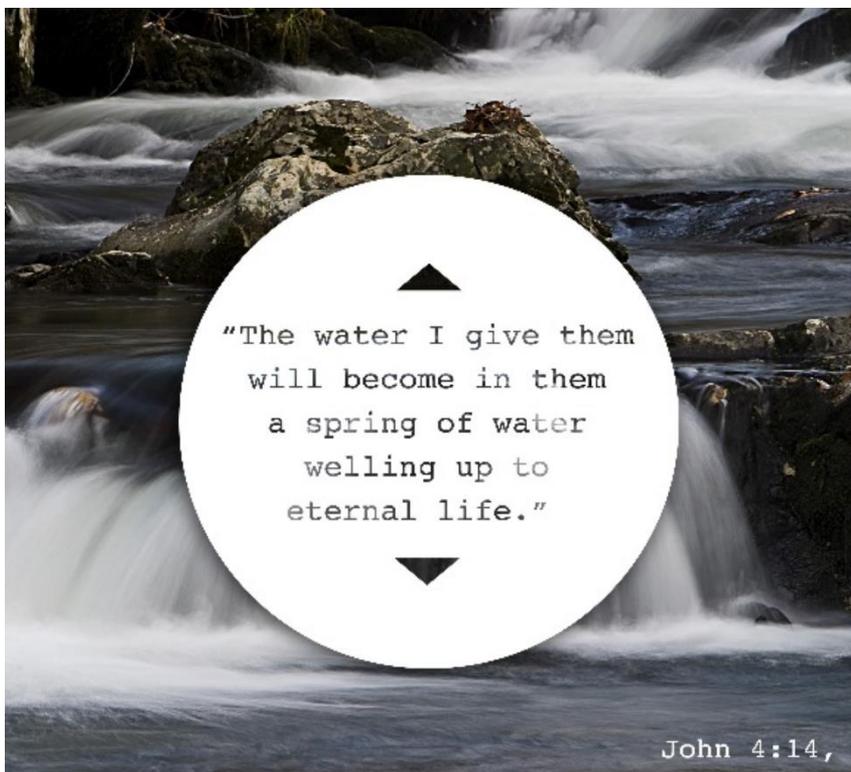
St. John Lutheran Church, ELCA

March 15, 2020

9 AM

3rd Sunday of Lent

*Welcome to worship at St. John! Hymns are found in the second half of the red Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal and are listed with a number sign, for example #504. Please join in the assembly portions of the spoken word, indicated by **bold** print in this worship order. An asterisk (*) indicates when to stand as you are able.*



Gathering Music

Please use this time for a moment of quiet reflection before the service begins. If you so choose, a before worship prayer is located on page 72 of the hymnal.

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist. If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God, 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.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. "I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

Amen.

***Gathering Hymn**

#772 Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

***Kyrie**

s156

***Canticle of Praise**

s159

***Prayer of the Day**

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.

Word

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

¹From 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?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95

Please join in the refrain where indicated.

Let us shout for
joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

¹Come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving

and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms. **Refrain**

³For you, LORD, are a great God,

and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴In 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. **Refrain**

⁶Come, 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. **Refrain**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-11

¹Since 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

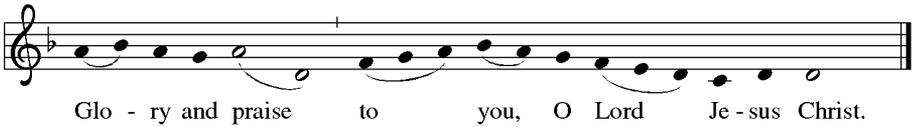
blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

John 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

A Reader's Theater on the Woman at the Well

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Message

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

#611 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

*Nicene Creed

*Prayers of Intercession

The Assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

*Sharing of the Peace

Meal

Offering

The Welcome Table with Sweet By and By
traditional spiritual, arr. Joel Raney
Chancel Choir

***Offertory Response**

#686 We Give Thee but Thine Own (v. 1)

***Offertory Prayer**

**Holy and 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. Amen.**

***The Great Thanksgiving and Preface**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... and join their unending hymn:

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

s162

***Words of Institution**

***Lord's Prayer**

s163, right column

Lamb of God

s164

Maundy Thursday



April 9, 2020, 7 PM

Join us in the Fellowship hall for a family style meal of lasagna, salad, bread and cookies.

We will take part in an intimate Communion experience as part of the meal led by Pastor Ernesto and Pastor Leah. This meal is a spiritual preparation for the events of Holy Week.

All are Welcome.

To help us plan, please sign up at the Welcome table or contact the church office at 223-5268 no later than April 5th with your name and number attending.