



**St. Luke's
Lutheran Church**



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Sharing Jesus Christ's love with those around us.

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

(Series A)

WELCOME

We are glad you are here to worship our Savior with us. Please remember to turn your cell phone to silence. Restrooms are on the west side of the sanctuary. Prayer requests can be submitted to the church office through email, office@stlukesmanhattan.org, or by calling 785-539-2604. On Communion Sundays, if you need non-gluten wafers at communion, or need to have communion brought to you, please notify the elder who is serving. We hope you will join us again so that you may experience Jesus.

AS WE GATHER

Christ is our rock and He alone gives to us the water of life. The children of Israel journeyed from the Red Sea through the wilderness toward the land of promise. Along the way they complained to the Lord about their lack of bread and meat and water. At every juncture, the Lord revealed His mercy and provided for His people. They did not realize that all of this was but a promise of the eternal care provided in Christ. He is the rock of their salvation, the bread of heaven come down to feed them until they want for nothing more, the Lamb of God who gives Himself as food for His people, and the living water that tastes of everlasting life. Israel's doubts and fears are warnings to us lest we fail to see how Christ answers all our needs even to eternal life.

IMAGE ON THE COVER

"Behold, 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. *Exodus 17:6*

PRELUDE

Please use this time to prayerfully prepare your hearts to enter into the presence of Jesus.

✠ A SERVICE OF WORSHIP AND PRAISE ✠

WELCOME

PRESERVICE - "He Reigns"

- 1 Holy, holy, holy is our Lord God Almighty
He alone is worthy, awesome Lord, Mighty King
- 2, 4, 5 He reigns through all the universe
His glory covers all the earth
His power displayed in mighty works
And we proclaim Him as our Lord and King
- 3 Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lamb that was slain
Reigns in power and glory, bears the Name above all names
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Stand

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

INVOCATION

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Psalm 84:4-5

- P** Blessed are those who dwell in Your house ever singing Your praise!
C Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.

Silence for meditation and reflection

P O almighty God, merciful Father,
C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C Amen.

P May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

P Lord, have mercy,

C Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, You revealed Your mercy in the wilderness when You stood upon the rock and caused water to flow for Your thirsty people. In these Lenten days, lead us from our grumbling to repentance, from our fear to faith, and from our thirst to the living water that is Christ our Lord. As He was struck for our salvation and now pours out grace in Word and Sacrament, refresh our weary hearts and keep us steadfast in Your presence. Through the same Jesus Christ, our Rock and Redeemer, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

P God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence 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.**

Sit

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

(Moses is commanded to strike the rock from which God will bring forth water.)

¹All 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?"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 95:1-9; antiphon: v. 6

- L** ⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
C **let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**
- L** ¹Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
C **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**
- L** ²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
C **let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
- L** ³For the LORD is a great God,
C **and a great King above all gods.**
- L** ⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
C **the heights of the mountains are his also.**
- L** ⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
C **and his hands formed the dry land.**
- L** ⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
C **let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**
- L** ⁷For he is our God,
C **and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**
- L** Today, if you hear his voice,
C ⁸**do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**
- L** ⁹when your fathers put me to the test
C **and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**

C Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

L ⁶Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
C let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-8

(We have peace with God through Jesus Christ.)

¹Therefore, 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. ³More than that, 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

VERSE

John 4:23a

P The hour is coming, and is now here,

C when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5-26

(Jesus shows Himself as the living water to a Samaritan woman at the well.)

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord**

C ⁷ **A woman from Samaria came to draw water.**

Men: Jesus said to her,

P *“Give me a drink.”*

Men: ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him,

Women: “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?”

Men: (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her,

P *“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.”*

Men: ¹¹ The woman said to him,

Women: “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.”

Men: ¹³ Jesus said to her,

P *“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.”*

Men:¹⁵ The woman said to him,

Women: *“Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”*

Men:¹⁶ Jesus said to her,

P *“Go, call your husband, and come here.”*

Men:¹⁷ The woman answered him,

Women: *“I have no husband.”*

Men: Jesus said to her,

P *“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.”*

Men:¹⁹ The woman said to him,

Women: *“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.”*

Men:²¹ Jesus said to her,

P *“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.”*

Men: ²⁵ The woman said to him,

Women: *“I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”*

Men: ²⁶ Jesus said to her,

P *“I who speak to you am he.”*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ

Sit

SPECIAL MUSIC – ELC Children’s Choir
“The Bible Teaches Me”
“I’m in the Lord’s Army, Yes Sir!”

LAMB'S MESSAGE

SERMON

VOTUM

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

OFFERING

There are several ways to give.

1. Please **send** your offerings to
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
4801 Anderson Avenue
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2. **Electronic Funds Transfer** - Sign up through the church office.

STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE: Exodus 17:3 – “But 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?’” Even the Israelites, who saw miracles with their own eyes, fell into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

OFFERTORY - “More Precious than Silver” Proverbs 3:13-15

1, 2, 3 Lord, You are more precious than silver
 Lord, You are more costly than gold
 Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds
 And nothing I desire compares with You

4 And nothing I desire
 And nothing I desire compares with You

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Stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

O God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness by the hand of Moses. Lead Your Church today by faithful pastors who proclaim Christ crucified and who bring Your people to the living water of Your Word and Sacraments. Strengthen all church workers in their callings. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Heavenly Father, bless parents with wisdom and patience as they teach their children Your ways. Let every household confess with joy that Jesus is Lord, and let Your Word dwell richly in our homes. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Lord of all nations, preserve our land and grant wisdom to those who govern, especially our president; the Congress of the United States; our governor; and all who serve in public office. Grant peace among the nations and protection to those who serve in the armed forces. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P O great Physician of body and soul, look with mercy upon all who suffer in sorrow, need, sickness, or adversity, especially _____. Uphold them with Your mighty hand, grant them healing according to Your will, and give them grace to bear their crosses in faith. Prepare us all to depart this life in the confidence of Christ, our living water. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Almighty God, You know our hearts and see our sins. Grant us boldness to confess our failings and joy to receive Your absolution, that we may walk in newness of life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

CONCLUDING COLLECT

P Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, You revealed Your mercy in the wilderness when You stood upon the rock and caused water to flow for Your thirsty people. As once You warned Israel not to harden their hearts at Meribah, soften our hearts by Your Spirit, that we may trust Your gracious presence in every trial. Grant that we who have drunk deeply the living water given by Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, may daily drink of His forgiveness, rejoice in the love You have poured into our hearts, and worship You in spirit and truth. Keep us steadfast in faith until that day when all thirst is quenched in the life of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

BENEDICTION

P 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.

C Amen.

GREET ONE ANOTHER

We greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "The Lord be with you," "Peace be with you," or "The peace of the Lord be with you".

CLOSING - "This Is Amazing Grace"

- 1 Who breaks the power of sin and darkness
 Whose love is mighty and so much stronger
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings
 Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
 Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings
- 2, 4, 7 This is amazing grace
 This is unfailing love
 That You would take my place
 That You would bear my cross
 You lay down Your life
 That I would be set free
 Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me
- 3 Who brings our chaos back into order
 Who makes the orphan a son and daughter
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings
 Who rules the nations with truth and justice
 Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance
 The King of Glory, the King above all kings
- 5, 6 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave
 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Worthy is the King who conquered the grave

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