

## Third Sunday in Lent

March 19, 2017 + 8:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

First Lutheran Church + St. Peter, Minnesota

Pastor Alan Bray Intern Caitlin Jensen Cantor Emily Bruflat

*Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread & wine we serve the community and the world.*

*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. 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.*

### Gathering

**Gathering Music** (8:15 a.m.) “Beach Spring” (see ELW 777)

Wayne L. Wold

(10:30 a.m.) “Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery”

Julie Stitt

### Welcome

### +Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours.

Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

*Silence.*

Merciful God,

**forgive us.**

**Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free.**

**We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**

*Silence.*

Merciful God, **We were silent when we should have said something.**

*Silence.*

Merciful God, **We acted when we knew better.**

*Silence.*

Merciful God, **We were still when we know we should have moved.**

*Silence.*

Merciful God, **For the wrong we have done,**

**for the good we have failed to do,**

**have mercy on us,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

People of God, look to the ✠ Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of life—eternal life!

**Amen.**

**Word**

**First Reading**

Genesis 16:1-10, 13-14

L: A reading from Genesis.

<sup>1</sup>Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, <sup>2</sup>and Sarai said to Abram, "You see that the LORD has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her." And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. <sup>3</sup>So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. <sup>4</sup>He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. <sup>5</sup>Then Sarai said to Abram, "May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the LORD judge between you and me!" <sup>6</sup>But Abram said to Sarai, "Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please." Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. <sup>8</sup>And he said, "Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?" She said, "I am running away from my mistress Sarai." <sup>9</sup>The angel of the LORD said to her, "Return to your mistress, and submit to her." <sup>10</sup>The angel of the LORD also said to her, "I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude." <sup>13</sup>So she named the LORD who spoke to her, "You are El-roi"; for she said, "Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?" <sup>14</sup>Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

L: The Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

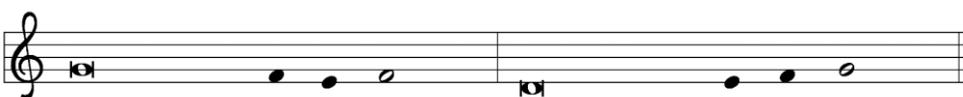
**Psalm 95** (sung responsively between Leader and Congregation)

*Refrain:* (sung first time by Leader and by ALL thereafter):



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

*Tone:*



Come, let us sing <sup>1</sup> to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of <sup>1</sup> our salvation.

**<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

**<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker. R**

<sup>7</sup>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!

**<sup>8</sup>"Harden | not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors | tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

**<sup>10</sup>Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore | in my anger,  
'They shall never come | to my rest.'" R

**+Gospel Acclamation** (*sung by ALL*)



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

**+Gospel Reading**

John 4:5-30, 39-42

P: The holy gospel according to John, the fourth chapter.

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

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>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.) <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become

*Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.”<sup>15</sup>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.”<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”<sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’;<sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”<sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.<sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.<sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.<sup>23</sup>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.<sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”<sup>25</sup>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.”<sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup>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?”<sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup>“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”<sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”<sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup>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.”

L: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Intern Caitlin Jensen

**+Hymn of the Day** *“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*

ELW 611

**+Apostles’ Creed**

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**+Prayers of Intercession**

**+Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**Meal**

**Offering** (8:15 a.m.) *“Tree of Life And Awesome Mystery”*  
(10:30 a.m.) *“Beach Spring”* (see ELW 777)

Julie Stitt  
Wayne L. Wold

**+Offertory Prayer**

**+The Great Thanksgiving, Preface, Sanctus**

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**+Eucharistic Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

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## Communion Distribution Hymns

*"Lamb of God"*

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*"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"* (Stanzas 1-3 & Lent 3)

ELW 334

*"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"*

ELW 623

## +Post-Communion Prayer

### Sending

+Sending Hymn *"O Blessed Spring"*

ELW 447

## +Prayer, Announcements, Blessing, Dismissal

A: We join in proclaiming:

**C: Renewed by Christ in Word, water, bread and wine, we go in peace to serve our community and the world. Thanks be to God!**

+Sending Music *"O Blessed Spring"*

David Cherwien

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