

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

8:15 & 10:45 am Worship Services • March 15, 2020

Third Sunday in Lent



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. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. 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.

Welcome members and guests to our worship service today. If you are visiting, we encourage you to sign the guest register located in the narthex. Please include your home address, email address and phone number. In each pew, there is a card that you can fill out if you wish to have a consult with the pastor and/or leave us more information about you. **Worship times on Sunday mornings are 8:15 and 10:45 a.m.**

A nursery is available for children up to five years of age during the service. The nursery is located off the hallway on the Huntington Avenue side of the church building. There are also “quiet bags” available for older children to enjoy during the service. Please ask an usher about borrowing one.

Parents are invited to bring children from the nursery for Holy Communion to receive a blessing. If children become restless or noisy during worship, parents are encouraged to take them in to and out of the sanctuary as necessary.

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The Reverend Tina Melusky, Pastor

Pastor Melusky's office hours:

Monday: 9 - 2; Tuesday: 9 -10:30, 11:30 - 12:15

Wednesday 9:30 - 12; Thursday 9 - 12

(Times are sometimes flexible with monthly meetings,
but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in)

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

We come before God as a gathered people to acknowledge the ways we have sinned against God, creation, and each other. We hear and receive God's unconditional forgiveness which comes to us through Christ and the waters of Holy Baptism.

*The assembly turns and faces the processional cross for the **Gathering Hymn***

We sing as the Holy Spirit gathers us for worship. This music plays an important role in giving us a common identity. It welcomes us to the mercy of the triune God and moves us from our individual experiences into the purpose of worship.

The assembly is seated.

Announcements

Gathering

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. **Amen.**

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

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

Oh That the Lord Would Guide My Ways

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The Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

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

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

*All Christian
worship is biblical.
In scripture
reading, preaching,
and song, the
church hears the
good news of God
acting in this and
every time.*

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. The 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?" But 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?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The 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. I 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. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95 (8:15 & 10:45 read responsively)

Come, let us sing | to the Lord;

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

**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.**

For you, Lord, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

**Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.**

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!

**"Harden | not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**

There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

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

Indeed I swore | in my anger,
'They shall never come | to my rest.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we

boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and 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.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For 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. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Lesson: John 4: 5-42

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

We encourage you to experience the Gospel in a new and different way during Lent. There will be congregation members who will read parts of the Gospel by acting it out. It is our hope that it will give meaning to each of these lessons.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Time with the Children

Pastor Tina

Sermon

Pastor Tina

Hymn of the Day

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW 777

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection after the sermon. The assembly stands after the sermon. The **Hymn of the Day** is our response to God's word and echoes themes of the season or day.*

*The **Creed** is our response to and proclamation of the word. It is a statement of faith of the whole church.*

These prayers are for the wideness of God's mercy to be known all over the world, in response to Paul's invitation to make supplications, intercessions, & thanksgivings for everyone. (I Timothy 2:1). The assembly is seated after **Sharing the Peace**.

The assembly stands after the voluntary/anthem.

This hymn becomes our prayer as our gifts are collected and dedicated to our Lord's service. Our offerings support the ministries of Christ's church in this congregation, our Virginia Synod, and our global mission partners.

Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace

The peace, which enables people to live in unity and in the spirit of mutual forgiveness, comes from Christ whose word has been proclaimed.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Bist du bei mir (8:15)

J. S. Bach

Be Thou With Me

Offertory Anthem (10:45)

Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake,	to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
lay not our sins to our charge,	that we may walk with a perfect heart,
but forgive that is past,	before Thee now and evermore;
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives,	that we may walk with a perfect heart
	before Thee now and evermore.

Offertory Hymn

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

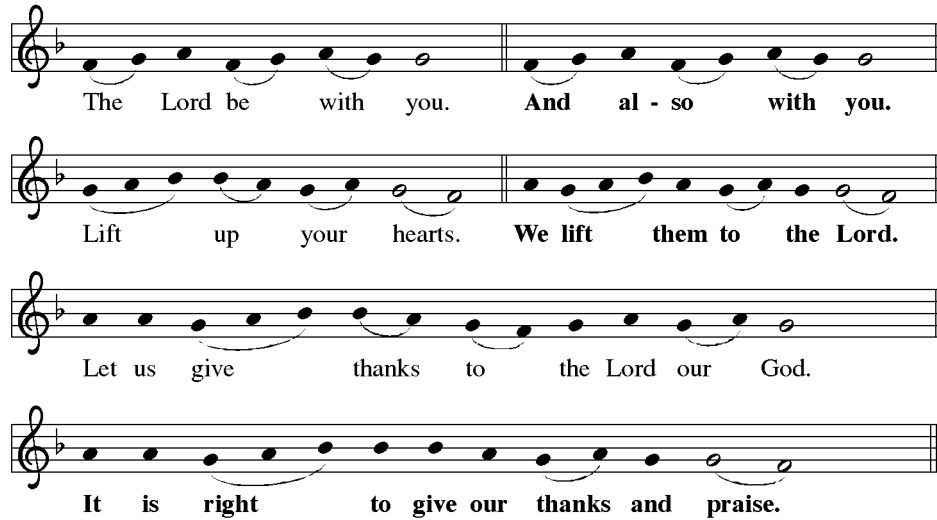
Offertory Prayer

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.

Meal

The Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise...

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The text of the Sanctus is based on Isaiah 6:3 and Matthew 21:9. This is the highest part of the entire liturgy. As we join our voices with others around the world and with the choirs of angels, heaven and earth become one.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age. Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey. Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

We pray with the words Christ taught the disciples. When we pray for our daily bread, we are acknowledging that God provides for our needs each day.

The assembly is seated after the Lord's Prayer.

This canticle echoes John the Baptist's pronouncement that Jesus is the Passover Lamb of people and the Savior of the world.

The sacrament of Holy Communion is also known as the Eucharist, from the Greek word for thanksgiving. Jesus repeatedly gave thanks when he took the bread and wine and gave it to his disciples.

*The assembly stands after the **Music During the Distribution.***

Sending brings our worship full circle. We have been gathered, in all our diversity, and shaped into a community, one body in Christ. With the blessing of God, we go out to live as Christ's body in the world. We are sent, always to gather again around the means of grace - God's Word and sacraments.

Agnus Dei

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

After you receive the bread, you may take a cup from the first tray and then place your empty cup in the second tray. If you need grape juice, please inform a communion assistant.

Music During the Distribution

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

ELW 338

Come to the Table

ELW 481

Sending

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Post Communion Prayer

We thank you, living God, for the body and blood of your Son, which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike. As Christ has loved us in this feast, so send us to love Christ in our neighbors. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

Now is the acceptable time. Now is the day of salvation. Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, + bless you, unbind you, and send you in love and in peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Glorious Things of These Are Spoken

ELW 647

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

****In observance of the Lenten Season there will be no postludes.****

Serving the Assembly

	8:15	10:45
Crucifer	Matthew Mynoymany	Thomas McWithey
Communion Assistant	Sounthone Mynoymany	John Savage
Acolytes	Karina Stevens	Brianna Beauvais
	Michaela Moye	Samuel Molina
Lector	Garrett Mynoymany	Dave Roselius
Ushers/Greeters/Presenters	Carol Bessom	Dave Roselius
	Kathy Stevens	Diane Roselius
	Karina Stevens	Don Sniady
	Elena Stevens	Jerry Cobb
	Jack Kowalski	
	Michaela Moye	
Nursery Coordinator	Charlotte Duff	Charlotte Duff
Nursery Supervisor	Kelly Rummel	Kelly Rummel
Altar Guild	Karoline Ardis	Karoline Ardis
Building Open and Lock Up	Bill Solomon	Cliff Obara

