Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church

Third Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM Worship Service • March 12, 2023 Setting 1



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 lifegiving 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.

The nursery is available, however since there are no attendants at this time, feel free to use it as needed.

Trinity offers an induction loop for the benefit of hearing impaired worshippers. To use, please switch your hearing aid to "T." If you are unsure if your hearing aid is compatible, please contact your audiologist.

TRINITY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE CONGREGATION OF TRINITY LUTHERAN—Ministers of the Word

We are an <u>all inclusive</u> congregation. Join us for a riveting worship service.

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PASTOR MELUSKY'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday 9am-12pm; Tuesday 9-10:30am, 11:30am-12:15pm;
Wednesday 9:30am-12pm; Thursday 9am-12pm
Times are flexible with monthly meetings, but feel free to call for an appointment or drop in.

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CARILLON CALL TO WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude on Nettleton

Robert A. Hobby

GATHERING

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace. **Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life.

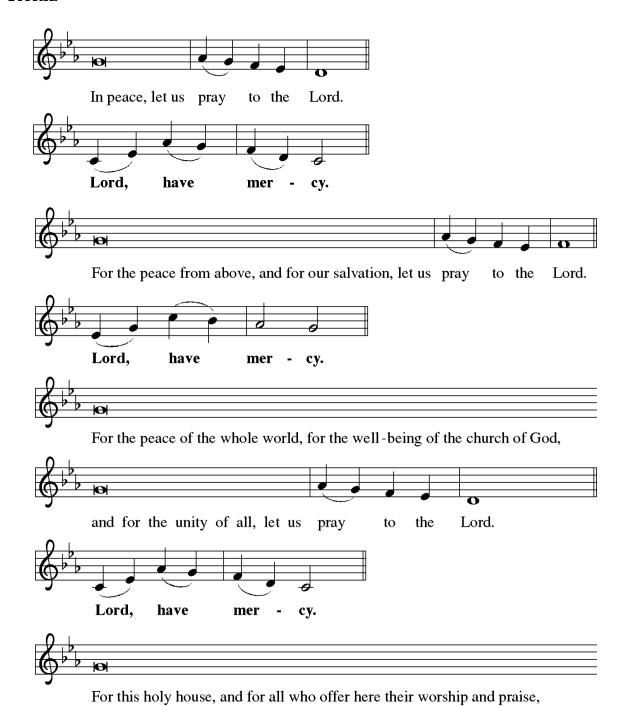
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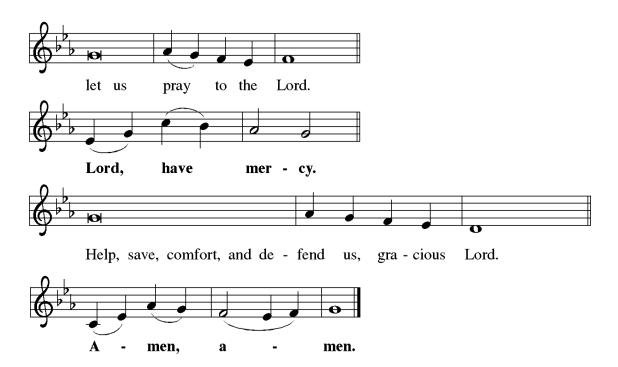
Hear the good news:
God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,
+ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power. Amen.

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.**

KYRIE





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.**

The assembly is seated.

FIRST LESSON: 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.

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 (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 above 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 generation, 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 LESSON: 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.

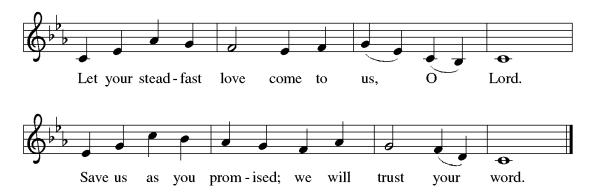
Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 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.

The assembly stands.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.) 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." 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."

Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 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." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

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?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to

them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. 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."

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

The assembly is seated.

CHILDREN'S CHAT Pastor Tina Melusky

FAITH REFLECTION Blessed to be a Blessing Patricia Wessler

The assembly stands.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW 777

BEACH SPRING

APOSTLE'S 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

RECEIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

River of Living Water
Patricia Fielding, flute; Allison Siff, violin

Karen Marrolli

There shall be rivers of living water; there shall be streams of spirit light. There shall be rivers of living water that cleanse the soul and give us sight.

There shall be pathways of flowing fountains where rivers seek us to embrace. O let the thirsty come before him and drink the well of healing grace.

O does your soul cry out for oneness, like the deserts seek the rain, like the deer longs for the wellspring? Great Spirit, quench us and sustain!

There shall be rivers of living water; there shall be streams of healing bliss. There shall be rivers of living water; praise God for this, praise God for this.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW 188

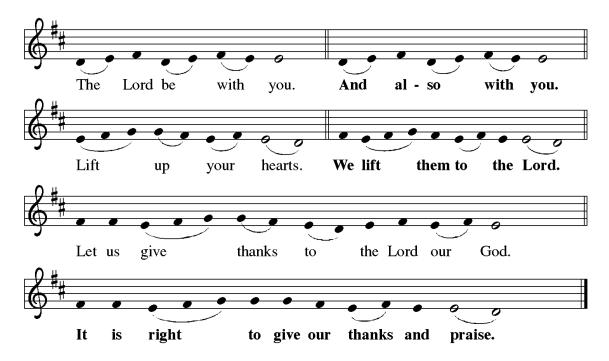
OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. Amen.

MEAL

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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:

SANCTUS





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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.

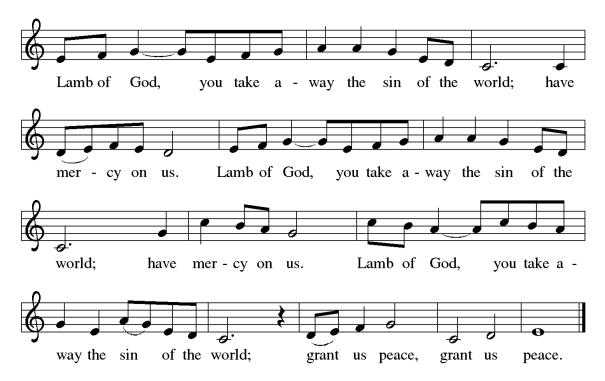
With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever.

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.

AGNUS DEI



COMMUNION

Communion will be held around the table. The bread will be handed to you by the pastor. Please take a communion cup with wine from the outside edge of the tray or a grape juice cup from the center of the tray. Recycle baskets are located outside of the sanctuary doors for your plastic cups.

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Come to the Water of Life WATER OF LIFE

ACS 955

The assembly stands.

SENDING

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

BLESSING

God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611

KINGSFOLD

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Kingsfold

Aaron David Miller



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Guest Musician: Today we welcome Allison Siff, our guest violinist. Originally from Lexington, KY, she has played in orchestras throughout the Southeast, including the Lexington Philharmonic Orchestra and the Greenville Symphony Orchestra. She has spent many years in music education as a school orchestra teacher, church choir director, and children's choir director. She is currently the Executive Director for Young Musicians of Virginia, a homeschool enrichment program based in Virginia Beach. We also extend our gratitude to our own Patricia Fielding for playing flute for us today. Thank you to all sharing their talents with us in worship!

<u>Offering Envelopes</u>: Please remember to pick up your 2023 offering envelopes from the church library! Those that have not been picked up by today will have to be mailed, at a cost of about \$5 each. If you are using Vanco or otherwise sending in

your offering, please let us know and spare the cost of mailing! Thanks!

<u>Easter Candy</u>: The youth group is collecting candy for our annual Easter Egg Hunt for the youngest members of our congregation through elementary school aged youth. Please drop off all candy donations to the church library or the youth room by the Sunday School hour on March 26. Please remember that all candy must fit in a small egg and must be individually wrapped. Please avoid jaw breakers, lollipops and peanut butter candies due to allergies. Thank you in advance for your support!

<u>Easter lilies and Palm tree rentals</u>: You can now make a donation for an Easter lily or one of two palm tree rentals. Order forms can be found in the last few pages of this bulletin or in the narthex. Please complete your order form by March 26. The lilies are \$14 each and the palm tree rentals are \$20 each.

Don't forget!... the Lenten services on Zoom at 6:30 every Wednesday throughout Lent. These brief services consist of soul-stirring music choices, heartfelt prayer, favorite hymns, worship with your church family, and, this year, a brief discussion of some of the saints of the church. A half hour well spent that will refresh you for the rest of the week! Join us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR ...

<u>Tuesday Morning Bible Study</u>: NO Bible Study this week! Class will resume next week.

<u>Church Council meeting</u>: This **Tuesday**, **March 14**, there will be a church council meeting in the church library and on Zoom at **6:30 p.m**.

Lenten Service on Zoom: We continue our Lenten Wednesday services this week. Please consider joining us on **March 22** for the next service via Zoom. The theme is *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* which is centered around the different ancient and modern saints whose festival days fall during lent. Worship will be filled with prayer, song and reflection.

YOUTH

<u>Sunday School for Youth Group</u>: Come and hang out before church (8:45 - 9:45) and join us in conversation and movie watching. We are now watching *Lord of the Rings: Fellowship of the Ring.*

Egg Stuffing: The Youth Group will meet on **Sunday, March 26 during the Sunday School hour** to stuff hundreds of Easter eggs for our annual egg hunt.

PRAYER LISTS

ILLNESS, SURGERY, RECOVERY, SHUT-INS: Nursing Homes/Assisted Living: Jeanette Cantrell (The Chesapeake, 955 Harpersville Road, AL302, Newport News, VA, 23601); Millie Christensen (Morningside: Rm. 131; Lucille Lebold (Williamsburg Landing, Memory Care Unit); Shut-in at Home: Peggy Cash, Janet Edwards, Gerda Hudgens, Doris Moeser, and Dick Sallade; Recovery At Home: Bonnie Carlson, Gloria Stoffa and Butch Klapperich..

PRAYER REQUESTS: The Ahlen Family and Chloe Koenig, requested by Kathy Stevens; Hannelore Voss (Karoline's mother), requested by the Ardis family; Matt Adamo (Brother-in-law of Patricia), requested by Patricia Fielding; Shirley Krause, requested by Anne Obara; Matt Eggar, requested by Don and Sandy Sniady; Mary Lou Hubble (Jacob's aunt), requested by the Wessler family; Barbara Smith, requested by the Lunsfords; David Dellinger, requested by Laura Davis; the family and friends of Daniel Hickman (cousin of Pastor Tina), requested by Pastor Tina; Susan Koehlinger (Laura's mother), requested by Laura Jay; Jonathan Blank (Pastor Tina's Brother-in-law) requested by Pastor Tina; the family and friends of James Newsome (Bill Solomon's son-in-law), requested by Bill Solomon and the family and friends of Pete Johnston.

Those Who Serve, Military and Civilian Duty: James Fielding, State Dept., Myanmar; Bryan Hunt, State Dept., Belleville, IL.; Eric Lindfors, Deputy Commander US Naval Forces - Korea; Tyler Obara, Virginia Air National Guard, LAFB; Josh and Ellen (Davis) Badgley, State Department, Bangkok, Thailand; Michael Titus, US Navy, Naval Shipyard, Washington, DC and Elisabeth Bruce.

FLOWERS:

The Worship and Music committee has decided that there will be **NO flowers or greenery** presented on the altar pedestals **during Lent** beginning **February 26.** You may donate flowers starting April 16 forward.

Serving the Assembly

Crucifer Lois Jean Carpenter

Acolytes Carl Carpenter

Keegan Wise

Lector Kathleen Pietrasantra

Ushers/Greeters Cliff Obara

Anne Obara

Altar Guild Karoline Ardis

Steve Quist

Camera/Livestream Garrett Mynoymany



EASTER LILIES 2023

The cost for the lilies this year is **\$14.00** per lily.

Please fill out this form <u>completely</u> (with your check or cash). Please either give it to the person at the table in the narthex, mail it in to the church office, Attn: Anne Obara, or scan and resend it to admin@trinitynn.org, or bring it by during office hours, 9-3, M-Th.

Sorry! No orders taken after March 26 please.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY:

Your Name (s):	
(As you would like it in the bulletin.)	
To the glory of God and in <u>MEMORY</u> of:	
1)	
To the glory of God and in <u>HONOR</u> of:	
1)	
Total number of lilies ordered.	
Method of payment:	
Total amount due (@ \$14.00 each) Cash Check #	
Enclosed or \$ and my envelope number is:	
(Please put your envelope number even if you are paying in cash.)	
Thank you for your order!	
We need a minimum of 36 lilies to fill the sanctuary.	
Donate my lily(ies) to Simple Sunflower.	
I want to keep my lily(ies).	

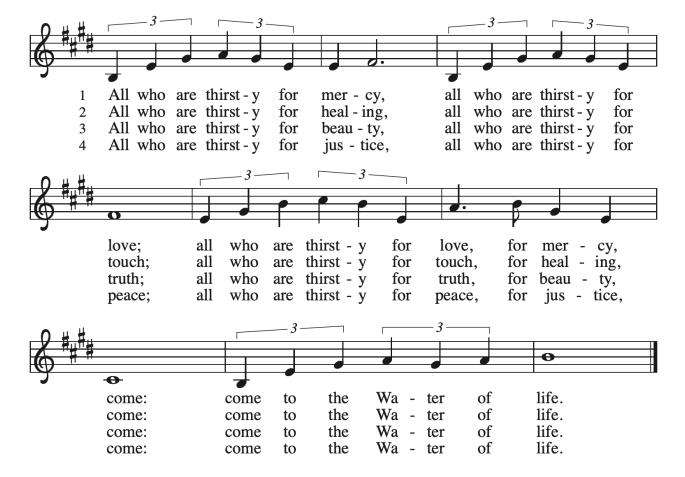




- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.
 Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.

 Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." *Refrain*



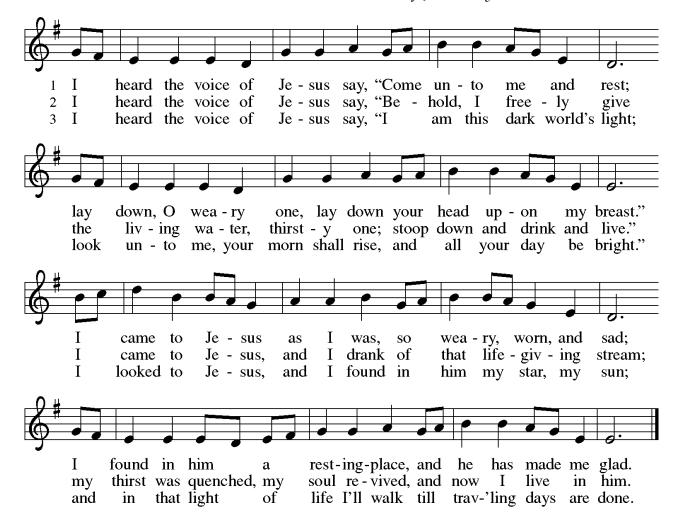


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Music: WATER OF LIFE, Ray Makeever

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Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune