

Today's Scripture Readings

Old Testament

Exodus 17:1-7

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?"

Epistle

Romans 5:1-8

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.

Holy Gospel

John 4:5-26

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well.

It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But 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. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, English Standard Version®.

In Our Prayers this Week—

- *March missions of the month, Concordia Seminary in St. Louis and Seminarians Luke Konkel and Andrew Harrill.*
 - *Peace among nations and safety for all in the Middle East.*
 - *The victims and families of all violence and disaster throughout the world.*
 - *The family and friends of Jim Schmitz, who mourn his death.*
 - *The family and friends of Ken Cotter, who mourn his death.*
 - *The family and friends of Rev. Daniel Paavola, who mourn his death.*
 - *Jan Klug, diagnosed with cancer.*
 - *Jan Kopeke, receiving treatment for cancer.*
 - *Liam Reznik, grandson of Dave & Roxanne Taylor, continuing health issues.*
 - *Linda Luft, sister of Mark Mathe, for successful surgery.*
 - *All who are battling cancer:*
 - *Jessica Dolezal*
 - *Debi Verhage, daughter of Ruth McKenna*
 - *Dylan Martin, nephew of Chris and Mandy Neumann*
 - *Jayne Cotter*
 - *Rev. Brad Birtell, brother of Amy Assmann*
 - *Gloria, friend of Chris Born*
- Please also keep in prayer*
 —our Seminarians Luke Konkel & Andrew Harrill;
 —Rev. Nathan Meador, our district president;
 —Matthew Harrison, synod president;
 —the members, officers and auxiliaries of Emmanuel;
 —our circuit congregation, St. Paul in Cascade and Rev. Richard Bidinger;
 —our Missionary Rev. James May and his family in Africa; and
 —our Missionary Rev. Tyler McMiller and his family in Italy and Southern Europe; and
 —our shut-in Members, Donna Bloedel and Alice Denhardt.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



"The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.'"

John 4:15

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WE WELCOME all who gather with us around the Altar and Pulpit to hear the Word of God.

IF YOU ARE VISITING this morning, we are happy that you could join us today. *Please sign our guest book in the narthex.*

IF YOU DESIRE TO COMMUNE, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine and are members in good standing of our congregation or sister congregations of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

YOUNG CHILDREN are always welcome in our service. Jesus said, *“Let the little children come to me...”* Activity bags are available in the narthex.

NEED ASSISTANCE with anything? Please speak to the pastor or the usher.

RESTROOMS are available in the back of the church or in the education wing.

We pray that you feel welcome in our congregation, that you are blessed by the service, and that you will come again.

THE WORD OF THE GOSPEL OPENS THE EYES OF FAITH AND FIXES THEM ON CHRIST JESUS

Jesus’ encounter with the Samaritan woman at the well teaches us that He is the Savior of all people, especially those who are the most unworthy and the most outcast of society. Samaritans were half-breed Jews who did not believe in the worship at the Temple in Jerusalem. Even more than this, the Samaritan woman is portrayed as a notorious sinner who had had many adulterous relationships. When Jesus is shown to be the Savior of all people, it does not mean that He does not take sin seriously. Quite to the contrary, Jesus exposes this woman’s sin that she might be drawn to Him for forgiveness. The awesome reality of the Gospel is that, even though she is such a notorious sinner, the Lord really does love her and really does desire to save her from her sin by offering to her the water of life. Jesus’ ministry of Law and Gospel to this woman resulted in her conversion. She was brought to repentance and faith in Christ. Out of this repentant faith in Christ, she then began to speak boldly of Him to others who needed His salvation. This is always the way it is for those who have been touched by Christ’s salvation.

THE FAMILY ALTAR

❶ **Verse of the Week** — *John 9:5* “As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.”

❷ **Hymn of the Week** — *LSB #571* — “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

❸ **Collect of the Week** — *Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

❹ **Daily Bible Readings** — *M: Gen. 42:1-34, 38; Mark 12:1-12 T: Gen. 43:1-28; Mark 12:13-27 W: Gen. 44:1-18, 32-34; Mark 12:28-44 Th: Gen. 45:1-20, 24-28; Mark 13:1-23 F: Gen. 47:1-31; Mark 13:24-37 Sat: Gen. 49:29—50:7, 14-26; Mark 14:1-11 Sun: Ex. 1:1-22; Mark 14:12-31*

❺ **Preparing for Next Sunday** — *Lessons for Lent 4* (March 15):

Isaiah 42:14-21; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39; Psalm 142

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

Greeters — *Sara Knepprath & Betty Schmoock*

Elder — *Chris Neumann*; Usher — *Mark Mathe*

Altar Guild — *Chris Born, Jr.* Altar Guild — *Sarah Mitchell*

Cantor — *Choir*; Acolyte — *Esau Schommer*

Organist — *Mrs. Terry Ourada*

Preacher — *Andrew Harrill*; Liturgist — *Rev. Richard Gaub*

Pastor — *Rev. Paul W. Marks*

Introit (*sung responsively after confession & absolution*) Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5



Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | Lord of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts | of the Lord;*
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the | living God.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King | and my God.

Blessèd are those who dwell | in your house,*
ever sing- | ing your praise!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*
in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

Collect (*spoken by pastor*)

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gradual (*sung responsively*) Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] | Jesus,*

the founder and perfecter | of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despis- | ing the shame,*

and is seated at the right hand of the | throne of God.

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