



GRACE

LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Third Sunday in Lent
March 15, 2020**

8:30 a.m.

WELCOME TO GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome

In the name of Jesus Christ, we welcome you as we hear God's holy Word. We worship online in an effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and encourage you to follow along in this document as you also watch or listen to the live stream of our service. May the Lord bless our worship this day.

As we gather:

The story in the gospel reading encourages us to live with hospitality as Jesus meets a woman at the well. Both welcome the other despite being strangers to one another. Jesus loves everyone in the whole world, even those who are considered outsiders. Often times those whom we least expect become his disciples. Because Jesus showed her love and mercy, the woman believes he is the Messiah. She brings together an entire community to follow Jesus so that everyone can participate in his life-giving way of being. Christ gives us this living water that flows out of a rock in Egypt that Moses struck with his staff, and it washes over us in baptism with the promise of God's grace. We can leave our sin, fear, and shame behind as we have new life in Christ.



✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE: O Blessed Spring

arr. Mark Sedio

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C Amen.

P God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness,
and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P Gracious God,

C have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown,
things we have done and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin,
and made us alive together with Christ.

As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

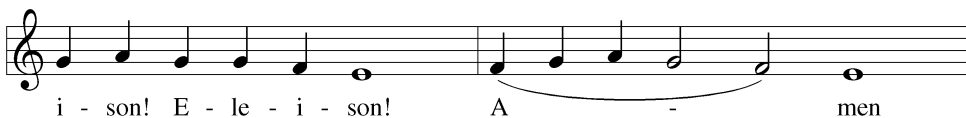
C Amen.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C And also with you.

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Chris-te e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.
 Ky-ri-e! God, Fa-ther in heav'n a-bove,
 you a-bound in gra-cious love, of all things the mak-er
 and pre-serv-er. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!
 Ky-ri-e! O Christ, our king, sal-va-tion for
 all you came to bring. O Lord Je-sus, God's own Son, our me-
 di-a-tor at the heav'n-ly throne: hear our cry and grant our sup-
 pli-ca-tion. E-le-i-son! E-le-i-son!
 Ky-ri-e! O God the Ho-ly Ghost, guard our
 faith, the gift we need the most. And bless our life's last hour,
 that we leave this sin-ful world with glad-ness. E-le-



Text: Latin, c. 1100; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890–1950, alt.
 Music: KYRIE, GOTT VATER. "Kyrie fons bonitatis," c. 800, adapt.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

✝ WORD ✝

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1–7

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. ²The 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?" ³But 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?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The 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. ⁶I 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. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95

- L** Come, let us sing | to the Lord;*
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- C** **Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving*
and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.**
- L** For the Lord | is a great God,*
and a great King | above all gods.
- C** **In his hand are the caverns | of the earth,*
and the heights of the hills | are his also.**
- L** The sea is his, | for he made it,*
and his hands have molded | the dry land.
- C** **Come, let us bow down and | bend the knee,*
and kneel before the | Lord our Maker.**
- L** For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his hand.*
Oh, that today you would hearken | to his voice!
- C** **Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did | in the wilderness,*
at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they | tempted me.**
- L** They put me | to the test,*
though they had | seen my works.
- C** **Forty years long I detested that genera- | tion and said,*
“This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not | know my ways.”**
- L** So I swore | in my wrath,*
“They shall not enter in- | to my rest.”

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1–11

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰For 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. ¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;
Give me this living water that I may never thirst again.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5–42

¶ The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth 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. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹The 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.) 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 no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but 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." ¹⁵The 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."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 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 have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 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 seeks such as these 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" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

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

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do 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. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

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

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Living Water

Makayla Dahleen

John 4:5–42; Exodus 17:1–7

HYMN OF THE DAY: O Blessed Spring

(blue) **WOV #695**

1 O bless-ed spring, where Word and sign em-brace us
 2 Through sum-mer heat of youth-ful years, un-cer-tain
 3 When au-tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4 As win-ter comes, as win-ters must, we breathe our
 5 Christ, ho-ly Vine, Christ, liv-ing Tree, be praised for

in-to Christ the Vine: here Christ en-joins each one to
 faith, re-bel-lious tears, sus-tained by Christ's in-fus-ing
 heav-y har-vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re-turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys-ter-y: that Word and wa-ter thus re-

be a branch of this life-giv-ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a-gain.
 move with gifts of beau-ty, wis-dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom-ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953

Music: BERGLUND, Robert Buckley Farlee, b. 1950

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NICENE CREED

P Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

C We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Each petition concludes:

A Lord, in your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
Trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BENEDICTION

☐ Almighty God: Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

☑ Amen.

SENDING HYMN: Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

(green) LBW #343



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me with your
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me all my
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me safe on



pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es,



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt.
Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

DISMISSAL

☐ Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

☑ Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE: Kyrie, God the Holy Ghost, BWV 671

J. S. Bach

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY

The Rev. David R. Lyle, presiding minister
Makayla Dahleen, preaching minister
The Rev. Robert Burke, assisting minister
Gwen Gotsch, lector
The Rev. Michael D. Costello, organist
Douglas Anderson, soloist

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LET US PRAY. . .

Those who are sick and recovering from illness

Rose Mary Anderson
Annalise Balock
Cathy Barker
Ruth Barker
Jeanne Bloch
Ed Borg
Sophia Cetin
Hans Dumpys

Ken Folgers
Dennis Forgue
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Valerie Anderson (*friend of Mary Margaret Bartley & Stewart Clarke*)
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Gale Holmlund (*friend of Deb Maxwell*)
Kathy Howard (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
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Rob Kay (*brother of Tom Kay*)
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Joy Kluge (*daughter-in-law of David and Sharon*)
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Kathryn Krubsack (*niece of Irmgard Swanson*)
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Lily (*friend of Carrie Douma*)
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Anne Matthys (*mother of Susan Curran*)
Leone, Gracie, and Brian Maxwell (*cousins of Tom and Deb Maxwell*)
MaryJo Meyer (*aunt of Brooke Schedler*)
Don Moehlenkamp (*brother of Marilyn Moehlenkamp*)
Donald Mullins (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)
Beverly Murtoff (*mother of Jennifer Murtoff*)
Aaron Offermann (*grandson of Don and Verna*)
Mary Kay Olson (*friend of Paul and Cindy Koester*)
Misty Olson (*friend of Sara Chizgo*)
James Pawlowski (*brother-in-law of Jennifer Staples*)
Becky Peterson (*friend of Jennifer Staples*)
James Powers (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Susan Prather (*cousin of Adrienne and Ronald Rott*)
Zach & Ellie Radosevich (*grandchildren of Ginny & Frank Swaba*)
Phillip Rice III (*friend of Pat Anderson*)
Ronald Riley (*friend of Al Swanson*)
Joyce Roche (*cousin of Cathy Schmittker*)
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Florence Saeger (*friend of Karl and Ruth Reko*)
Rev. Ron Schuette (*father of Esther Armstrong*)
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Verna Walsh (*aunt of Dan and Deanna Marotz*)
Bob Weaver (*husband of Gretchen*)
Robert West (*friend of John and Carol Stanger*)
Lucy White (*friend of Mary Beth Logas*)
Fr. Dennis Woerter (*friend of Grace E. Marotz*)
Elise Wojack (*niece of Pat Gulik*)
Randi Woodworth (*sister of Tammy Bretscher*)
Veronica Zurowski (*mother of Tom*)

Benevolence ministries

The Lithuanian Lutheran Church in Diaspora

Thanksgiving

The 80th birthday of **John Stanger**

Those Who Mourn

The death of **Joyce Patton** (*former Grace member*)

Those serving in the armed services

Timothy Berghaus (*grandson of Len and Judy Berghaus*)

Kevin Buss (*nephew of Christa Krout*)

Reid Beveridge (*son-in-law of the Schnacks*)

David Danford (*son of John and Karen*)

E. Michael Garcia Goetting (*son of Mary Goetting*)

Matthew Garmatz (*grandson of Margaret Garmatz*)

Brent Knop (*great-nephew and godson of Martha Rohlfing*)

Bradley Larson (*cousin of Rhea Sprecher*)

Sonny Putman (*nephew of Susan Franzone*)

Rusty Robb (*grandnephew of Margaret Kruse/Roberta Gillespie*)

Jason Brown (*nephew of Tim and Sue Sandvoss*)

Christopher W. Sylvester (*grandson of Janet Sylvester*)

Those in the foreign service

Julie Kmet (*friend of Ed and Susan Schumacher*)

Kari Paetzold (*niece of Jim and Sharman Galezewski*)

Those studying abroad

Noah Groll (*England*)

Andrew Krueger (*England*)

Colleen Lattyak (*Germany*)

Those who are homebound

Sal Amati

Ruth Laux

Fern Bernhardt

Wayne Lucht

Barbara Bunjes

Walt and Carolyn Martin

Christopher Davis

Joanne Nelson

Marie Gierke

Barbara Rinnan

Ronald Gresens

Kathleen Wrobel

Gloria Hillert

Those who need encouragement

Bruce Burnside (*friend of Bob and Margaret Burke*) in Winnebago Correctional Center

Cheryl Luchetta (*friend of Joan Koerber*) in Logan Correctional Center

Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church

We are glad that you are worshipping with us!

If you are visiting us for the first time or would like to learn more about Grace, please complete this form, detach, and place it in the offering plate.

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