

March 12, 2023 – 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.

Gathering **Indicates to stand if you are able*

Prelude and Bell

Welcome and Announcements

- * Confession & Forgiveness *(on screen)*
- * “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” #335
- * Greeting
- * Prayer of the Day

Word

Exodus 17:1-7 *(page 59 OT in pew Bible)*

Psalms 95 *(on screen)*

Romans 5:1-11 *(page 135 NT in pew Bible)*

Special Music:

- * Gospel Acclamation **pg. 142** *(Lent version)*
- * Gospel: John 4:5-42 *(page 81 NT in pew Bible)*
(after announcement of Gospel: Glory to you, O Lord)
(response after reading of Gospel: Praise to you, O Christ)

Children's Message

Message

“Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty” #777

- * Statement of Faith: Apostles Creed **pg. 105**
- * Prayers of the Church
- * Sharing the Peace

Meal

- * Offering/Offertory “Create in Me a Clean Heart” #188
- * The Great Thanksgiving **pg. 144**
- * Proper Preface
- * “Holy, Holy, Holy” #525
- * Words of Institution
- * The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution *You are welcome to come to the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you prefer, gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Just ask the server.*

- * Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Blessing

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #807

Dismissal and Bell

Remember in your prayers

Braxton Beyer, Carol Voorhees, Steve Van Kempen, Carol Day, Anita Stoker, Marla Miller, Mick Rose, those affected by COVID-19, those who serve in the military, families of victims of war, natural disasters, violence, those in our nursing homes and those who are homebound. Continue to pray for the overseas missionary we support, Reverend Dr. Philip J. Knutson and Lou Knutson serving in South Africa.

upcoming events and announcements

Midweek Lenten Worship each Wednesday evening at 7:00pm. We will be having a “Round Robin” with area pastors. The theme for these services is “Children of the Crucified Christ.”

Book Discussion Group on “Liturgy of the Ordinary; Sacred Practices in Everyday Life” will meet Sundays morning at 10:45am. This book will brush the dust from your dingy days and reveal the extraordinary that is to be found in the ordinary. No mundane daily task will be the same once these pages open your eye to how the work of your hands reflect the ways of the Creator and the rhythms of eternity. Sign up in the Narthex!

Are you a people person? Do you enjoy visiting with others? Please join us for coffee at 11:00am on Monday, March 20th at Common Cup to learn more about supporting the aging population. Diane Kittleson will be there to meet you.

Snacks Needed! Once again, we will be collecting snacks for the elementary students at MAES. 100-120 boxes will be needed by March 31. If you can help out, please place your donation in the tote located in the Narthex. A list of suggested items is on the tote and will be in our March newsletter.

Visits at Common Cup! Pastor Dan will be at Common Cup on Friday, March 10th from 10:00am to Noon for anyone that wants to stop by for coffee and conversation!

Reminder! If you or someone you know is hospitalized, in a nursing home, or home-bound and would like a pastoral visit or Holy Communion, please contact Pastor Dan at 320.894.3577 or the church office at 320.589.3242. Hospital and nursing home staff can not contact the Pastor or church office without permission.

In Today's Service: March 12

Ushers: Dick Smith, Dennis Feuchtenberger, Michael Bjorklund

Lector: Ward Voorhees **Nursery:** Amy Dougherty

Acolytes: Taylor Anderson & Sarah Dougherty

Communion: Laurie Feuchtenberger (bread)

Communion Servers: Cheryl Higgins, Jim & Jackie Krosch

Video: Kyle Dougherty **TV slides:** Chance Buro

Next Week's Service: March 19

Ushers: Bob Heck, Al & Julie Monroe

Lector: Cathy Anderson **Nursery:** Jone Anderson

Acolytes: Jaxon Hilbrands & Kye Suess

Video: Steve Wagner **TV slides:** Lydia Fynboh

welcome

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Sun., Mar 12	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	9:30am	Worship with Holy Communion
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:45am	Book Study
	3:00pm	Glacial Ridge Conference in Ortonville
	6:30-8:00pm	Sr. Fusion at First
Mon., Mar 13	—	No events scheduled
Tues., Mar 14	11:00am	Pastor's Text Study
Wed., Mar 15	7:00pm	Midweek Lenten Worship <i>(no Element classes during Lent)</i>
Thurs., Mar 16	2:00pm	Zipporah Bible Study
Fri., Mar 17	10am-Noon	Pastor at Common Cup
Sat., Mar 18	8:00am	Men's Bible Study at Faith Lutheran
Sun., Mar 19	8:30am	Choir Rehearsal
	8:30am	Sunday school
	9:30am	Worship
	10:30am	Coffee/Fellowship
	10:45am	Book Study
	6:30-8:00pm	Fusion Mission Trip Meeting at First