

Third Sunday in Lent



Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday, March 12, 2023
8:15 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

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.

St. James Lutheran Church

109 York Street, Gettysburg, PA
www.StJamesGettysburg.org

Welcome to St. James. Here are some tips for worshipping with us.

Large print bulletins and hearing-assist devices can be found on the welcome table in the main hall. Hymns are found in the back half of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* located in the chair rack in front of you and are referenced in this bulletin as ELW#. Please stand as you are able for parts of the service noted with an asterisk (*). Thank you for silencing your electronic devices. Masking is optional. Masking is recommended while singing.

P Presider

C Congregation

A Assisting Minister

L Lay Reader

The 8:15 worship service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel and made available for public viewing. Please note that you may be recorded during worship. If you prefer to not be recorded on YouTube, you may choose to sit under the projector screen or along the back wall by the baptismal font. You can visit our YouTube Channel at [StJamesGettysburg.org/YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCStJamesGettysburg). If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the staff.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *There Is a Redeemer*

setting, Glenda Austin

*CONFESSION

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C Amen.

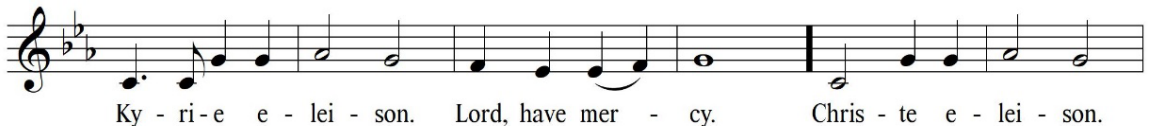
P Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C 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. Amen.

*KYRIE



*FORGIVENESS

P 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.

C Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN: *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

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*PASTORAL 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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L *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

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:45): *Where You Are, There Is Life*

Kevin Hildebrand

Where you are there, there is life: the cosmic “Let there be!” the “Lazarus, come forth!” Without you nothing is or grows, your Word umbilical to all. Where you are, there is life—and you are here! Where you are, there is love: a promise made and kept, one Son who dies for all, a love that banishes all fear, that, like its Father, never ends. Where you are, there is love—and you are here! Where you are, there is peace: a resting place at last, no running anymore; forgiven and forgiving friends, the quest of all who share your plan. Where you are, there is peace—and you are here! True life and love and peace you are, and we are yours, Creator, Lamb, and Dove. Make us partakers of your dream, see what your heart and hands have done, and smile and say again: how good, how good! (Jaroslav J. Vajda)

READING: Romans 5:1-11

¹Since 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.

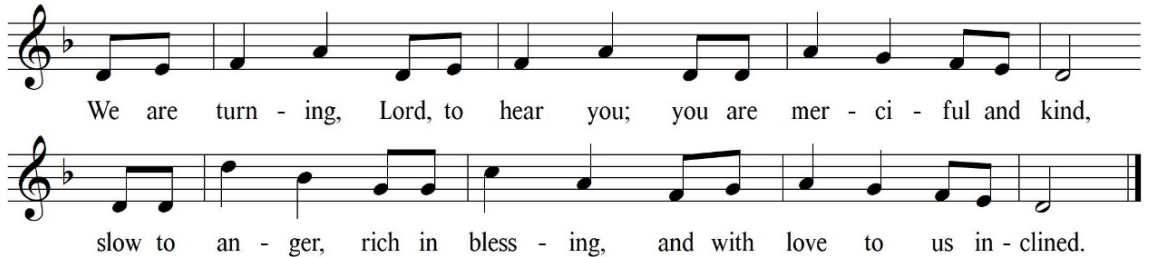
⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for

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.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind,
slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

*HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[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, ²⁹“Come 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, FOLLOWED BY TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

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*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.

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions conclude: “Merciful God,” Our response: “**receive our prayer.**”

*SHARING GOD’S PEACE

TITHES AND OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING:

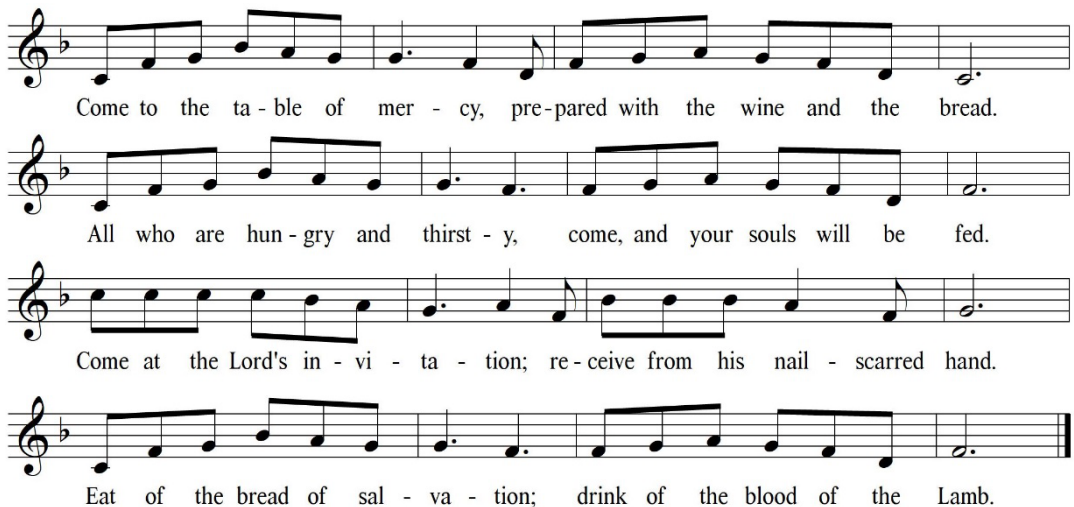
(8:15) *Sicilienne*(10:45) *The Bird's Song*

Maria Thérèse Paradis

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. (Psalm 23)

*OFFERTORY



Come to the ta - ble of mer - cy, pre - pared with the wine and the bread.

All who are hun - gry and thirst - y, come, and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's in - vi - ta - tion; re - ceive from his nail - scarred hand.

Eat of the bread of sal - va - tion; drink of the blood of the Lamb.

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C 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.

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*PREFACE DIALOG

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*PROPER PREFACE

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, most ho - ly, God of pow-er, God of might.
Earth and heav-en ring with your glo - ry. Sing ho-san-na now on high.



Bless-ed is the one who comes in God's great name. Sing ho-san-na now on high.

* EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

* LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

* INVITATION

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

COMMUNION SONG: *There Is a Redeemer*

Melody Green

As you are comfortable, please join in singing this worship song.

(1) There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

(Chorus) Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son, and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

(2) Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names; precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain. (Chorus)

(3) When I stand in glory, I will see God's face; there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place. (Chorus)

*TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A *Let us pray:* 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.

C **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

*BLESSING

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

C **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

ELW 807

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Serve in love.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE: *Fugue in D minor*

Johann Pachelbel

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and

Loving honor of the birthday of Catherine Marie Chrismer by her parents, George R. and Yu Cha Helfrick.

Lift Up in Prayer

Kim Brock-McKinsey	Craig Hutchison	Lisa Sites	Ed	Paislee
Charlotte Clowney	Laura Khan	John Steinberger	Emmey	Taylor
Monica Doerfler	Hilda Koontz	Bob Teeter	Heather	Terri
Caitlin (Rudisill) Eliopoulos	Paige Kriel	Dottie Thompson	Jane	Sandy
Dr. Douglas Eyer	Joshua & Kristen Mauston	Ken Unger	Janice	Scott
Tim Fleming	Raymond McMaster	Sean Vora	Jessy	Suzan
David Flesner	Jen Mickelson	Barb Williams	Jim	Wayne
Hazel George	Kelli Payne	Anne Young	Joe	
Marc Hirsh	Stephen Ordemann	Beverly	Joe	
Jean Hobbs	Peggy Reecher	Bob	Josh	
Lois Hoke	Linda Russo	Diane	Kathy	

We pray for the family and friends of Stanley Lee, who recently died. May they find comfort and peace in the promise of your eternal kingdom.

Serving in Worship

Presider

Vicar Libby Baker-Mikesell

Preacher

The Rev. Andrew R. Geib

Minister of Music

Jonathan Noel

Assisting Minister

Kay MacDowell

8:15 a.m. Worship Service

Acolyte: Aiden Dutrow

Bell Ringer: Ela Miller

Prayer of the Day: Aiden Dutrow

Lay Reader: Lucinda Bringman

Communion Assistants:

Karen Smith, Alan Haynes,
John Doerfler, Daniel Bringman

Ushers: Brent Smith,
Cathy Haynes, Bill Hill,
Brad Smith

Bread Baker: Barbara Vossler

Sacristy: Brie Smith, Dee Wells

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Acolyte: Thomas Urai-Thang

Bell Ringer: Briah Russo

Prayer of the Day: Savannah Munsee

Lay Reader: Thomas Young

Communion Assistants:

Carol Widerman, Peggy Green,
Adam Michael, Jan Keefer

Ushers: Madison Cramer, John Fisher,
Gabbi Scavitto, Emily Green

Bread Baker: Ann Ketterman

Sacristy: Diane Joiner,
Carol Widerman

Flower Deliverer: Pete Bender

St. James Choir

Musical Offering: Wayne Hill

Welcome

to long-time Lutherans,
Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith.
Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe.
Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation, gender
identity and expression, socio-economic status, marital status, ability, and challenge.

Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers.

This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice, and recover.

This is a place where lives are made new.

Come and listen for the Holy Spirit
calling you to love your neighbor wholeheartedly,
seek justice,
create peace and practice compassion.

As members of the body of Christ,
we are called to be ministers of reconciliation both in the church and in the world.

Through our baptism,
we are reconciled to God through the saving grace of Christ Jesus
and challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing and love
within our church and society.

As a community of faith, we proclaim this statement of welcome.

Worship Announcements

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Amy Crist & Mark Withrow for speaking at our mid-week lenten services. And thank you to the Evangelism /Fellowship Committee and Adult Discussion Group for providing dinner.

MARCH 12 NEW MEMBERS CLASS; in the youth house immediately after the 10:45 worship service ends.

MARCH 12 MARTIN LUTHER CHOIR REHEARSAL, 7 PM

MARCH 15 MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES & DINNER
5:15PM – Dinner provided by Church Council
6:30PM – “Unfailing Light” Worship Service
Speaker: Andy Keyser

MARCH 22 MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES & DINNER
5:15PM – Dinner provided by Movers & Shapers / Faith & Fellowship Sunday School Classes
6:30PM – “Unfailing Light” Worship Service
Speaker: Wayne Hill

MARCH 29 MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICES & DINNER
5:15PM – Dinner provided by The Seekers & Exploring Faith Sunday School Classes
6:30PM – “Unfailing Light” Worship Service
Speaker: Pastor Fritz Foltz

APRIL 3-7 HOLY WEEK, worship services at 7 pm every night (no dinner).

APRIL TBD STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASSES
We will be holding a training for new Stephen Ministers beginning in April with dates and times to be determined by the schedules of participants. If interested in learning more, please call **Paula Shoemaker at 717-873-7894.**