



Wednesday—March 22, 2023

ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Through Christ, we joyfully feed the body, mind, and spirit of all.

SERVING TODAY

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Amazing Grace

The Woman at the Well

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again." John 4:13-14

Gathering Hymn..... Jesus I Will Ponder Now..... ELW 345

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| 1 Jesus, I will ponder now
on your holy passion;
let your Spirit now endow
me for meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
may the image cherish
of your suffering, pain, and death,
that I may not perish. | 3 Yet, O Lord, not thus alone
make me see your passion,
but its cause to me make known
and its termination.
For I also and my sin
wrought your deep affliction;
this the shameful cause has been
of your crucifixion. |
| 2 Make me see your great distress,
anguish, and affliction,
bonds and blows and wretchedness
and your crucifixion;
make me see how scourge and rod,
spear and nails, did wound you,
how you died for those, O God,
who with thorns had crowned you. | 4 Let me view your pain and loss
with repentant grieving,
nor prepare again your cross
by unholy living.
May I give you love for love!
Hear me, O my Savior,
that I may in heav'n above
sing your praise forever. |

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626-1681; tr. August Crull, 1846-1923, alt.

Call to Worship

- P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: **Amen.**
- P: As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God.
- C: **My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**
- P: When shall I come and appear before God?
- C: **My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"**
- P: By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
- C: **And at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**
- P: I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me?"
- C: **Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"**
- P: As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me,
- C: **While they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?"**
- P: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
- C: **Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.**

Confession and Forgiveness

- P: The Samaritan woman met Jesus as he rested beside the well. Jesus knew that this woman had not lived according to God's commandments, but he graciously invited her to drink of the water of eternal life. We do not live according to God's commands as we should, yet he looks on us in grace and love. Let us come before him, confident in his steadfast love, to confess our sins and ask his forgiveness.
- C: **Almighty God, daily we sin against your commandments. We turn away from your Word and ways as we thirst after pleasures and temptations to satisfy our own desires. We are sorry for our sins and we thirst for your forgiveness. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**
- P: God has had mercy on us. He sent his Son to be our Savior. Jesus took our sins onto himself, suffering the penalty of death that we deserved. I announce to you that your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. We are refreshed in the flood of his grace.
- C: **The living water that Jesus gives becomes a spring of water welling up to eternal life!**

Prayer of the Day

- P: Almighty God, the woman of Samaria came to the well that day seeking only the refreshment of ordinary, earthly water. Jesus offered to her what he offers to us, the life-giving water that wells up within us and overflows into eternal life. You refresh us with your Spirit so that we will never thirst again. As the woman told others in her town that she had found the Messiah, lead us to be faithful witnesses for our Lord, so that people will believe in Jesus as their Savior and receive through him the refreshment of forgiveness and eternal life. Hear our prayer in Jesus' name. Amen.

Old Testament Reading ... Isaiah 55:1-3

Epistle Reading ... Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel Reading ... John 4:7-26

The Sermon Hymn..... *Come With Us, Blessed Jesus*.....ELW 501

Come with us, O blessed Jesus,
with us evermore to be.
And, in leaving now thine altar,
let us nevermore leave thee!
Let thy bright celestial chorus
never cease the heav'nly strain;
but in us, thy loving children,
come with peace, good will to reign.

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891

Sermon.....*The Woman at the Well*.....Pastor Phil Beck

Hymn of Response.....*Amazing Grace*v. 1, 2, 4 ELW 779

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| 1 | Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see. | 4 | The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures. |
| 2 | 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed! | | |

Text: John Newton, 1725-1807, alt., sts. 1-4; anonymous, st. 5

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

P: Lord Jesus, you graciously invited the Samaritan woman to believe in you as the Messiah and Savior, to drink of living water of the Spirit. We, too, trust in you as our Lord and Savior. You have given to us the gift of the precious, living water that is the Spirit of God welling up to eternal life. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, we pray that you would continue to sustain us with your Spirit during this earthly life. Fill us with the peace and hope that are found only through repentance and forgiveness in your name. Help us to grow in grace and strength of faith through the study of your holy Word so that we might serve others in your name. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, we pray for those who thirst for help and hope in their suffering. Comfort those who face illness, grief and loss in their own lives and in the lives of loved ones. Empower us by your Spirit to comfort them with the promises of your Word. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, we look forward to the day when we will live forever in your presence and drink from the water of the river of life in paradise. Until that great day, lead us to show mercy to others and to share our blessings to satisfy their earthly needs, their hunger and thirst. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Lord Jesus, you asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, beginning the conversation that led her to trust in you as her Savior. She then told the people of her town about you and they too believed. Help us by your Spirit to begin such conversations with our friends and neighbors so that they will believe and worship you as their King and Savior. Gracious Lord,

C: Have mercy on us and hear our prayer.

P: Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

P: Gathered into One with the Holy Spirit, we now pray as Jesus taught us...
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.

Benediction

P: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

C: **They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”**

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **Amen.**

Closing Hymn.....*Blessed Now, O God, the Journey*..... ELW 326

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Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.
- 2

Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.
- 3

Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

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