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**Third Sunday in Lent**

**March 12, 2023, 9:00 am**

***Introduction to the day…***

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.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GATHERING**

**GATHERING SONG Come and Gather *from Tree of Life with music available in narthex***

***Refrain***

**Come and gather beneath the tree of life.**

**Come and gather beneath the tree of life—**

**root of wisdom, branch of peace, fruit of healing and release.**

**Come and gather beneath the tree of life.**

3. Come and drink the waters of salvation,

Come and die to sin, rise up to life with-in the Reign of God. ***(Refrain)***

4. Here beneath the branches of your mercy,

We invoke your name, remember how your love has set us free. ***(Refrain)***

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

who journeys with us these forty days,

and sustains us with the gift of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us acknowledge before God and one another

our need for repentance and God’s mercy.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**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.**

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.

**Amen.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**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. Amen.**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE CHILDREN’S SONG I've Got the Joy**

I like to sing, 'cause I've got the joy.

I like to sing, 'cause I've got the joy.

I like to sing, sing, sing, 'cause I've got the joy.

I've got the joy of the Lord in my heart.

I like to clap

**Refrain**

I'm gonna share the joy everywhere that I go.

I'm gonna share the joy with everybody I know.

I'm gonna share the joy every night and day.

I can't keep it to myself I've gotta give it away.

I like to jump

I like to shout!

**Refrain**

I like to sing, clap, jump, shout.

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7**

1From 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?”

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM: Psalm 95**

1Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
  let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.  
 2**Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving**  
  **and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**  
 3For you, Lord,  are a great God,  
  and a great ruler above all gods.  
 4**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;**  
  **the heights of the hills are also yours.**  
 5The sea is yours,  for you made it,  
  and your hands have molded the dry land.  
 6**Come, let us worship and bow down,**  
  **let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**  
 7For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand.  
  Oh, that today you would hear God’s voice!  
 8**“Harden not your hearts,**  
  **as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**  
 9There your ancestors tested me,  
  they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.  
 10**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,**  
  **‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**  
 11Indeed I swore in my anger,  
  ‘They shall never come to my rest.’ ”

**SECOND 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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Tree of Life**

**Return to the Lord, your God,**

**who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger,**

**and abounding in steadfast love,**

**and abounding in steadfast love.**

**GOSPEL: John 4:5-42**

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 **A picture containing text, sky, sunset

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The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**HYMN OF THE DAY** **Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty ELW 777**

**APOSTLES’ CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

Do you or someone you know need an extra prayer said? There are ***PRAYER REQUEST CARDS***

on the table in the narthex. Requests can be kept confidential, with Pastor, or can be made public to the congregation via Shepherd Staff email and in prayer at worship.

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the power of 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**

…Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**OFFERING***In addition to our normal offering, a* ***Special Benevolence in March*** *(collected in a special envelope) will go to* ***Feed My Starving Children****. Their mission is to feed God’s starving children hungry in body and spirit.*

**OFFERING SONG Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing ELW 807**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

God of good gifts,

receive these and all our offerings

as we present them in faithful service

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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**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give our thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung) Tree of Life**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting

and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness

to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;

broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,

and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup

we remember our Lord’s passover from death to life

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us

and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Bless this feast.

Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.

Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.

Breathe new life into us.

Send us forth,

burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,

with the earth and all its creatures,

with sun and moon and stars,

we praise you, O God,

blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION** *- Certified gluten-free crackers are in the bowl on the communion plate.*

Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness.

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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.

**Amen.**

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

God, the giver of love,

☩ Christ, the resurrection and the life,

and the Holy Spirit of rebirth

bless you in this Lenten journey.

**Amen.**

**SONG Made for Love**

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| **Refrain**  We've been molded by the Creator's hand  Here in Jesus we have grace to stand  Moving by the Spirit  We are made for love | **2.** In the water's holy blessing  Spirit coming like a dove  We're a witness to the wonder  We are loved and so we love **Refrain** |
| **1.** Sun and starlight, sparkling waters  morning birds that serenade  In the image of the maker  we are wonderfully made **Refrain** | **3.** Live out justice, treasure kindness  journey humbly everyday  We are called here into service  a forgiving, loving way **Refrain** |
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**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve in love.

**Thanks be to God.**

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| ***Upcoming Worship Assistants*** | | | | | |
|  | **Usher** | **Lector** | **Communion** | **Offering Counters** | |
| March 12 | Rob & Leslie Mader | Laurel Peterson | Ron Rothfusz  Andrea Hovick | Nancy Leonard | Breanna Butler |
| March 19 | Jeff & Carol Peterson | Nancy Leonard | Sarah Kopitzke Tammy Neumann | Robin Beeman | David Schneider |
| March 26 | John & Jennifer Rickinger | Jane Wagner | John Wagner Nancy Leonard | Heidi Binder | Kami Weis |
| April 2 | Ruth & Ed Raatz | Leslie Mader | Dan & Pam Mundt | Pam Mundt | May Hill |
| April 9  Easter | Volunteer | Volunteer | Volunteer | Dan Mundt | Jon Hill |

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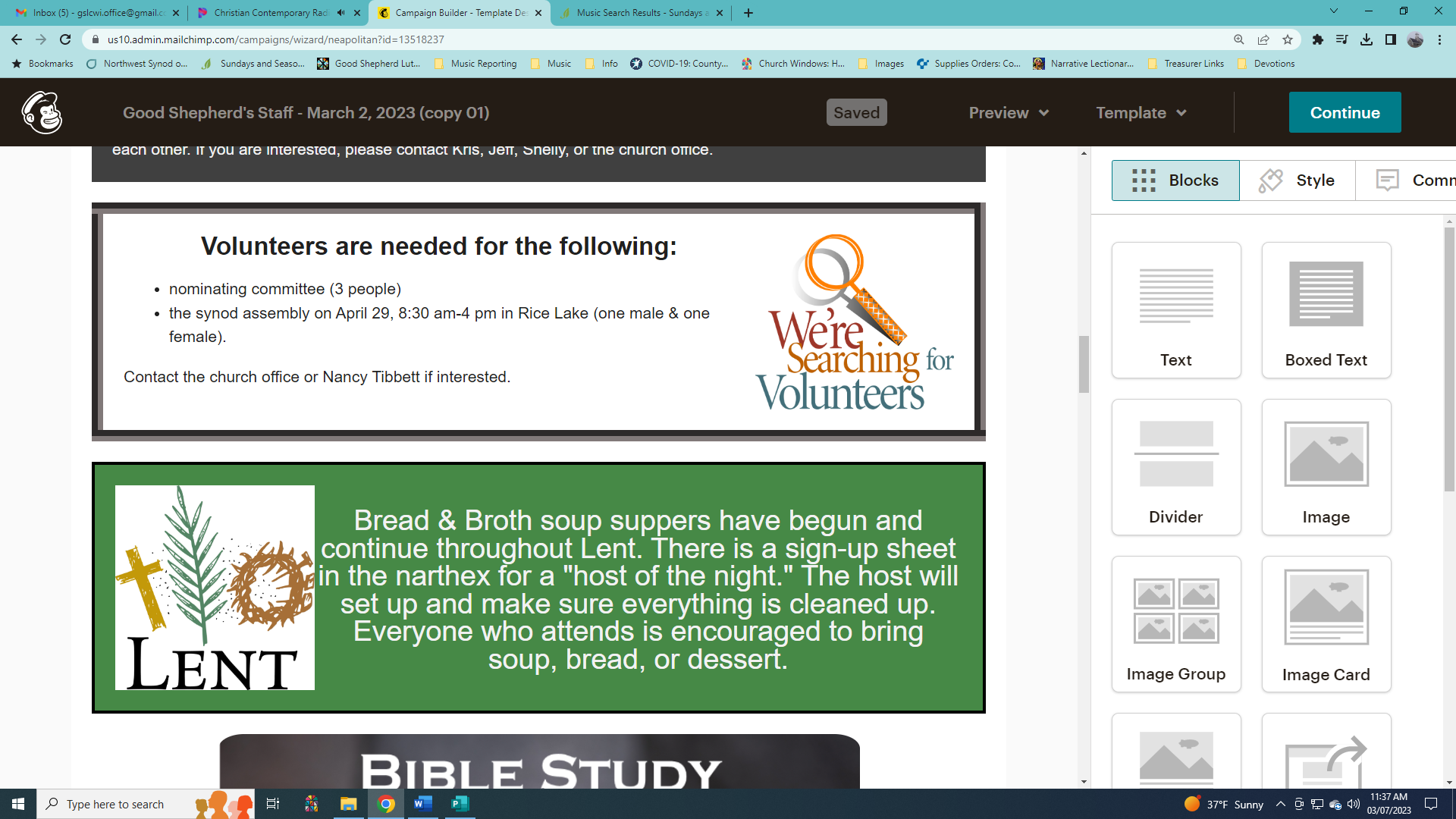
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**Christ in Our Home** daily devotional booklet is available in the church entrance for April, May, & June.  
  
***Spark*** children's magazine and ***Living Lutheran***magazine are available in the entrance of the church.

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| **Coming up at GSLC** | | |
| Monday, March 13 | 10:30-11:30 am | Bible Study by the fireplace |
| Tuesday, March 14 | 9:30-10:30 am | Children’s of WI playgroup – all parents & children under 4 welcome |
|  | 6:30 pm | GSLC Council Meeting |
|  | 7:00 pm | AA meeting in the fellowship hall |
| Wednesday, March 15 | 6:00 pm | Bread & Broth |
|  | 7:00 pm | Midweek Worship Service |
|  | 7:30 pm | Confirmation Class for 7th & 8th grade |
| Sunday, March 19 | 9:00 am | Worship Service   * Third Sunday in Lent * John 9:1-41; Baptismal image: the man born blind * No Sunday School |

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