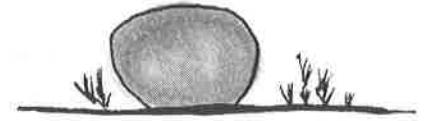


*OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH*  
**SUNDAY WORSHIP**



**Sunday, March 12, 2023**

**3rd Sunday in Lent:**

*ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship: Our red hymn book is located in the pew rack in front of you. The songs are in the back half of the book, with the song number at the top of the page.*

*\*An asterisk indicates the congregation should stand as you are able.*

*Congregation's speaking and singing parts are in bold font /*

**Prelude**

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* arr. Victor Labenske

**Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

We gather together—

**the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,  
in hopes of seeing God.**

We gather together—

**the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,  
in hopes of finding peace.**

We gather together—

**those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,  
in hopes of finding justice.**

So come to the well, come to the table. Come, let us worship God. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, amen.**

## \*Words of Forgiveness

### \*Kyrie

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer -  
cy up - on us.  
Chri - ste e - lei - son. Christ, have mer -  
cy up - on us.  
A - men, A - - - - men.

### \*PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

God of conversation,  
We come to you today thirsty—  
    thirsty for hope,  
    thirsty for good news,  
    thirsty for a glimpse of you.

So today we pray, move in these words like a current. Give us the courage to wade into your story with open eyes and open hearts. Give us the courage to drink this moment in. We are listening. We are grateful. Amen.

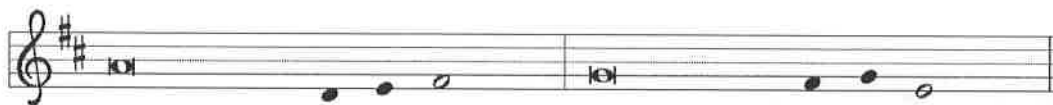
### Anthem

## **First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **ELW Psalm 95**



- <sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing | to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
- <sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**

## **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11**

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Gospel: John 4:5-42**

The Holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you, O God.**

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

*Silence for reflection*

**\*Hymn of the Day** - ELW 611 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

### **\*Affirmation of Faith**

We believe that a glass of water given to us by a stranger can taste like justice.

**We believe that honest conversation has the power to change us.**

We believe that all God's children have a voice and something to say.

**We believe that Jesus loves the outcast, the ignored, the shamed, and the abandoned.**

We believe in asking questions.

We believe in curiosity.

We believe in giving people a drink.

**May we be brave enough to give people a drink. Amen.**

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

*After each petition of the prayers:*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **Amen.**

### **\*Exchange of Peace**

*Please be seated.*

**Offertory** - *Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow*

OSLC Chancel Choir

**\*Offering Song** - *Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God* (see insert)

## **\*Offering Prayer**

## **\*The Great Thanksgiving** (see insert)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...  
We praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **\*Holy, Holy, Holy** (see insert)

*Cantor sings each line once, then congregation repeats*

## **Words of Institution**

**\*Our Father/Parent,**  
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**

Come and taste the joy of God!

*This is Christ's table. You are welcome here, without exception. Please follow the ushers' direction, filling in the communion rail starting on the right side. You may stand or kneel. If you prefer a blessing, cross your hands over your heart. Gluten free wafers are available. The wine is red; the grape juice is clear. Please let an usher know if you would like communion brought to your pew.*

## Lamb of God (ELW, page 208)



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## Communion

### Post-Communion Blessing

### Prayer after Communion

### Sending Announcements

### \*Blessing

\***Sending Hymn** - ELW 777 *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* (Verses 1-4)

### \*Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude


*Prelude in E Minor* by J. S. Bach

*You are welcome to leave anytime during the postlude or stay to listen. Please use this time in whatever way is most worshipful for you.*



## Welcome to Our Saviour's

Christ is our peace and breaks down the walls that divide us (Ephesians 2:14). You are welcome at Our Saviour's because of who you are. We are a congregation of longtime churchgoers, newcomers, seekers, seasonal visitors, and returners with diverse backgrounds, life experiences, and beliefs. We follow a familiar Lutheran service with piano, organ, and guest musicians. We celebrate the cultural, ethnic, and racial diversity of the Tucson region and seek to be a place of belonging for all. We welcome those who have felt or been excluded from church spaces because of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, financial status, or any other reason. We like the sound of young people in worship, we value the experience of our elders, and all ages between. Our communion table is Christ's table, and all people are welcome, no exceptions. Your presence here builds up the body of Christ.



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March 12, 2023

Lent 3

**THOSE SERVING TODAY (3/12/23)**

**Pastor/Presider** - Rev. Amalia Vagts      **Assisting Minister** - Bonnie Phelps  
**Accompanist/Organist** - Gréta Pásztor      **Cantor** - Nilu Dorschner  
**Communion Assistant** - Ginny Phillips      **Acolyte** - Ginny Phillips  
**Ushers** - Bill DeVinney, Ted Adams      **Offertory** - OSLC Chancel Choir  
**Greeter** - Pat Orr-Bonura      **Coffee Host** - Olga Ryan  
**Sound & Video** - Kent Pflibsen, Tracy Ratliff, Timothy Bustamante, Jack Ryan  
**Treats** - Laretta Olsen

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**THOSE SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (3/19/23)**

**Pastor/Presider** - Rev. Amalia Vagts      **Assisting Minister** - Ted Adams  
**Accompanist/Organist** - Gréta Pásztor      **Cantor** - Nilu Dorschner  
**Communion Assistant** - Gloria Alvillar      **Acolyte** - Ted Adams  
**Ushers** - Kathy DeVinney, Pam Hardman      **Greeters** - Gloria Alvillar, Ted Earle  
**Coffee Host** - David Lester  
**Sound & Video** - Kent Pflibsen, Tracy Ratliff, Timothy Bustamante, Jack Ryan

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