

Third Sunday In Lent

March 12th, 2023

Order of Service

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7:45 Hymns - 809, 739, 763, 543, 750

10:30 Hymns - Praise and Worship

Sermon

"We rejoice in our sufferings"

Romans 5:1-8

Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7: All the congregation of the people of Israel camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us, our children, and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock. Water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders

of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Romans 5:1-8: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 4:5-26: So Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy

food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." 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. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not

know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Scott Wenzel, Eric Roedel,
Charles Zwerk
Wayne Bierlein*

Organist *Pam Bernreuter*
Choirs *Praise Team*
Usher Captains *Paul Kern
Ron Spiekerman*

Altar Guild . . . *Bev Bierlein, Linda Trombley*

Wednesday

Elders *Matt Brown, Dave Miller,
Mark Frank*
Pianist *Dr. Jon Eifert*
Choirs *Adult Choir*
Usher *Ron Spiekerman*

Lenten Worship: We continue our series "Surely This Man Was The Son Of God" Wednesday at 7:00 with Holy Communion. This week we turn our attention to Caiaphas, who asked Jesus, "Tell us if you

Prayers

Health

Marion Gugel, Covenant; *Linda Gray* -
University of Michigan, *Edna Michael*
(cancer), North Carolina, *Mary Ann*
Mossner, *Wanda Reinert*, *Brenda MacKay*,
Health conditions

Missions

Rev. Stephen and Maggie Oliver
serve the Lord through The Lutheran
Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Asia
region, based in Taiwan. As a theological
educator, Stephen teaches the New
Testament at China Lutheran Seminary in
Hsinchu, Taiwan.

Prayer of the Day

"Almighty God, we pray that You would
keep us from all
danger and adversity that could harm us
either in body or soul; through
Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who lives
and reigns with You and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen."