

**FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**A Congregation of the ELCA**

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***Worship Plan for Sunday, March 8, 2026 \* Third Sunday in Lent***

**WELCOME TO FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH**, where grace and love abound. While we wait and prepare for a new pastor, we invite you to participate fully in the vibrant life of the congregation, and to join us in prayer as we continue to serve God and God's people during this time of transition.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** Enriching lives through faith and God's grace.

**MEMBERS & GUESTS:** Please fill out a worship attendance card found in the pew racks. Prayer requests may be included on the reverse side for one Sunday or bulletin publication.

**INVITATION TO BAPTISM:** We would like to extend to you the blessing of Baptism and encourage you to contact the church office to be baptized.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION:** Christ is truly present through the power of God's Holy Spirit. We invite everyone to come forward and be renewed in the covenant God made with us in our baptism. All are gladly invited and welcome. If, in coming forward, you choose not to receive the Sacrament, we ask you to fold your hands over your chest so you may receive a pastoral blessing. The Sacrament will be brought to those unable to come forward to the altar (notify an usher). Available upon request: gluten-, wheat-, corn-, dairy- and soy-free wafers.

**CHILDREN'S COMMUNION:** Families are encouraged to come to the rail together during the distribution. Children may receive Communion or a special blessing from the Pastor.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Sunday School for children of all ages is immediately following the Children's Chat.

**CELL PHONES:** Please silence your cell phones before Worship.

***Following worship, ALL are invited to join us for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.***

## **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.

## **GOSPEL MESSAGE: One in a Thousand**

Gathering water from the well is something the Samaritan woman did regularly, habitually even, drawing water up in a bucket hundreds, maybe thousands of times over the course of her life. But this time, this one in a thousand times, is different. While she is busy doing the mundane work of life, she is suddenly confronted by the Messiah—there in the flesh, asking her for a drink of water!

These forty days of Lent interrupt our regular routine and our habits, confronting us with the presence of God in Christ on his journey to the cross and, ultimately, the resurrection. This interruption of our own daily work calls us to see this Jesus who reaches out to us, promising “a spring of water gushing up to eternal life” (John 4:14). Through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, we embrace interruptions in the regular patterns of our lives, sparking curiosity about where and how God is at work in our world, and where we are being called.

This text also shows us that Jesus may be present in unexpected ways in the faces of unexpected people. We may expect to hear the gospel from our pastor, synod bishop, or other church members. But do we have ears to hear the gospel proclaimed in the voice and experience of our neighbors—especially among neighbors too often pushed to the margins of our communities? Are we ready to encounter the signs of the gospel bubbling up outside the walls of our churches?

And like the Samaritan woman, are we ready for that one in a thousand times when the gospel feels so near and so powerful that all we can do is go out and tell everyone we know about this living water? May this Lent interrupt our habits, draw our attention to the unexpected, and send us out to proclaim the love of God to all our neighbors!

## ***Please stand for the Processional***

### **PROCESSIONAL *Lift High the Cross* (ELW 660)**

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#### **AM: WELCOME**

Welcome to Faith Lutheran Church where grace and love abound. It's a joy to be with you all this morning! A special welcome to those of you here for the first time, to those joining us online, and to our guest preacher, Roderick Sinclair. During this season of Lent, we focus on our Savior's journey to the cross and the supreme sacrifice He made there for all of us. As we follow the path Jesus walked, we trust in God's faithfulness and guidance - in our continued search for a permanent pastor, and in all areas of our ministry to and for God's people. Join in as we journey to the cross together. *Everyone* is welcome!

#### **AM: ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The altar flowers were provided by Dick and Bea Olsen celebrating their 65th wedding anniversary, and by Karla Kadow celebrating her birthday.

We still have several open dates to donate flowers, so please sign up on the sheet outside of Lynn's office.

Please check the lost and found, which is the bottom shelf below the mailboxes. There are quite a few items there waiting for their owners to pick up!

Join us this Wednesday at 5:00 for our Lent Soup & Vespers!

Be sure and stop by Faith this Saturday for the Menifee Children's Business Fair between 10:00-1:00.

The WELCA quarterly meeting is on Saturday, the 21st beginning at 1:00.

This quarter Outreach is collecting protein or granola bars and body wash for MilVet.

For March, we are collecting peanut butter, grocery bags, and empty egg cartons. You will find more information about what's happening at Faith in the Narthex.

#### **SILENCE**

P: Let us take a moment of silence to quiet our hearts and minds and prepare for worship.

## **P: GATHERING**

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

## **P: GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made,

**let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**AM:** Please stand as you are willing and able.

**GATHERING SONG: *Jesus Met the Woman at the Well* (Pr. Ken on guitar)**

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## **P: CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace we have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus

Christ, our sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen us with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in our hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

### **P: PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

**Amen.**

### **CHILDREN'S CHAT**

#### **P: WORD**

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

### **FIRST LESSON INTRODUCTION**

This is the third of three wilderness stories, and the same Hebrew word begins them each: *lîn*, meaning to complain or grumble. They raise their voice against Moses, and he relays the heartache to the Lord. Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?" -- received a very positive answer.

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

<sup>1</sup> From 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. <sup>2</sup> The 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?" <sup>3</sup> But 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?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> The 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. <sup>6</sup> I 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. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?” The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM INTRODUCTION**

The “preacher” who composed the book of Ecclesiastes famously wrote that “for everything there is a season, a time for every matter under heaven” (Ecclesiastes 3:1). This is Lent. The time when churches literally silence the “alleluias” and suppress the calls to make a joyful noise. Psalm 95 is one of the so-called “enthronement psalms”—Psalms 47, 93, and 95–99. Unlike the so-called “royal psalms,” which focus on the work of the ancient Israelite kings, enthronement psalms celebrate the Lord’s cosmic reign. In this case, it recalls the events of our first lesson.

**LECTOR: PSALMODY:** 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 above 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.**

<sup>7</sup> For 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!

<sup>8</sup> **“Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, ‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

<sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

**Amen.**

## SECOND LESSON INTRODUCTION

I love it that our lesson begins with “Therefore,” since you should know what came before in order to appreciate what comes next. Paul has been developing his treatise on the relationship between the Lord and the People of God. He’s established that we are sinners in need of salvation. He has taught us that we are unable to justify ourselves with God based on our behavior and good works. Rather, we are dependent on what God has done for us in Christ. Holding Abraham up as a model, he describes the nature of a relationship that is based on love and faith. Then, in chapter five, Paul now speaks of the benefits resulting from it. They are peace (v. 1), grace (v. 2), and hope (v. 3). Hope is something in which Christians can truly boast. Not only that, but Christians can rejoice even in the midst of sufferings (v. 3). In the verses that follow, Paul follows a tight chain of logic that leads from suffering, to endurance, to character-building, to hope. Christian hope, therefore, is not obtained easily or without pain. Yet, when a believer is tested by fire and comes out the other side not only intact, but stronger than before, this is truly grounds for boasting. The hope of which Paul speaks is no airy optimism, but rather a rock-hard, resolute confidence that comes of having endured fiery trials.

### **LECTOR: SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For 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. <sup>11</sup> But 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.**

*L: Please stand for the gospel*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW p. 151)**

**Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

### **GOSPEL INTRODUCTION**

Jesus' conversation with a Samaritan woman is perhaps the most unusual of all those reported in the New Testament. This encounter reinforces the theme of John's gospel: Faith in Jesus is the origin of living in a loving relationship with God now and in the life beyond death. Water, as it is used here, has a symbolic meaning. It represents the life of the Spirit which comes through faith. It also symbolizes the water of baptism which initiates our faith relationship with God.

- In Biblical times, going to the well to draw water was a woman's (adult or child) duty. They would go in the morning, before it got hot. That this woman was at the well at noon tells us she was an outcast, not welcome to draw water with the other women.
- Jesus did not deal in labels. He didn't see people as members of a category. He saw them as people.
- Meeting a Samaritan woman at Jacob's well, Jesus broke social and religious barriers. It was unthinkable for a Jew from the Southern Kingdom of Judah to have anything to do with someone from Samaria.
- Jesus was not only looking past this woman's reputation. Even if her character had been flawless, Jewish men would consider speaking to a woman who was not his wife below his social standards.
- This conversation that changed the woman's life. Despite her being a social outcast with a complicated past, Jesus engaged with her with respect and openness, discussing deep spiritual truths.
- Rather than focusing on her past marriages or current situation, He offered her living water and revealed His identity as the Messiah. These stories show how Jesus' grace went beyond cultural biases and personal pasts, opening the way for true spiritual change.

- This also is one of those rare times when Jesus “drops his mask” and openly states his identity.
- <sup>5</sup> So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.
- <sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The 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.) <sup>10</sup> 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.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but 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.” <sup>15</sup> The 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.”
- <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’ <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But 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. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

- <sup>27</sup> Just 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?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.
- <sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do 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. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”
- <sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They 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: GOSPEL:** John 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

### **AM: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 654**

Please stand as you are willing and able.

### **HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Church's One Foundation* (ELW 654)**

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### **AM: APOSTLE'S CREED**

We continue as we confess our faith using the words of the Apostle's Creed.

#### **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.**

***AM: Please be seated for the Prayers of Intercession***

### **PASTOR AND ASSISTING MINISTER: PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

**P:** Reconciled by God’s mercy and sustained by God’s presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

**AM:** O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**AM:** When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**AM:** When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**AM:** When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need, especially especially Susan Bauerle; Ian Berger; Mary Booth; Arnette Calkins; Rich and Sandy Chandler; Jeff Cook; Vicki Crow; Eleanor Diaz; Debbie Ehrig; Sandy Evers; Frank Harrison IV; Doris Hays; Mary Holmes; Sarge Hunter; Donna McCain; Sandra Miller; Carol Morris; Anna Myers; Michael Myers; Esther Neumen; Tina Peteroski; Marilyn Rieti; Amy Sinclair; Shalonne, Chandler, Jillian and family; Joyce Stromberg; Diane Swarts; Diana Ward; the homebound; the emergency responders; the San Bernardino Community Wellness Campus; and those grieving and anticipating surgery or tests. At this time, we also pray for those we name aloud or silently in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**AM:** When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**AM:** O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**AM:** Loving God, be with us during this time of discernment as our search for a permanent pastor continues. Bless all who have taken on extra responsibility, especially the Call Committee. Fill all our leaders and members with wisdom and patience. Keep us all mindful of the work you would have us do to further the work of your kingdom. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**P:** Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

## **P: PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **P: OFFERING**

Today's Offering Highlight shines light on the generosity of time and talent for all those who have volunteered (offered) to work on the Outreach Ministry Committee.

Outreach encompasses two major goals – reaching to invite others who are not a part of our congregation to join us in our ministry and reaching out to those in need in our own community, as well as those around the world. Through our gifts, we gather the resources and materials to provide for others through such agencies as the Community Cupboard, Soles for Souls, the Care Project, battered women and children facilities, MilVet, the December and July Giving Trees and many more. We all give generously to these events, but would you also consider giving of your time and talents to help plan and facilitate by joining the Outreach Committee? Pray about it, and thank you for your constant generosity.

This morning's offering, including our prayers and pledges, will now be brought forward and lifted up to God during the Musical Offering.

***Please feel free to either listen to our musical offering or sing along***

## **MUSICAL OFFERING: *Trust and Obey* (sung by the Vagle Brothers)**

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## **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

### **DIALOGUE (ELW p. 152)**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P: PREFACE (ELW p. 153)**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us 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.**

#### **P: INSTRUCTION FOR COMMUNION**

All of God's children are welcome to Christ's table. Gather at the altar rail. If you wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. You may choose from red wine or white grape juice. A gluten-free option is available upon request. If you would like communion brought to you at your seat, indicate by raising your hand for the Assisting Minister to see and they will bring communion to you.

#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

## COMMUNION

The body of Christ, given for you.  
The blood of Christ, shed for you.  
Amen.

### **DURING DISTRIBUTION: *Come to the Table***

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### ***Gift of Finest Wheat: You Satisfy the Hungry Heart (sung by the Sunday 7pm Choir)***

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### ***Eat This Bread: Jesus Christ, Bread of Life (ELW 472)***

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## P: BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

**Amen.**

## P: PLEASE TURN TO HYMN 656

Please stand as you are willing and able.

### **SENDING SONG: *Blest Be the Tie That Binds (ELW 656)***

With Pr. Ken on guitar

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## AM: INVITATION

We would like to invite guests and visitors to come and join us in the Fellowship Hall for cookies, coffee and conversation.

## AM: DISMISSAL

AM: Go in peace dedicating extra time to draw closer to Jesus.

***C: Thanks be to God. Our hearts will be open.***

## THIS WEEK AT FAITH

Today the Endowment Board meets after the worship service in the library

Tuesday, the 10th: Hymn Planners meet at 10:00; WELCA Board meets at 10:00; Outreach Team meets at 2:30

Wednesday, the 11th: Mary Circle Bible study starts at 10:00; Lent Soup & Vespers begins at 5:00

Thursday, the 12th: Cheer/Eucharistic Team meets at 4:00; Pr. Ken's Zoom Bible study begins at 7:00

Friday, the 13th: Al-Anon meets at 10:30

Saturday, the 14th: Menifee Children's Business Fair is from 10:00-1:00

Sunday, the 15th: Worship begins at 9:30 with Pr. Shane

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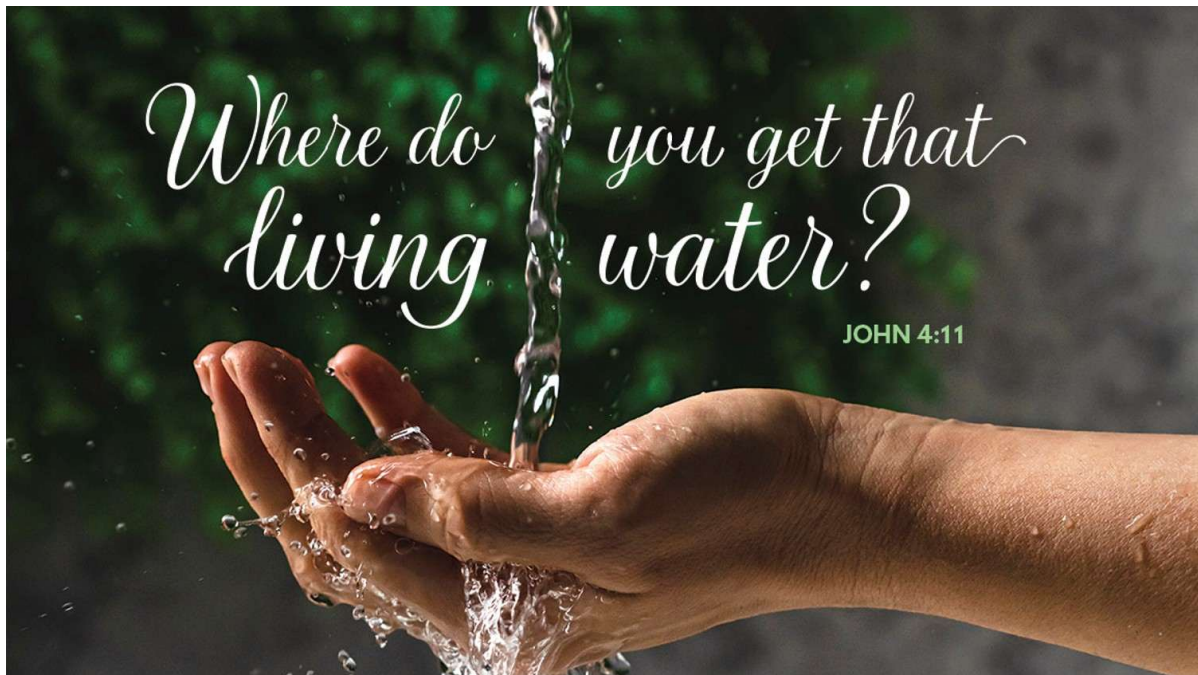
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