



March 12, 2023  
Third Sunday in Lent  
Our Savior's Lutheran Church  
1655 Main St.  
Newington, CT 06111

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please prepare yourself for worship

## PRELUDE

## GATHERING

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

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Please stand as able. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

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

**C Amen.**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

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

**C Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**C 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**

**P** God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn:**

*"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** 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 SERMONETTE**

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

**℣** A reading from Exodus.

<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 with 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.**

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

**℣** A reading from Romans.

<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 sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and 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.

<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 then, now that we have 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.

**℣** The word of the Lord.

**☩ Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able.*

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

## GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

**P** The holy gospel according to John.

**C** Glory to you, O Lord.

**P** <sup>5</sup>[Jesus] 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** The gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

### Hymn of the Day:

*Please stand as able.*

*"Jesus Met the Woman at the Well"*

Guitar

Jesus met the woman at the well  
Jesus met the woman at the well  
Jesus met the woman at the well  
And he told her everything she'd ever done

He said, woman, woman, where is your husband?  
He said, woman, woman, where is your husband?  
He said, woman, woman, where is your husband?  
I know everything you've ever done

She said, jesus, jesus, I ain't got no husband  
She said, jesus, jesus, I ain't got no husband  
She said, jesus, jesus, ain't got no husband  
And you don't know everything I've ever done

He said, woman, woman, you've got five husbands  
He said, woman, woman, you've got five husbands  
He said, woman, woman, you've got five husbands  
And the one you have now, he's not your own

She said, this man, this man, he must be a prophet  
She said, this man, this man, he must be a prophet  
She said, this man, this man, he must be a prophet  
He done told me everything I've ever done

Jesus met the woman at the well  
Jesus met the woman at the well  
Jesus met the woman at the well  
And he told her everything she'd ever done

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**C** 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 OF INTERCESSION**

**P** Sustained by God's abundant mercy let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

*A brief silence.*

**A** We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness. Give them your living water always. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** We pray for this congregation, especially those preparing for baptism. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community by their testimony to God's grace in their lives. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** On the cross Jesus joined all who feel forsaken. Console and strengthen those who are abused or neglected, for the lonely, and for those who are ill. Accompany all who suffer especially Beverly, Sarah W., Shirley, Esther, Gail, Colleen, Bev, Doug, Gene, Lee, Pat B., Candy, Noreen, Elaine, Carolyn, Ruth, Alice, our homebound members: Marguerite, Lynn and Holly and to those we now name in our hearts or on our lips...(pause). We pray for veterans, and for those currently serving in our armed forces, including Lt. Laurin Smith Teegarden. Please grant them respite and renewal. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God,

**C receive our prayer.**

**A** For what else shall we pray? (*pause for individual petitions from the congregation*) Merciful God,

**C** receive our prayer.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## PEACE

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

**OFFERING** *ushers come forward*

**OFFERING PRAYER** *Please stand as able.*

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them to the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

**P** 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -  
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

**P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:

**C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**C 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.**

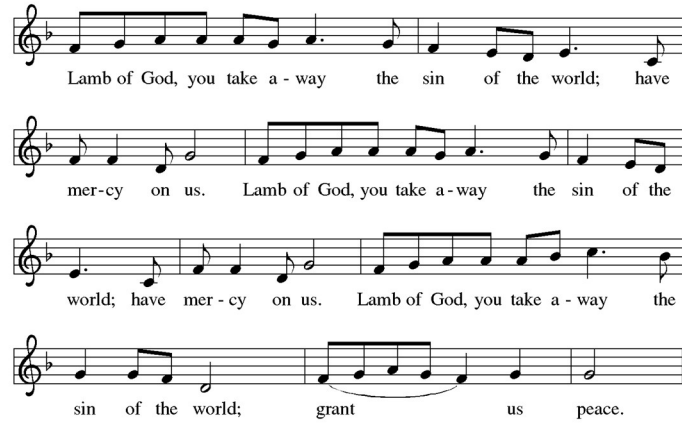
### **THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

**C Amen.**

### **LAMB OF GOD**





*Come forward for communion or blessing.*

**Communion Hymn:** "For All the Faithful Women" ELW #419 v.1,8, last

**THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** *Please stand as able.*

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

**P** 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.

**C Amen.**

**Sending Hymn:** "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" ELW #611

**THE DISMISSAL**

**A** Go in peace. Remember the poor.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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## **For Your Information**

### **Welcome and Thank You!**

We are so happy to have Pastor Joe McGarry here joining us and leading us in worship today. Thank you to David Marottolo for being our organist.

### **First Communion Classes starting**

Pastor Joe is going to lead first communion classes on Sunday, March 19 and Sunday, March 26, at **9 AM** in the Church Council Room. Participants will make their first Communion on Palm Sunday - April 2. Email or call the office if you want your children to be included.

### **Easter Egg Hunt Egg-stravaganza**

Our Community Easter Egg Hunt is back again! Join us on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup> (no joke) from 3 – 4pm for this fun event. Leading up to this we will need egg stuffers and candy to make this a success.

**Easter Garden** forms are available at the back of the church.

### **Welcome Back**

Welcome back to Cedar Mountain for Pat Bourret.

### **Newington Food Pantry/ Newington Human Services – ministry support**

1 in 8 children, and 1 in 15 seniors face hunger. The Newington food pantry helps close this gap in food insecurity. We are collecting nonperishable food items especially soup and dish detergent, along with hygiene and household products. There is a list of suggested donations in the Narthex.

### **Clothing Shed – ministry support**

Are your shelves and closets bursting at the seams? Donating your excess clothing to the St Pauly shed is a win-win for the environment, people in need, and the church. OSLC **receives funding** for donated clothing and we help keep clothing out of landfills! Accepted items: clothing, shoes, sneakers, belts, purses, blankets, towels, sheets, curtains, pillowcases, and stuffed animals. Let your friends and neighbors know about this meaningful project.

### **'We Can' for Calumet – ministry support**

Tired of returning those empty cans and bottles? Bring them here or contact Jan Levett OSLC is collecting bottles & cans for Calumet. Help support this great cause.

### **Next week**

We are looking forward to having Pastor Joe McGarry leading us in worship.

### **Worship Assistants and Contacts**

**We could use help with worship assistants, please see the clipboard at the back of the church.**

Organist: David Marottolo

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Lector: Lori Doll

Altar Guild: Lori Doll

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