



Sunday, March 12, 2023

Lent 3

Theme of the Day:

Our Greatest Needs: Water for the Thirsty

Congregation sings or speaks the bolded text

526 What Wondrous Love Is This

CW 526

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Please stand.

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Confession

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

The Word

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

The children of Israel wanted to stone Moses because they were thirsty. So God, in his grace, gave this underserving people water from a stone.

¹The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

95C Come, Let Us Praise the LORD

Psalm 95C

1 Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God ac -
2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be - yond com -
3 In wor - ship bow the knee, our glo - rious God con -
4 Come, hear his voice to - day, re - ceive what love im -

claim, his great - ness tell a - broad and bless his
pare, the deep - est bounds of earth, the hills, are
fess; the great Cre - a - tor, he, the LORD our
parts; his ho - ly will o - bey and hard - en

sav - ing name. Lift high your songs be -
in his care. He all de - crees, who
Right - eous - ness. He reigns un - seen: his
not your hearts. His ways are best and

fore his throne to whom a - lone all praise be - longs.
by his hand pre - pared the land and formed the seas.
flock he feeds and gent - ly leads in pas - tures green.
lead at last, all trou - bles past, to per - fect rest.

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Second Reading

Romans 5:1–8

We were like people dying of thirst who were powerless to help themselves. But God's love has been poured out into our hearts like living water.

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation

John 4:13,14

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God. Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.” Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God.

Gospel

John 4:5–26

Jesus calls a Samaritan woman to faith, providing living water for her thirsty soul.

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?”
⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

¹¹“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

¹³Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

¹⁷“I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

¹⁹“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated.

Children's Lesson

703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

CW 703

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Sermon Text:

John 4:5-26

Sermon Theme: Quench Your Parched Thirst on Living Water

Please stand.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Prayer of the Church

P: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: We confess that without your love we are lost.

P: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

P: Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

P: Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

P: Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

P: Hear us as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

P: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering

Friendship Registration

Guests: Please fill out name, address, and phone number.

Members: Please fill out name and any new information.

Please, return the booklet to its original location. Thank you!

584 Jesus Loves Me

CW 584

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Please stand.

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

C: Amen.

850 It Is Well with My Soul

CW 850

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Announcements

CHILDREN'S LESSON: Please encourage your children ages Pre-school through 4th grade to come quietly to the front when invited.

THE 2023 SEASON OF LENT continues with Wednesday with a meal at 5:30pm and services at 7:00pm through March 29th, with a Maundy Thursday service on April 6th, a Good Friday Service on April 7th, and Easter Day services on April 9th. The overall theme for this year is "His Final Steps." We will ponder the significance of the people and places that Jesus visited on his last journey to Jerusalem and to the cross at Calvary.

ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEERS are needed to run the PowerPoint slides on Sundays for both services, create them prior to the services, or record Sunday morning services. If you are interested in helping with this , please call Pastor Nowak at 419.302.5271 or contact the church secretary at 419.326.4685

OPEN HOUSE: Join us for the Trinity Lutheran School Open House and Ed Choice Information Night THIS Tuesday, March 14 from 5-7 PM. Food and drinks will be provided from 5:30-6:30. Bring your **completed registration forms** and receive your school handbook and calendar. Come with any questions you may have about the new Ed Choice Program.

THE CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT will be on March 19th at 2:30 in the school gym. The age for the tournament will be 8th grade on up. Any younger participants will be able to play cornhole in a designated kid area. We will have gift cards for first and second place winners.

PRESCHOOL PLAYTIME: Do your kids need a place to get some energy out? Join us for a FREE open gym for all preschool aged children (infants, toddlers, and preschoolers) in the school gym on Monday, March 13 from 10:00-11:00 AM. We will have balls to play with, ride-on toys, mats to crawl/roll around on, a mini-trampoline, infant toys, and lots of space to run around and play. Grab a snack for your ride home.

GET YOUR HYMNALS WHILE YOU CAN: Church council approved a recommendation to send the remaining red Christian Worship hymnals and supplements to Lamb of God in Columbus. They are planning on moving to the east side of Columbus and need extra hymnals. By mid-April, the hymnals will be taken to Lamb of God in Columbus. If you would like a red hymnal, please get them while you can!

MONKEYS, ZEBRAS, AND THE ZOO: Hope you can join us with your kids on Monday, March 20 or Tuesday, March 21 for our next sessions of Mornings with Mommy. We will be exploring and learning about all kinds of zoo animals. Make a trumpeting elephant, walk like a penguin, build a zoo, and drive a zoo train. Register online at tlcjenera.org or call 262-391-7994.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY TRAVELING BIBLE STUDY Still not too late to join! No matter where you are in the book or haven't read at all, you will enjoy the discussion! Next Bible Study will be March 23, 7pm at Nicki von Stein's home (15932 CR 60, Jenera). We'll be covering chapters 6 & 7. Please sign up in the back of church if you plan to attend.

REGISTER SOON! Easter for Kids is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM. Please register your children (age 3 - 5th grade) by Monday, March 13. You can register online at tlcjenera.org (click on the "Upcoming Events" icon) or pick up a registration form in the back of church. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

SNACKS NEEDED: Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you can donate any of the items needed for Easter for Kids' snacks. Items should be brought to the school or church kitchen by 9:00 AM on Saturday, March 25.

EGG HUNT: Trinity is hosting an Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 25 beginning at 12:10 PM. The egg hunt is for toddlers, preschoolers, and elementary age children. Invite your friends and neighbors! Please register by Wednesday, March 22 at tlcjenera.org (click on the "Upcoming Events" icon) or pick up a registration form in the back of church. Questions—contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

VOLUNTEERS are still needed to help at Easter for Kids on Saturday, March 25 from 9:30 AM -12:00 PM. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to help. You can specify what you would like to help with—crafts, music, games, registration, snacks, or group leaders.

LIMA FOOD BANK: Women's Ministry is volunteering at the West Ohio Food Bank in Lima on Wednesday, March 29 from 1:00-3:00 PM. We will be packing “senior boxes” or “emergency boxes” for the Food Bank to distribute to those in need. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church if you are able to join us. We will meet in the church parking lot at 12:20 if you want to drive together. The address is 1380 Kibby St. Lima, OH 45802. Questions? Contact Jenny Boehm 262-391-7994.

REGISTRATION for the 2023-2024 school year is now OPEN for ANYONE. Registration forms may be found on the table at the back of church. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

ARK ENCOUNTER: Resurrection Lutheran Church in Maumee has invited our congregation to an Ark Encounter trip that will **NOW TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 22**. Transportation by bus will be stopping at Immanuel in Findlay for pick-up, time to be determined. Check the sign-up sheet for admission cost. Sign up in the back of church by **APRIL 2ND** if you are interested.

HELP WITH EASTER BREAKFAST The Easter Breakfast Committee is looking for help for this year’s Easter Breakfast. Do you like cooking early in the morning? Or do you just like cooking? If so, please contact tlsoffice@tlcjenera.org or Lauren Siefker at (419) 615-5991.

OUR SCHOOL IS IN NEED of full-time bus drivers to drive morning and afternoon routes each school day throughout the school year beginning next school year. We are also in need of substitute bus drivers at any time. If you are interested in either position, please contact the school office, Principal Falck, or any school board member. Drivers need not be a Trinity member, so if you know of someone who may be interested, please share with them. We will work with any individual needing to receive proper license endorsements, too!

MISSION-MINDED WOMEN: The LWMS Spring Rally is going to be April 29, 2023, at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Strongsville, OH. We will have elections for officers at the Spring Rally. Needed are President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Pastoral Advisor. Prayerfully consider serving your Lord by putting your name in for one of these positions. The rallies are twice a year, and we hold our business meetings on the day of the rally. If you are computer savvy we could use your talents. Our Church is a member of the LWMS, so all ladies are eligible to come to the rally and/or be an officer. Please contact Cheryl Kretz if you have any questions or to put your name in. Phone 419-326-6993; Email cjkretz@frontier.com

SAVE THE DATE: For over ten years, the North Atlantic and Michigan districts of the WELS have teamed up to organize regional youth rallies during the summers when the larger International Rally is not taking place. This summer's rally will take place from July 10-13 at Slippery Rock University, which is north of Pittsburgh. You can find out more information in the church newsletter. Registration will begin March 15.

THANK YOU so much for all of the delicious submissions for the TLS Cookbook! While we have plenty of fantastic desserts, we are still in need of some more **breakfast recipes, savory/dinner dishes, favorite beverages/drinks and snack recipes.** The bucket will be in the narthex until **April 2nd**, or you can continue to send them along to Megan Nowak at mrsnowak1@gmail.com.

IMMANUEL in Findlay is looking for a worker for its Moms Day Out program. This is a paid position for Thursdays, 9:00 AM to 2:15 PM. There are 10 children in the room and 2 teachers. Teachers prepare simple crafts each week, and watch the children play. Pastor Krueger does the Bible story and songs. Contact Immanuel at 419-422-8209 or office.immanuelfindlay@gmail.com.

CALL RESPONSE:

*Dear Brothers and Sisters of Trinity, Jenera, OH,
I acknowledge that the members of your congregation extended a call to me to serve in your elementary school as the teacher of grades 7-8.
I am truly humbled to see the Lord's hand in this. He has laid before me a gracious opportunity to consider where he might best use me to serve in his kingdom. I, along with my wife, will prayerfully consider the two divine calls I now have. I pray the Lord will lead me to a timely and God-pleasing decision.
Please keep me and my wife in your prayers along with the people and ministry of Trinity and the people and ministry here at Immanuel, Manitowoc.
Serving Christ and His People,
Guy Gast*

DAILY LECTIONARY

Lent 3

Sun: Gen 27:30-45, Mark 9:1-13; **Mon:** Gen 29:1-30, Gen 29:31-24:31, Mark 9:14-32;

Tue: Gen 35:1-29, Mark 9:33-50; **Wed:** Gen 37:1-36, Mark 10:1-12;

Thu: Gen 39: 1-23, Mark 10:13-31; **Fri:** Gen 40:1-23, Mark 10:32-52;

Sat: Gen 41:1-27, Mark 11:1-19

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OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (week of March 5th)

Total Worship Attendance: 256; Early: 111; Late: 145; Midweek Lent: 106; Adult Bible Study: 29; Sunday School: 36; Teen Bible Class: 4; Online worship service views for February 26th: 51.

MONEY COUNTERS for this morning through March 25th are the members of Josh Breitigam's Undershepherd group. Beginning Sunday, March 26th, will be the members of Brad Inniger's Undershepherd group.

GREETERS today are: Jim & Jane Smith – early
Joyce Beach & Loretta Jansen – late

Next Sunday: Mark & Kathi Curth – early
Gary & Rebecca Mitchell – late

THIS WEEK AT TRINITY (March 12th through March 19th)

TODAY Worship 8:00 AM & 10:30; Children's Lesson; Adult Bible Study, Teen Bible Class, Sunday School 9:20; Outreach 11:30.

Mon Preschool Playtime 10:00 school gym

Tue Church Council 7:00

Wed Supper 5:30; Midweek Lent Service 7:00; Choir Practice after service

SUN **Worship 8:00 & 10:30;** Communion; Adult Bible Study Bible, Sunday School, Teen Bible Class 9:20; Cornhole Tournament 2:30

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Mon NO SCHOOL, Teacher in-service; MLS Play @ Zion Monroe school field trip

Tue TLS OPEN HOUSE & Ed Choice Information Night 5:00

Wed Chapel 8:20

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT: *Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church exists to glorify our Triune God as we train, strengthen and nurture ourselves and others through His Word and Sacraments, so that we are enabled by His love to live lives of faith and to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to all people.*