# WATER OF LIFE



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### WATER OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL + SEEK THE THIRSTY + TEACH THE WORD

# ✤ Welcome!

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# Ф As We Gather Ф

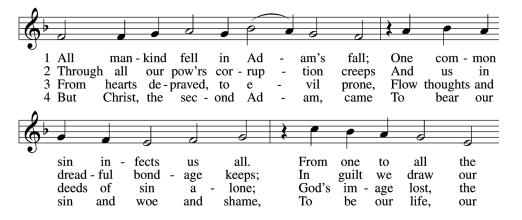
Underscoring the blessedness of being true like a tree, the psalmist states that "the LORD knows the way of the righteous" (Psalm 1:6a). In this Lenten season of repentance and reflection, we may well take to heart the advice of Paul to his co-worker Timothy, "Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness" (1 Timothy 6:11). May we be trees of truth to the glory of God!

# + Preparation +

**OPENING HYMN** 

All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall

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- As by one man all mankind fell
   And, born in sin, was doomed to hell,
   So by one Man, who took our place,
   We all were justified by grace.
- We thank You, Christ; new life is ours, New light, new hope, new strength, new pow'rs. This grace our ev'ry way attend Until we reach our journey's end.

#### INVOCATION

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

#### **OPENING SENTENCES**

- P Hear my cry, O God, listen to my prayer;
- C From the end of the earth I call to You when my heart is faint.
- P Send out Your light and Your truth; let them lead me;
- C Let them bring me to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling!
- P Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
- C And I will praise You with the lyre, O God, my God.
- P Hope in God; for I shall again praise Him,
- C My salvation and my God.

#### **CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

P Let us make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

- P O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C We are sinful people. We have inherited the legacy of original sin from our first parents, Adam and Eve, who disobeyed You in Eden. We are by nature sinful and unclean. In our

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Psalm 43:3-4, 5b; 61:1-2a

daily lives we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We sincerely repent of our sins and humbly ask Your grace and forgiveness in Jesus Christ. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit, lead us to change what is sinful in our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and godly living to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

- P God is gracious and forgiving. He has shown His merciful power in ways that renew, restore, and heal. To those who come to Him with repentant and contrite hearts, our Lord says, "Fear not!" and promises pardon, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the H Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# & Service of the Word

#### INTROIT

- P Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place— the Most High, who is my refuge—
- C No evil shall be allowed to befall you, no plague come near your tent.
- P For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.
- C On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.
- P You will tread on the lion and the adder;
- C The young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

#### GLORIA PATRI (sung)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

KYRIE (sung)

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

#### SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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Psalm 91:9-13

C O Lord God, You led Your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide the people of Your Church that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

#### Genesis 3:1-21

<sup>1</sup>Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup>And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup>but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.' " <sup>4</sup>But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup>For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup>So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup>Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup>And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" <sup>10</sup>And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. <sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."

<sup>16</sup>To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. <sup>19</sup>By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

<sup>20</sup>The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. <sup>21</sup>And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### Romans 5:12-19

#### **EPISTLE READING**

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— <sup>13</sup>for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup>Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. <sup>16</sup>And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. <sup>17</sup>If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

<sup>18</sup>Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. <sup>19</sup>For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

- R This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

#### C Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup>And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup>But he answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" <sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup>and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup>Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'"

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.

Matthew 4:1-11

#### NICENE CREED

ALL I believe in one God,

the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds,

God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,

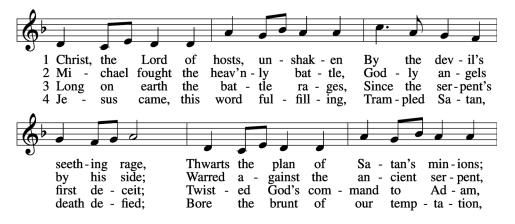
the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

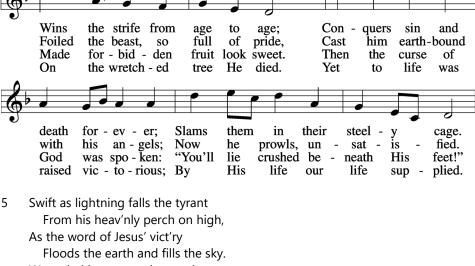
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead.

**SERMON HYMN** 

Christ, the Lord of Hosts, Unshaken

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- Wounded by a wound eternal Now his judgment has drawn nigh!
- Jesus, send Your angel legions
  When the foe would us enslave.
  Hold us fast when sin assaults us;
  Come, then, Lord, Your people save.
  Overthrow at last the dragon;
  Send him to his fiery grave.

#### SERMON

#### OFFERING

#### **OFFERTORY** (sung)

Rev. Shawn Deterding

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

#### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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# ✤ Service of the Sacrament ✤

#### PREFACE

- 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 Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

#### SANCTUS

- C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
- P Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
- C Hosanna in the highest.
- P Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.
- C Hosanna in the highest.

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

- P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

2 Timothy 4:22

Colossians 3:1

Psalm 136

*LSB*, p. 195

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father who art in heaven...

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

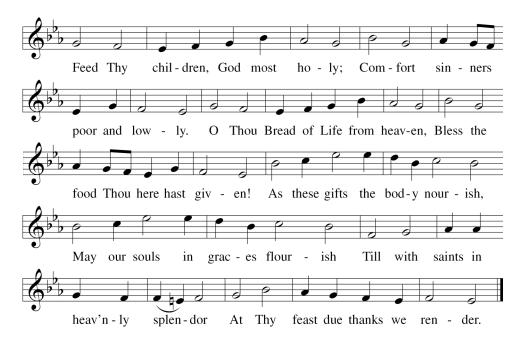
#### AGNUS DEI (sung)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

#### **DISTRIBUTION** ~ Welcome to the Lord's table. (An usher will direct you.)

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

Feed Thy Children, God Most Holy



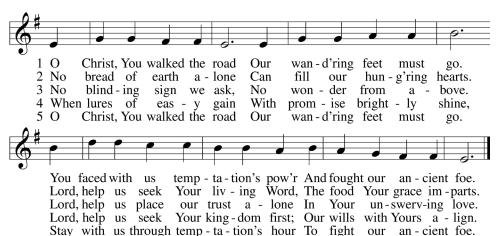
Matthew 6:9-13

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

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John 20:19



#### NUNC DIMITTIS (sung)

*LSB*, p. 199-200

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people, a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

- P Almighty and most merciful God, in this life, we must endure temptation and suffering. Grant us grace that we be made steadfast in trial and, if we fall, be rescued by Your mercy, restored through Your absolution, and nourished by this Holy Sacrament to abide in Christ all the days of our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### **BENEDICAMUS**

- P Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

#### BENEDICTION

- C Amen.

Numbers 6:24-26



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# Lenten Worship Schedule ~ Join us each week!

Wednesday, MARCH 1 6 PM – Fellowship Meal (Mexican theme) 7 PM – Promised Treasures – *Salt: The Gift that Sweetens and Preserves* 

#### Wednesday, MARCH 8

6 PM – Fellowship Meal (Sandwiches & Sides) 7 PM – Promised Treasures – *Water Gives You Life* 

#### Wednesday, MARCH 15

6 PM – Fellowship Meal (Italian theme) 7 PM – Promised Treasures – *Light Shining in the Darkness* 

#### Wednesday, MARCH 22

6 PM – Fellowship Meal (Soups & Salads) 7 PM – Promised Treasures – *Bread of Life* 

#### Wednesday, MARCH 29

6 PM – Fellowship Meal (Potluck)

7 PM – Promised Treasures – Palms & Victory

