



exactly
what i need

WATER

Third Sunday in Lent

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ETERNAL LOVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

a member congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

FOR OUR GUESTS

Thank you for being here. During your visit today, you will see and hear what we're all about: God's *eternal love* for us through his Son, Jesus Christ! Any directions for speaking or singing, standing or sitting, will be indicated in this folder or projected on the wall in front of you.

Restrooms: are available just outside the chapel doors down the hallway to the left.

Nursery: We encourage families to worship together. If an adult needs to step out of the chapel briefly with a child, the nursery is provided just outside the chapel near the restrooms.

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ABOUT OUR WORSHIP SERIES: *EXACTLY WHAT I NEED*

Lent is the season of the Church Year when I recognize my greatest needs. During Lent, I realize that in Christ all my greatest needs are met. God knows what I need even when I don't have any idea. The Holy Spirit makes it clear, week after week, that if I lack Christ, I have nothing. But if I have Christ, I have exactly what I need.

ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICE

I recognize my deep spiritual thirst. I long for a good relationship with God and for everlasting life. I am tempted to satisfy that deep thirst with worldly things, a strategy doomed to failure. I realize that my thirst is satisfied only by the One who said,



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“Whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life.” (Jesus, in John 4:14)

GOD'S OPEN INVITATION FOR SPIRITUAL REFRESHMENT

Isaiah 55:1-3

Hey, all of you who are thirsty, come to the water,
even if you have no money!

Come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.

Why do you spend money on something that is not bread?

Why do you waste your labor on something that does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good.

Satisfy your appetite with rich food.

Turn your ear toward me, and come to me.

Listen, so that you may continue to live.

**Yes, I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
the faithful mercies promised to David.**

INVOCATION

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

Amen.



HYMN

394 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, par - a -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul - re -



by the fall; here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 lyzed, and blind; here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, per -
 from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and
 here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 break his cov - e - nant of blood, signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; you shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; they that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

STAND

CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

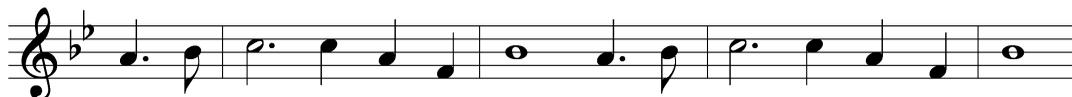
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

839 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me sts. 1, 3



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;



be of sin the dou - ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.

ABSOLUTION

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

BE SEATED

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1–7

In his grace, God gives undeserving people water from a stone.

¹The entire Israelite community set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin* as the LORD had commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses said to them, “Why are you quarreling with me? Why are you testing the LORD?”

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

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

⁵The LORD said to Moses, “Go in front of the people, and take the elders of Israel with you. Also take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Watch me. I will stand there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will drink.” Moses did that in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He named the place Massah[†] and Meribah,[‡] because the Israelites quarreled, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

* *Sin* is a geographic name, unrelated to the English word *sin*.

[†] *Massah* means *testing*.

[‡] *Meribah* means *quarreling*.

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

God's love is poured into our hearts like living water.

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

STAND

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 4:13,14



Refrain



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."

Refrain

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 piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.”
⁸(His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus 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.”

¹¹“Sir,” she said, “you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? ¹²You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals.”

¹³Jesus answered her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life.”

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

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

¹⁷“I have no husband,” the woman answered.

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

¹⁹“Sir,” the woman replied, “I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. ²³But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

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

²⁶Jesus said to her, “I, the one speaking to you, am he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Young children may come forward for a brief devotion.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I
me and rest; Lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down Your
free - ly give The liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; Stoop
head up - on my breast." I came to Je - sus as I
down and drink and live." I came to Je - sus, and I
was, Wea - ry and worn and sad; I found in
drank Of that life - giv - ing stream; My thirst was
him a rest - ing place, And he has made me glad.
quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in him.

SERMON

John 4:5-26

STAND

HYMN RESPONSE TO THE WORD 893 For All the Faithful Women sts. 10, 4^s



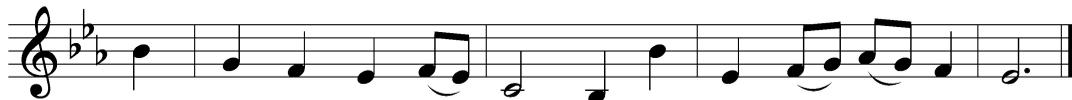
2 Re - call the out - cast wom - an with whom the Lord con - versed;
4 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



Christ gave her liv - ing wa - ter to quench her deep - est thirst.
All praise the Ho - ly Spir - it, who binds the Church in one!



Like hers, our hearts are yearn - ing; Christ of - fers us his Word.
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



Then may our lips be burn - ing to wit - ness to our Lord.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

BE SEATED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Eternal God, you created our planet to proclaim the depth of your majesty and love. At your command the world turns, the breezes blow, and the waters surge. Here you placed the crown of your creation, your human creatures, and gave us the bounty of the earth for our provision and pleasure.

Help us to value and protect the blessings of nature you have given us.

^s The account of the woman at the well continues beyond our Gospel for today. Check out her wonderful witness and its impact on her community in John 4:28-29, 39-42.

Allow farms and factories, businesses and institutions, schools and communities to prosper and provide the blessings you desire to bestow on us. Use the blessing of wealth to enable us to spread the gospel throughout the world.

Teach us to be faithful stewards of your blessings.

Give wisdom to the leaders of our land and bend their will to yours. Drive away party spirit and harsh rhetoric that often deepen the divisions among people. Help our nation find contentment in helping and protecting one another.

Guide us so we may avoid the pitfalls of anger and arrogance.

Keep in your care all those who are sick and suffering in these troubled times. Restore health according to your will. *[Especially bless...]* Comfort those you are leading to heaven with the anticipation of their eternal home.

Move us to pray fervently for those in need.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Hear us for the sake of Jesus, your Son and our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING

The members of Eternal Love congregation have joined together to do the Lord's work in this city and around the world. Guests need not feel obligated to participate in this offering which supports our church's ministry. If being here today was a blessing to you and you would like to support our ministry, you can scan here and enter your phone number or email address to donate. (Members, please use a phone number or email address that is currently on file with the church).



During this time, we ask that everyone take part in completing the worship register. Please fill in the requested information and pass the booklet to the end of the row. Thank you!

OFFERING SONG

Amazing Love (My Lord What Love Is This)

*My Lord What Love Is This
That Pays So Dearly
That I, The Guilty One May Go Free!*

*Chorus:
Amazing Love, O What Sacrifice
The Son Of God Given For Me
My Debt He Pays And My Death He Dies
That I Might Live
That I Might Live*

*And So They Watched Him Die
Despised, Rejected
But Oh, The Blood He Shed Flowed For Me*

*And Now This Love Of Christ
Shall Flow Like Rivers
Come Wash Your Guilt Away, Live Again!*

STAND

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.**

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you have promised to fill all those who hunger and thirst for righteousness. Bless us with hearts that always seek first your kingdom and righteousness and for a life of obedience. Let our souls hunger and thirst only for you, because we do not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from your mouth.

In your name we pray. Amen.

BLESSING

based on Revelation 21:6; 22:17, 21

Jesus has spoken from his heavenly throne: "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To anyone who is thirsty, I will give freely from the spring of the water of life."

Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who wants the water of life take it as a gift.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with all the saints.

Amen.

2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters and all
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the
Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of five staves of music in a treble clef with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first line starts with a '2' indicating a second ending. The music ends with a double bar line.



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