



4th Sunday in Lent
Living Water for the Lost

CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH | Lodi, California

March 22, 2020

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

Welcome to Christ Lutheran Church. We pray that your soul will be strengthened by the good news about God's grace, love, and forgiveness given to us. If you would like to learn more about our church, please speak with our pastor or one of our members after the service.

- **Bathrooms** are located in the fellowship hall. A changing table is located in the women's bathroom.
- A worship monitor is to the right as you exit. We encourage children of all ages to participate in our worship. Please don't be afraid to bring them into the service. We have a nursery room with toys, books, and other items that you can use to help calm your child.
- Our order of worship is printed in this booklet. If at any time during worship you have a question, feel free to ask someone sitting near you for help. We are more than happy to assist you in any way that we can.

CONNECTION CARDS

Take a moment to fill out the Connection Card. If you have a private prayer request, comment, or question, write it on the back side place the completed card in the collection plate or hand it to an usher.

WORSHIP THEME

In both the Old Testament Reading and the Gospel, God's mercy and grace is revealed to those who have gone astray. The Israelites complain that they have no water. God responds to the Israelites' quarreling not with judgment but mercy, miraculously providing water from the rock. The Samaritan woman, marginalized because of her ethnicity and sinful past, receives God's mercy in Christ and is brought to believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world. The Epistle grounds God's love and grace in the cross, where Jesus lays down his life for weak, unrighteous, and ungodly sinners

THE DIVINE SERVICE

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OPENING HYMN

308 As Surely As I Live, God Said



1 "As sure - ly as I live," God said, "I
2 To us, there - fore, Christ gave com - mand: "Go
3 "All those whose sins you thus re - mit I
4 "What you will bind, that bound shall be; What
5 The words which ab - so - lu - tion give Are



would not have the sin - ner dead, But
forth and preach in ev - 'ry land; Be -
tru - ly par - don and ac - quit; And
you will loose, that shall be free; Un -
his who died that we might live; The



that he turn from er - ror's ways, Re -
stow on all my par - d'ning grace Who
those whose sins you do re - tain Con -
to my Church the keys are giv'n To
min - is - ter whom Christ has sent Is



pent, and live through end - less days."
will re - pent of sin - ful ways.
demned and guilt - y shall re - main.
op'n and close the gates of heav'n."
but his hum - ble in - stru - ment.

6 When ministers lay on their hands,
Absolved by Christ the sinner stands;
He who by grace the Word believes
Forgiveness, sure and sweet, receives.

7 Praise God the Father and the Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One,
As was, is now, and so shall be
Forever and eternally!

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

HYMN 302 Lord, to You I Make Confession (vs. 1, 2)

**Lord, to you I make confession: I have sinned and gone astray
I have multiplied transgression, Chosen for myself my way.
Led by you to see my errors, Lord, I tremble at your terrors.**

**Yet, though conscience' voice appall me, Father, I will seek your face.
Though Your child I dare not call me, Yet receive me to your grace.
Do not for my sins forsake me; Do not let your wrath o'ertake me.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

For your Son has suffered for me, Giv'n himself to rescue me,
Died to save me and restore me, Reconciled and set me free.
Jesus' cross alone can vanquish These dark fears and sooth this anguish.

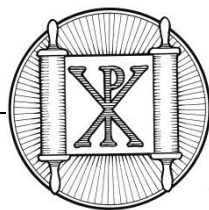
Lord, on you I cast my burdens – Sink it in the depths below!
Let me know your gracious pardon; Wash me, make me white as snow.
Let your Spirit leave me never; Make me only yours forever.

GLORY TO GOD – *Gloria in Excelsis*

During the season of Lent our most joyous song are omitted.

The Service of the Word

Having just received absolution for their sins, believers now gather around the Word of God to find encouragement and peace for their lives on earth.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

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

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 17:1–7

Despite the miracles Israel has seen in their deliverance from Egypt, their faith in God is at a low. They assume God brought them out into the wilderness to kill them! He provides water not only for their bodies but also for their souls.

17 The entire Israelite community left the Wilderness of Sin, moving from one place to the next according to the LORD's command. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So the people complained to Moses, "Give us water to drink."

"Why are you complaining to me?" Moses replied to them. "Why are you testing the LORD?"

³But the people thirsted there for water and grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you ever bring us up from Egypt to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?"

⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, "What should I do with these people? In a little while they will stone me!"

⁵The LORD answered Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you. Take the staff you struck the Nile with in your hand and go. ⁶I am going to stand there in front of you on the rock at Horeb; when you hit the rock, water will come out of it and the people will drink." Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He named the place Massah^[a] and Meribah^[b] because the Israelites complained, and because they tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 95

This Psalm is known to us in our liturgy as the Venite. We can come before God and worship him because he is the rock of salvation from which flows the water of life.

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of
 our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks-giv - ing,
 let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a
 great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are
 in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he
 made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and
 bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1–8

We are declared righteous. This is the living water freely given.

5 Therefore, since we have been declared righteous by faith, we have peace^[a] with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²We have also obtained access through him by faith^[b] into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice^[c] in the hope of the

glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also rejoice in our afflictions, because we know that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ endurance produces proven character, and proven character produces hope. ⁵ This hope will not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured out in our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

⁶ For while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For rarely will someone die for a just person—though for a good person perhaps someone might even dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 4:23

But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth.

GOSPEL

John 4:5-30,39-42

Jesus defied common practice by walking through Samaria. He challenged ceremonial customs in asking a Samaritan woman for a drink of water from her utensils! Why would Jesus even bother with this woman of many failed relationships? He had come for this woman's salvation, too, not because she had lived an exemplary life but only because of grace.

M: The Gospel according to John, chapter 4.



Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

⁵ so he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar near the property^[a] that Jacob had given his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, worn out from his journey, sat down at the well. It was about noon.^[b]

⁷ A woman of Samaria came to draw water.

“Give me a drink,” Jesus said to her, ⁸because his disciples had gone into town to buy food.

⁹“How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?” she asked him. For Jews do not associate with ^[c] Samaritans. ^[d]

¹⁰Jesus answered, “If you knew the gift of God, and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would ask him, and he would give you living water.”

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

¹³Jesus said, “Everyone who drinks from this water will get thirsty again. ¹⁴But whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again. In fact, the water I will give him will become a well ^[c] of water springing up in him for eternal life.”

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

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

¹⁷“I don’t have a husband,” she answered.

“You have correctly said, ‘I don’t have a husband,’” Jesus said. ¹⁸“For you’ve had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

¹⁹“Sir,” the woman replied, “I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹Jesus told her, “Believe me, woman, an hour 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, because salvation is from the Jews. ²³But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and in truth. ^[f] Yes,

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.	2 Cor. 6:18 Is. 51:13
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.	1 Cor. 8:6; Jn. 3:18 Lk. 1:35 Lk. 1:34; 2:7 Lk. 23:16 Mt. 27:32-61; Mk 15:21-47 Lk. 23:26-56; Jn. 19:16b-42 1 Pet. 3:19 1 Cor. 15:4b
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.	Ac. 2:33-34 Heb. 1:13 Mt. 25:31 2 Tim. 4:1
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.	Mt. 3:16-17 Eph. 5:23 Eph. 4:3-6 Rom. 4:6-8 1 Cor. 15:13-19 1 Th. 4:17

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY 574 May God Bestow on Us His Grace
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1 May God be - stow on us his grace,
2 Yours o - ver all shall be the praise,
3 Oh, let the peo - ple praise your worth,



With bless - ings rich pro - vide us,
And thanks of ev - ry na - tion,
In all good works in - creas - ing.



And may the bright - ness of his face
And all the world with joy shall raise
The land shall plen - teous fruit bring forth;



To life e - ter - nal guide us
The voice of ex - ul - ta - tion.
Your Word is rich in bless - ing.



That we his sav - ing health may know,
For you will judge the earth, O Lord;
May God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



His gra - cious will and plea - sure, And al - so
You will not let sin flour - ish. Your peo - ple's
And God the Spir - it bless us. Let all the



to the hea - then show Christ's rich - es with - out
pas - ture is your Word, Their souls to feed and
world praise him a - lone; Let sol - emn awe pos -



mea - sure And un - to God con - vert them.
nour - ish, In right - eous paths to keep them.
sess us. Now let our hearts say A - men!

SERMON

Stand

CREATE IN ME

Cre - ate in me a
pure heart, O God, and re - new a right spir - it with -
in me. Do not cast me a - way from your
pres - ence or take your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion, and up -
hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Be seated

OFFERING

Out of love for our Savior, we freely return to Him a portion of the material blessings He has given us. The offerings of the members are gathered at this time. Guests need not feel obligated to give an offering.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (CW page 131)

Let us pray, brothers and sisters, for the holy Church of God throughout the world, that God the almighty Father gather and guide it so that we may worship him in peace and tranquility:

M: Almighty and eternal God, you have shown your glory to all nations in Jesus Christ. Guide the work of the Church. Help it to persevere in faith, proclaim your Word, and bring salvation to people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for our pastors and teachers and all leaders of the Church, and for all the people of God:

M: Almighty and eternal God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy. Strengthen and uphold all who serve you and your people. Keep them in health and safety for the good of the Church. Help each of us to do faithfully the work to which you have called us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who do not believe in Christ, that the light of the Holy Spirit may show them the way to salvation:

M: Almighty and eternal god, enable those who do not acknowledge Christ to receive the truth of the gospel. Help us, your Church, to grow in love for you and for one another, so that we become more perfect witnesses of your love for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray for those who serve in public office, that God may guide their minds and hearts, so that all of us may live in true peace and freedom:

M: Almighty and eternal God, graciously direct those who have been set in positions of authority among us, so that people everywhere may enjoy justice, peace, freedom, and a share in the goodness of your creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray that God, the almighty and merciful Father, may heal the sick, comfort the dying, give safety to travelers, and free those unjustly deprived of liberty:

M: Almighty and eternal God, you give strength to the weary and new courage to those who have lost heart. In your mercy hear

the prayers of all who call on you in any trouble, that they may have the joy of receiving your help in their need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

Special prayers may follow

LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE BLESSING – Aaronic blessing

In Numbers 6 God tells Aaron to put His name on the people of God with these words. As we began the service with the Lord's name so we are sent out in His name with His blessing.

M: 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.

HYMN

739 Baptismal Waters Cover Me



Announcements

Sadly everything has been put on hold. We are moving all studies and worship online. CD's and print sermons are being sent out to those who are unable to worship online. If you would like a copy or know someone who would please let me know. Bulletins and Sermons are available on our website – Media tab – Sermon Manuscripts.

Communion is always available. Schedule anytime during the week and I'll make it work. Small groups, less than ten will meet in the sanctuary for a short service (15 minutes).

Offering – Some have asked about offerings. Our church is set up to use Vanco, Bill Pay (through your bank), or mail.

Community Garden – Although we are on lockdown, our governing officials still want us outside. The Garden is open and there are multiple plots still available. We can expand further out into the field. A rototiller is available.

Please stay safe. If you are feeling ill or have come into contact with anyone who is, wear a mask. We'll get through this.