



About the Cover

The parched-desert complaints of the Israelites were coupled with their desire to strike Moses with stones. However, the Lord had Moses strike a rock to provide the Israelites with water during their journey. Jesus, the rock of our salvation, was struck on His way to die on the cross for us. It was through His death on the cross that He poured out the waters of eternal life and won forgiveness for us. His water quenches our thirsty souls with God's abundant life and sustains us on this side of heaven and into eternal life.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Epistle: Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Holy Gospel: John 4:5-26

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given

to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings 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." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."



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Welcome to Our Visitors

We pray all will be spiritually enriched by your visit to this "House of God." Here Christ breaks the silence that surrounds mortal man in his sin and death. Here in Christ Jesus, we hear the voice of the Eternal One, and hear the voice of the Father, and that He loves us, that He forgives us and that in the resurrection of Christ, He has made us His Children and has given us victory over death itself.

In our Worship, this Morning, we celebrate the Holy Communion. As Lutherans, we believe and teach that in the Sacrament we receive Christ's true body and blood, thus it is our duty to examine ourselves to our worthiness before reception of the Lord's Supper, (see pages 329-330 of the hymnal, Christian Questions and Their Answers). We ask that if you are not a member of our Congregation or a member of a Lutheran Church Missouri Synod congregation, that you speak to Pastor or an Elder before the Service.

THE ORDER OF HOLY COMMUNION

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Ringling of the Bells, Welcome, and Announcements

Opening Hymn LSB#648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

Invocation

Confession – Absolution Page 203

The Introit:

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

C: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

P: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

C: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

P: Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P: Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

The Kyrie Page 186

The Hymn of Praise On My Heart Imprint Your Image

On my heart imprint your image. Blessed Jesus, King of grace.
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
In my life, my hope's foundation And my glory and salvation!

The Salutation and Collect of the Day Page 205

The Old Testament Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

The Gradual: (spoken by the Pastor)

The Epistle Romans 5:1-8 (see back of bulletin)

P: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: John 4:5-26

The Nicene Creed Page 206

The Children's Message

The Hymn of the Day LSB#646 Church of God, Elect and Glorious

The Sermon Spring of Living Water John 4:5-26

The Offering

The Prayer of the Church Response: P: Lord, in Your mercy, C: Hear our Prayer.

The Service of Holy Communion Pages 208ff

The Distribution: Continuous Line

The Distribution Hymn LSB#631 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

The Nunc Dimittis Page 211

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The Benedicamus and Benediction Page 212

Closing Hymn LSB#653 In Christ There Is No East or West

Mid-Week Lenten Service continues this Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Supper at 5:45

Saturday Evening Worship: 5:00 PM.

Holy Communion First and Third Saturdays

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:00 AM

Holy Communion: Second and Fourth Sundays