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OUR SAVIOR'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Connecting Faith to Everyday Life

SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2023

Ask

A Lenten series for anyone who's ever had
a question about their faith.

Lent at Our Savior's

GATHERING

Prelude – “Litany,” Franz Schubert

Gathering Words

Invocation

+Gathering Hymn – ELW, No. 807, “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Come and serve Jesus,
our Living Water,
who joins you in this place today.

**How can simple water
accomplish that which is holy?**

Jesus used water from a well
to invite a lonely Samaritan
to drink from
God's reservoir of grace.

Jesus used water
from his very own mouth
to anoint the eyes
of a man born blind.

**These stories belong to another people
from a time long ago.**

Why should they matter to me?

In baptism, God pours out goodness
in limitless supply.

**But I am not worthy of this goodness.
Does God know what I have done?**

Jesus uses water to rescue.
Jesus uses water to heal.
Jesus uses water to drown your sin
so your life might reveal God's glory.

Give me that living water.

It is already yours.

Jesus, you have refreshed us.

**This water cools my soul
as you make me new again.**

Song for Lent – ELW, No. 666, “What Wondrous Love Is This,” sts. 1, 3



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be-neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on.

Text: North American folk hymn, 19th cent., alt.
Music: WONDROUS LOVE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Reading – John 4:1–42

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – ACS, No. 971, “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when
2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the
3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,
mar - ket - place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,
seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the
full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes
bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.
root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.
come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: MADELEINE, Donna Kasbohm, b. 1933

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+Apostles' Creed

For some, the Apostles' Creed is like liturgical muscle memory: You can say it without thinking about it.

Today we ask you to affirm your faith

by answering questions

so you might truly consider

what you believe.

If you feel unable

to affirm

your faith today,

listen to those around you.

Borrow some faith from them

as we share these ancient words.

Do you believe there is a God who made us?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe this God sent a child named Jesus to save this world?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

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

Do you believe the Holy Spirit animates our faith and empowers the church today?

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

+Prayers of the People

You shaped this world with joy.
And you have placed us here
to lovingly tend
your beautiful,
bountiful,
and wonderful world.

Yet so many people feel divorced from
the goodness in your creation,
the goodness in their neighbor,
and the goodness in themselves.

The earth, your creation, is broken today.

We ask for your healing as we pray.

Like a parent,
you wish
you could
take
our pain as your own.

You invite us to serve you,
so why do we feel unworthy
of the refreshment
you provide?

Hold us closer
when we suffer.
And draw closer to our friends
whose concerns we share with you today...

Come with us to the graveside
where we wait
with our grieving friends
for the day of new life.

Your people, your beloved, are broken today.

We ask for your salvation as we pray.

Thank you for bringing us together
to share your name
and your purpose
and a world to love.

Thank you for your prayers of faithful love
given to Nicholas Torbert and Andy Feng
as they were joined in marriage this past week.

‘Thank you for healing
our bodies
and our spirits
and our society
and this place.

Be patient with us,
because we judge one another,
even though you are shamelessly gracious.

The Church, your holy people, are ready today.

We ask for your Spirit as we pray.

MEAL

Offering

Invitation

Before we collect
our offering today,
we prepare ourselves
with a moment of prayer.

**God, prepare us to give today,
to each other and to you.**

**Give us boldness
so we might ask
our neighbors
what they truly need.**

**Give us humility
so we might listen to their answers.**

**Give us patience
to tolerate disappointment
as we wait for goodness to grow.**

**Give us generosity
so others can benefit
from the money and food
and other things
the world tells us
to keep to ourselves.**

**Give us abundance
so no one ever leaves here hungry.**

Amen.

Offering Music – “Wash Me in Your Water,” Greg Scheer

Offering Prayer

**God, what will you do
with these gifts?
We may never know.**

**But we carry a faith
passed to us
through generations.**

**We set the table
with food and drink
harvested by many hands.**

**We break the bread
of answered prayers.**

**Use the gifts we give today
to grow tomorrow's mercy.**

Amen.

Holy Communion

Dialogue

Where is our God?

God is here in this place.

Where are your hearts?

We have given them to God.

What shall we do in the presence of our God?

We shall give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Praise and thanks go to you, Great God.
From the first days of humankind,
when your people fell far from you in sin,
the first sinners wondered if you still loved them.

Your answer was,

Yes.

When your people were enslaved,
they wondered if you cared enough
to bring them to freedom.

Again, you said,

Yes.

Any time your people were exiled and afraid,
the prophets wondered
if your people would live again.

Always,

always,

your answer was,

yes.

Out of your unflinching yes for our salvation,
you sent our savior Jesus.

When everyday people met your Son,
they asked, "He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"

Christ's abundant forgiveness,

humiliating death,

and glorious resurrection

all answered

yes

to the question of your love

Now, humble people,
we respond with our own affirmation.

Is our God loving?

Does our God work for the good of those who wait for justice?

Does our God bring new life to those who have died?

Yes,

yes,

yes.

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to the Table

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Hymn – ELW, No. 331, “As the Deer Runs to the River”



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
 3 “Come and drink,” I - sa - iah sum-moned, “all who for God’s mer - cy plead!
 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
 Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
 God’s for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need.”
 Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



Refrain
 Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: JULION, David Hurd, b. 1950

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Proclamation after Holy Communion

Friends, now you have
 tasted God’s goodness for yourself.

Is our God loving?
 Does our God work for the good of all?
 Does our God bring new life?

Together, we say it again:

Yes,
yes,
yes.

SENDING

Sending Hymn – ELW, No. 658, “O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts,” *sts. 1, 2, 4*



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e’er our
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - ’ry bliss that earth im -
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
 turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
 way! Shed o’er the world your ho - ly light.

Text: attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153; tr. Ray Palmer, 1808–1887, alt.

Music: WALTON, W. Gardiner, *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

Announcements

Sending

Go now to serve
the Messiah Jesus,
the source of living water.

As you leave,
remember the disciples
who came upon Jesus
speaking to that
Samaritan woman by the well.

They were too bashful
to ask why Jesus
would speak with someone like her.

Where do you least expect
to find Jesus?

Postlude – “Fanfare: Gopsal,” David Willcocks

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