

# +The Divine Service+

The Third Sunday in Lent | March 12, 2023 | 8 & 10:15AM



CHRIST AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL  
FERDINAND GEORGE WALDMUELLER, 1818.

*Christ and the Woman at the Well*

# The Divine Service

LITURGY NOTE: *We observe the Rite of Confirmation in the 10:15 service for our three adult catechumens, Lucas Blum, Sara Mesing, and Adam Minnich. The Lord's Supper is celebrated at 10:15 also, that our confirmands might partake of the Holy Sacrament today.*

*When the bells ring, please stand and face the cross.*

**Processional Hymn | 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

## **Confession and Absolution**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** who made heaven and earth.

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C** But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C** Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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 ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

# The Service of the Word

## Introit (spoken)

*Psalm 84:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

*Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!

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

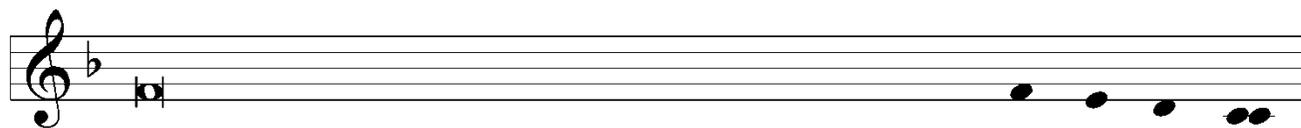
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her  
young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!**

**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.**

*Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.*

## Kyrie



**A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



**C** Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.



said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?”<sup>3</sup> But 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?”<sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.”<sup>5</sup> And 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.<sup>6</sup> Behold, 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.<sup>7</sup> And 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?”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Romans 5:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through 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. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and 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.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—<sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

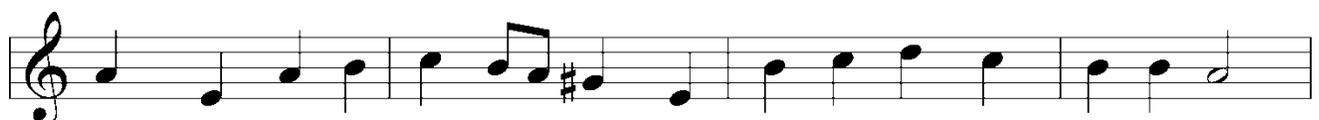
*In the season of Lent, there is no Gospel Procession or Alleluia.*

*The Holy Gospel is read from the Lectern.*

## The Hymn | 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life’s rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev - er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

**LITURGY NOTE:** *It is reverent to remain seated for the Gospel. This Gospel, as well as those of the next two Sundays, are lengthy. If weakness, small children, or something else prevents your standing, you may be seated. Of course, you may remain standing.*

## Holy Gospel

John 4:5-30, 39-42

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

**C** (*spoken*) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."  
<sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The 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.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus 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."  
<sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"

<sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock."  
<sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but 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."  
<sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

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

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” <sup>28</sup>So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” <sup>30</sup>They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . .

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**The Nicene Creed** *back cover of hymnal.*

*Omitted in 10:15, as the Creed is confessed by the catechumens within the Rite of Confirmation.*

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day | 823 May God Bestow on Us His Grace**

**Sermon**

*At the close of the sermon, stand, as the pastor speaks the following blessing:*

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus unto life everlasting!

**C** Amen.

## **The Rite of Confirmation**

*10:15 only. At early service, the service continues with the Prayer of the Church*

*The pastor addresses the catechumens.*

**P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

**P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?

**R** *Yes, I do.*

**P** Do you renounce the devil?

**R** *Yes, I renounce him.*

**P** Do you renounce all his works?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you renounce all his ways?

**R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

**P** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

**R** *Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.*

**P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

**R** *Yes, 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.*

**P** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**R** *Yes, 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.*

**P** Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

**R** *I do.*

**P** Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

**R** *I do, by the grace of God.*

**P** We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**C** **Amen.**

*The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each catechumen and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:*

**P** [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

**R** *Amen.*

*The pastor may read a text of Holy Scripture as a remembrance of confirmation. After all the catechumens have received the blessing, the following collect is prayed.*

*Stand*

**P** Almighty and most merciful Father, in the waters of Holy Baptism You have united Your children in the suffering and death of Your Son Jesus Christ, cleansing them by His blood. Renew in them the gift of Your Holy Spirit, that they may live in daily contrition and repentance with a faith that ever clings to their Savior. Deliver them from the power of Satan and preserve them from false and dangerous doctrines, that they may remain faithful in hearing Christ's Word and receiving His body and blood. By the Lord's Supper strengthen them to believe that no one can make satisfaction for sin but Christ alone. Enable them to find joy and comfort only in Him, learning from this Sacrament to love You and their neighbor and to bear the cross with patience and joy until the day of the resurrection of their bodies to life immortal; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Peace ✠ be with you.

**C** **Amen.**

*Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

# The Service of the Sacrament

## Preface

LSB 208

**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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. 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

LSB 208



**C** Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. At Your command, Abraham prepared to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice on the mountain; yet, in mercy You provided a ram as a substitute. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

### The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My **✝** body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My **✝** blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei | 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

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1 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, Who on the cross didst suf - fer,



Ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, Thy - self to scorn didst of - fer.



All sins Thou bor - est for us, Else had de - spair reigned o'er us:



Have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

*Sit*

## Distribution

### Holy Communion at St. Paul

Our congregation confesses the bodily presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Altar. To care for those who are about to receive the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, the Altar is open to those baptized Christians who repent of their sins, have been catechized in the Faith, and are members of our congregation, another congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or of another Church body with whom we are in fellowship. If you have not communed in a year or are visiting, please speak with one of our Pastors before communing today.

Thank you.

Distribution Hymn | 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Distribution Hymn | 429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died

Distribution Hymn | 609 Jesus Sinners Doth Receive

*Stand*

## The Dismissal

**P** The holy body and precious blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in the one true faith unto life +everlasting! Depart in peace. **Amen.**

## Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

**1** O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -  
**2** All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All  
part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the  
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the  
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:  
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is  
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your  
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -  
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

### Post-Communion Collect

**A** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

### Benedicamus

LSB 212

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Benediction

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

### Hymn to Depart | 542 When I Behold Jesus Christ

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*The Service is ended. Depart in peace!*

# Christ and the Samaritan Woman

*A Meditation on the Word of God | John 4:5-30, 39-42*

Christ was a Jew; she, a Samaritan. This did not prevent him from seeking her. “Give me a drink.” He was thirsty. His journeys had taken him to her city, to Jacob’s well, where she had come to draw water in the heat of the day, at noon. “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan?” The woman at the well knew that this conversation was scandalous. She knew Jews did not associate with Samaritans, much less drink from their vessels.

But the Lord Jesus did not come that day to receive anything from the woman. He came that day to *give*—to *offer* her—living water. What is the living water? It is the water that flows from his crucified Body. It is the water that is made *living* by the Spirit of God, who is in the water. It is the water that washes us in Baptism. It is the water from the true Rock, stricken for us in his crucifixion-death, and given us to drink in Communion. The living water of which our Lord speaks is none other than the water that flows from himself, his own heart—he who is the New Temple (John 2), he who gives the Holy Spirit who grants us new birth and eternal life (John 3).

The Lord Jesus knew something about this woman. He knew that earthly water could never satisfy her thirst. If she drank from Jacob’s well, she would be thirsty again. He also knew of her scandalous past: she had five husbands, and the man she was currently living with was not her husband. He also knew that she was a Samaritan. He knew that the false religion of the Samaritans, with their worship of foreign gods, could never give her what she, representative of the Samaritan people, really needed. This water, her husbands, her religion...none of these could *satisfy her thirst*. What she needed—the forgiveness of sins—comes only from one place.

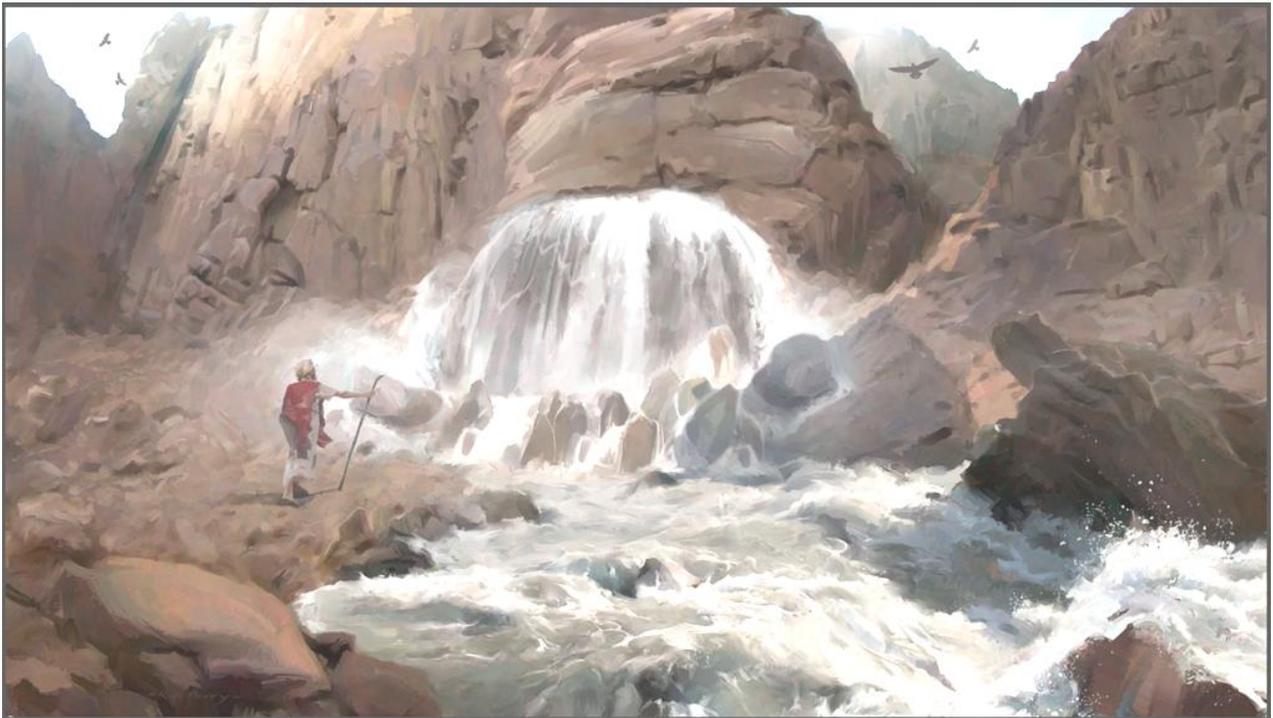
But look! They are meeting at a well. Wells were, in the ancient world, places of courtship. The Old Testament is full of stories of men who met their future wives at wells. Jesus is at this well because he is the true Bridegroom (John 3:29). He is courting her. Not because he wants to become her earthly husband, but because he wants her to join him at the marriage supper of the Lamb in his kingdom. He wants her to become a member of the Church, his heavenly Bride.

The conversation turns to the right place of worship. She says, verse 20, **Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.** Jesus replies, verse 23, **The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth.** What is the right place of worship? The hour is coming and is here, Jesus says, when *neither* in Jerusalem *nor* on Mt. Gerizim will true worshippers draw near to God. But, wherever the Spirit is; wherever Incarnate Truth is (John 14:6): that is where the true worshippers of God come to God, and God to them.

This is our Lord’s way of saying, “I am the New Temple. I am the source of the Holy Spirit. I am the giver of living water. One comes to the Father, only through me.” How do we, the holy bride of Christ, draw near to God? Through the flesh of Jesus. Through receiving his Baptism, his Word, his Absolution, and finally, his Flesh and Blood: there, God is worshipped. There, God is present to bless his people with the life and salvation Christ won on the cross.

The water flowed from the Rock for the Jews, the Blood of Christ for you; the water slaked their thirst for an hour, the Blood quenches your thirst forever.

The Jews drink and thirsted once more; when you have drunk, you need never thirst again. That was a figure, this is the Truth. If the figure seems wonderful to you, how much more the Reality the figure of which you admire. –Ambrose



# **THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

## ***A LENT MIDWEEK SERIES***

This Lent, Midweek Services will be offered Wednesdays at 7PM with a meal preceding at 5:45PM, served by volunteer groups/families of St. Paul.

We will hear the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ drawn from the Four Gospels, and pray the Great Litany. Join us as we meditate upon the sufferings of our Lord Jesus Christ for us men and for our salvation.

### **LENT/EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Ash Wednesday, February 22 7PM**

*Divine Service with the Imposition of Ashes*

[No supper preceding Ash Wednesday's Divine Service]

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**Wednesday, March 1 7PM**

*The Divine Service. Christ in Gethsemane. Supper at 6PM.*

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**Wednesday, March 8 7PM**

*Vespers. Christ before the High Priest. Supper at 6PM.*

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**Wednesday, March 15 7PM**

*The Divine Service. Christ before Pilate. Supper at 6PM.*

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**Wednesday, March 22 7PM**

*Vespers. The Crucifixion of Our Lord part I. Supper at 6PM.*

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**Wednesday, March 29 7PM**

*The Divine Service. The Crucifixion of Our Lord part II. Supper at 6PM.*

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**Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion, April 2, 8 and 10:15AM**

*Divine Services with the recitation of the Passion of Our Lord from St. Matthew.*

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**Maundy Thursday, April 6 7PM**

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**Good Friday, April 7 7PM**

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**The Easter Vigil, April 8 (TBD—Circuit Vigil @ St. John, Bingen)**

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**Easter Sunday, April 9 6AM & 9AM**

*Divine Services for Easter Sunrise and Easter Day, breakfast between services*

# Announcements

## St. Paul

**Confirmation** for three of our adult catechumens takes place today in the 10:15 service. We rejoice with Lucas Blum, Sara Mesing, and Adam Minnich, who have taken Adult Catechism with Pr. Yeager and who will be confirmed and receive the Lord's Supper with us today.

**Lent.** We are in the season of Lent. Midweek services are held Wednesdays at 7PM with suppers offered at 5:45PM. Join us! **There is one more Lenten Supper that is yet to be claimed, it is on March 22.** If anyone would like to donate their time and culinary skills to making a supper for our members, their efforts would be welcome. Sign up in the narthex.

**Private Confession** will be offered in pastor's Study, 6:30-7:30AM Sunday mornings during Lent. If the study is occupied when you knock, pray the Psalms in the sanctuary until pastor calls you. The rite of Individual Confession and Absolution is LSB 292.

**Easter Flowers.** Easter Flower order forms are available in the narthex. Please make checks payable to St. Paul Ladies' Aid. **Deadline for ordering flowers is March 12.** Please direct any questions you may have to Kelly Todd at 639-7291. Thank you.

**Ladies' Aid/LWML Meeting** is March 16 at 7PM. We invite you to bring mites as it will also be an LWML meeting. Interested in Ladies' Aid? Talk to a member to join today!

**Higher Things** is a youth conference for high school students that is decidedly Lutheran. The goal of this conference is catechesis, fellowship, and a good time with fellow Lutheran students from across the country. Pastor Yeager has gone to Higher Things in the past, and would like to take a group of students from St. Paul to the Higher Things conference in Carbondale, IL this summer. The date of this conference is **July 18-21, 2023**. If you are graduating from the 8<sup>th</sup> grade this year, you are eligible too. Please talk to Pr. Yeager as soon as possible if you have any interest in attending. To learn more go to [www.higherthings.org](http://www.higherthings.org).

**Collection for the Hope Clinic** is over for the year. Thanks to all who donated. Please know that donations are accepted at the Hope Clinic year-round, should anyone have items to give.

**First Aid Kit--Narthex.** Many thanks to the Meltons for donating a first aid kit for the parish. This will permanently sit in the narthex on the coat rack for anyone in need of assistance.

**Last Supper Drama Group.** Scott Marbach, a member of the Last Supper drama group of Ft. Wayne, and also a member of St. Paul, invites you to one of their group's upcoming performances during this year's Lenten season. To learn more about our group and our history please visit our website [lastsupperdramafw.simplesite.com](http://lastsupperdramafw.simplesite.com). On our home page is a link to WPTA 21 Country segment they did on our group last year; which will give you a good idea about our mission to share the Gospel message during Lent. Scott hopes that you might be able to see one of their performances and consider hosting our group in the future.

2023 Lenten season for Ft. Wayne Last Supper Drama Group:

Sunday March 12, 6:00 PM Calvary United Methodist Church, 6301 Winchester Rd. Ft. Wayne

Sunday April 2, 6:00 PM Decatur Church of God, 1129 Mercer Ave. Decatur  
Good Friday April 7, 7:00 PM The Lighthouse, 201 South Van Buren St., Monroe

### Wyneken

**DC Fundraiser.** Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School presents: “9 Pin NO TAP Tournament.” Saturday, March 11 at 11AM and/or 2PM. Location: Villa Lanes, Decatur, IN. Cost: \$140/team (4 people). Payment options: (Venmo) Brad-Baker-173 or make checks payable to: Wyneken Class of 2024. Contact: Brad Baker [blbaker134@yahoo.com](mailto:blbaker134@yahoo.com) or Facebook Messenger to sign up. All proceeds go to Wyneken 2024 Class Trip to DC. Prizes for the first three teams. Join us!

**Retirement.** Thanks be to God for the faithful service of Mr. Marvin Drier! Mr. Drier has announced that it is his intent to retire at the end of the 2022- 2023 school year.

**Call Updates.** The Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School Board recently extended calls to Ms. Tricia Day and Mr. Darin Koenemann to serve as teachers at Wyneken. We have received word that after much prayer and consideration both individuals have accepted the call to serve at Wyneken. We rejoice and look forward to serving with these individuals. Please continue to pray for these teachers, their families, and the schools where they currently serve.

**Early Childhood Director** sought. Wyneken Memorial Lutheran School is seeking an Early Childhood Director to start in the 2023-2024 academic year. Individuals who are experienced, have LCMS synodical and theological training, as well as an Indiana teaching license are preferred. Those interested are asked to submit a resume and cover letter. For additional information, please contact Andrew Gavrun at 260-639-6177 or [principal@wyneken.org](mailto:principal@wyneken.org).

**Bids for lawn and grounds care** for the 2023-2024 school year are sought. There are 2 parts to the bid: A) Lawn Mowing, trimming, & maintenance B) Shrubbery & mulch maintenance. Please contact the school office at (260) 639-6177 or a Wyneken School Board Member for complete details of work to be performed. Those wishing to bid are requested to submit their bid to the Wyneken School office by noon on Thursday, March 9, 2023.

Wyneken is looking for a **long term custodial sub** for Thursday and Friday starting now until mid-February. Any interested parties should contact Principal Gavrun 260-639-6177.

**Teacher Subs – Aide Subs – Kitchen Subs & Custodian Subs Needed:** If you are interested in being able to serve as a teacher sub, an aide sub and/or kitchen sub or custodian sub, please call the school office at 260-639-6177 for information and to get an application.

**Spring Enrollment for 2023-2024:** Enrollment forms for the 2023-2024 school year have been mailed out. If you have not received your forms, please call the school office right away. Enrollment forms are to be returned to the school no later than March 14. The \$100 enrollment fee is waived for all forms turned in by March 14. If you know of a family who would be interested in receiving enrollment information, please have them contact Wyneken at 260-639-6177 or by email to [office@wyneken.org](mailto:office@wyneken.org) or [principal@wyneken.org](mailto:principal@wyneken.org)

## Local

**St. John Bingen Men's Annual Fish and Tenderloin Dinner** is Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> held at Wyneken from 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children (6-12) \$6.00, and 5 and under are free. Dine in or drive thru takeout. Cash or Check only. Contact Nathan Shelton 260-200-0329.

**Support Ronald McDonald House.** Go shopping, pick up any item on the list in the narthex. A tote is in the narthex. Place items in the tote, and we will pass along to the Ronald McDonald House regularly. See [rmhc-neindiana.org](http://rmhc-neindiana.org) to learn more. Contact Sarah at 260-433-2746.

**Camp Lutherhaven:** Registration for summer camps at Lutherhaven has begun! Camp Lutherhaven has something for everyone: campfires, swimming, Tree Top Village, and spending time with friends and making new friends! There are programs for Kindergarten through High School ages. Register online today at [www.lutherahven.org](http://www.lutherahven.org) or call for more information at 260-636-7101.

**Poe Volunteer Fire Department Sausage and Pancake Brunch** Sunday, April 2, 9-1PM at the Poe Firestation. Adults \$8, children 6-12 \$4, under 6 free. Carry out is available. All proceeds will go to the LifePak15 monitor for our ambulance.

## Youth Group

### Middle School Youth (6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

#### **Sunday, March 12; 2-6 p.m. – Bowling & More at Georgetown Entertainment**

We will meet in the Bingen parking lot at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 12 to carpool to Georgetown Entertainment. There we shall bowl. We shall also enjoy the 4D Dark Ride Theater (whatever that is) and the Augmented Rock Wall and the Spin-Zone Bumper Cars. Oh, and there will be food. All of it will be included for \$10 per youth. We plan to be back at Bingen by 6 p.m. Parents, as always, we need drivers, who get to play and eat for free. Please let Pastor Brock know if you're willing.

### High School Youth Activities

**Sunday, March 12; 2-6 p.m. – Bowling & More at Georgetown Entertainment (see above)**

**Sunday, March 19; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Youth Gathering at Parsonage 1**

**Sunday, March 26; 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Wyneken Service Night**

## Prayer of the Church

- +**The Sick and Recovering:** Karlann Bieberich.
  - +**Expectant Mothers:** Maddie McCullough, Samantha Stout.
  - +**The Homebound:** Edna Mesing; Marge Merriman; Laurna Bulmahn (Woodcrest); Ken Schueler, Ted Reinhart, Don Haines, Ron Selking (home).
  - +**Birthdays:** Chase Baker, Eric Blum, Alan Bieberich, Cynthia Reinhart, Josie Miller, Avree Fisher, Jack Hamilton, Mary Yeager, Bret Comer.
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## Acolytes 3/12

8am Jon Miller 10:15am Zach Vitatoe

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## Attendance 3/5

Lent Midweek 1 3/1 70 8am 109 10:15am 67

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## Stewardship 3/5

Weekly Goal: \$7,969.33 Plate: \$9,082.00 Online: \$1,919.42 vs. goal: +\$1,112.67

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## Weekly Calendar

Sunday 3/12 Private Confession/Abs. 6:30-7:30AM  
**Divine Service 8AM**  
Sunday School/Bible Class 9:15  
**Divine Service 10:15AM (Confirmation)**  
Confirmation 11:30-12:30PM

Tuesday 3/14 150<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting 7PM

Wednesday 3/15 Lenten Supper at 5:45  
Hosted by members of St. Paul  
Lent Midweek Service 7PM

Thursday 3/16 Ladies Aid/LWML Meeting 7PM



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