

# ***Good Shepherd Lutheran Church***

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*March 12, 2023 9:30am*

*Third Sunday in Lent*



*John 4:7*

*<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her,  
"Give me a drink."*

To listen to the service, please turn your radio to

**FM 88.9**

Thank you for joining our service today.

*Please leave your offering in the plate at the door as you enter or leave the service.*

*This worship we will be using ELW Setting 3.  
You may stand during worship with asterisk (\*) in this bulletin.*

## **Gathering**

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

**Prelude**

**Tena Rackow**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

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P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have made ourselves captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**C:Amen**

**\* Gathering Hymn “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

**ELW#807**

**\* Greeting**

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P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

\* **Kyrie**

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**Amen.**

\* **Canticle of Praise**

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P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth

**C: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,**

**we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,**

**you alone are the Most High,**

**Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,**

**in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

\* **Prayer of the Day**

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P: Let us pray.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” 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 complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

L: The

Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 95**

<sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**<sup>2</sup>Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

<sup>3</sup>For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

**<sup>4</sup>In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

**<sup>6</sup>Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand. Oh, that today you would hear God’s voice!

**<sup>8</sup>“Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

<sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

<sup>10</sup>Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, ‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’ ”

### **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11**

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast 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 disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that 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>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **\* Gospel Acclamation**

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**Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and abounding in steadfast love**

### **Gospel: John 4:5-42**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John. C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[<sup>5</sup>Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common 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 no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <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 have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <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 seeks such as these 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” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup>Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”

<sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>31</sup>Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup>But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup>So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup>Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup>Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup>The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup>For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup>I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <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 truly the Savior of the world.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Vicar Thomas Mosbo

\* Hymn of the Day “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

ELW#611

\* Nicene Creed

P: With the whole church, let us confess our faith,

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,  
Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Choir Anthem      “To Christ Belong, in Christ Behold”**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*Congregation responds to each petition with the following:*

**L: Merciful God,    C: receive our prayer.**

*We lift our prayers for*

*Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Sheridan Brinker, Fern Harnish, Lois Paulsen,  
Taylor B., Denny Bergmann, Willie Kayser, Rene', Sue Kraft, Connor  
Stadermann, Brooke, Jon Forsythe, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller,  
Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Ju-  
lie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his  
family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Shanna, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack,  
Gretchen, Tina, Joe, Dan Kempel, Ron Heckman, Justin Yeager, Phil,  
Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Logan, Betty  
Mennega and Jim Clay.*

## Lord's Prayer

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P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray,

**C: 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;  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

### Sending

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## Blessing

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,  
In the name of the Father, † and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**\* Sending Hymn      “As the Deer Runs to the River”      ELW#331**

## \* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

Tena Rackow

*Attendance February 26th  
In-person-32 Online – 29*



# Announcements



## Lenten Music Services

*Join us each Wednesday during Lent at 11a.m. at E-Free Church on Lake Road, Lena, in the Fellowship Hall as we celebrate with music. Each of the 7 weeks a different group will perform.*

March 15	<b>Gone Fishin'</b>
March 22	Tyger Johnson
March 29	Steve Sheffey
April 5	Glenda Linneman

## *It is time to order Easter Lilies*

*Lilies will be \$16.00 per plant and can be ordered by using the flower envelopes provided in the magazine rack by the entrance. Please place them in the offering plate or you can drop them off at the church office.*

*Orders must be in by March 26<sup>th</sup>.*

*Lilies may be picked up after the Easter Sunday Service.*



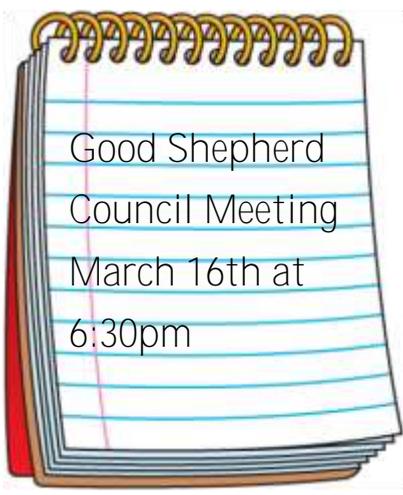


TODAY

*Chime Practice* 10:45am-11:15am

11:15am-11:45am *Choir Practice*

Piece Corps Quilting Group  
Meets every Wednesday  
from 8am-11:30am in  
Fellowship Hall



Good Shepherd  
Council Meeting  
March 16th at  
6:30pm

**Northwest Conference**  
**2023 Spring Gathering**

Women of the ELCA  
Deer Ridge Retreat Center  
3085 Forest Road  
Freeport, IL 61032

Thursday, April 13, 2023  
Time: 9:30am registration  
Brunch served at 10:00am  
Cost \$20.00

Program Deer Ridge Ministries, 11:00am-12:00pm

Presenter: Pastor David Decker

A freewill offering will be taken

Return lower portion of flier to registrar by April 3, 2023

Open to all women of the ELCA & guest, retreat center is handicapped accessible.

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Checks payable to: NW Conference WELCA (\$20.00)

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