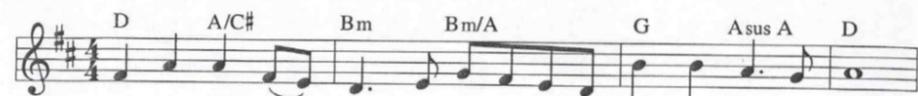


## As the deer



As the deer pants for the wa-ter, so my soul longs af-ter you.



You a-lone are my heart's de-sire and I long to wor-ship you.



You a-lone are my strength, my shield, to you a-lone may my spir-it yield;

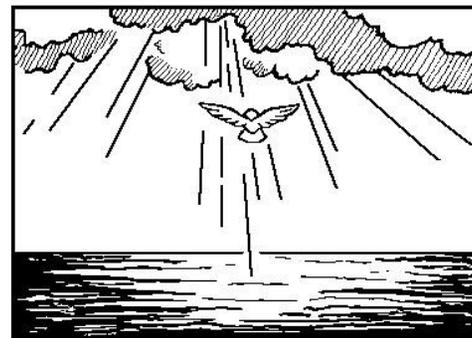


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# Trinity Lutheran Church

Sunday, March 15, 2020  
Third Sunday in Lent  
Holy Communion  
10:45 a.m.



Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.

- John 4:14

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**CALL TO WORSHIP: "As the Deer"**  
**(See page 14 of bulletin.)**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*(Please stand.)*

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who is present, who gives life,  
who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

**C: Amen.**

P: If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?  
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned away from you,  
knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.  
We have strayed from your love for all people.  
Turn us back to you, O God.  
Give us new hearts and right spirits,  
that we may find what is pleasing to you  
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

P: Receive good news: God turns to you in love.  
"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.  
All your sin is forgiven in the name of + Jesus Christ,  
who is the free and abounding gift of God's grace for you.

**C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG: (hymn # 770)**  
**"Give Me Jesus"**

## **Greeting**

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.**

## **POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you  
and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Let us pray . . .

We thank you, living God,  
for the body and blood of your Son,  
which sustains us in the wilderness and the garden alike.  
As Christ has loved us in this feast,  
so send us to love Christ in our neighbors.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

P: Now is the acceptable time.

Now is the day of salvation.

Holy God,

speaking, spoken, and inspiring,

+ bless you, unbind you,

and send you in love and in peace.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING SONG: (hymn # 843)**

**"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"**

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Share the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*We invite all who are worshipping with us to receive Holy Communion.*

*We commune by intinction or by common cup.*

*The first chalice is for intinction.*

*Intinction is dipping the bread (body of Christ) into the wine (blood of Christ) before eating.*

*The larger portion of the chalice is wine and the smaller is grape juice.*

*The second chalice is for common cup.*

*The common cup is eating the bread and drinking the wine separately.*

*You are invited to come forward at the direction of the ushers.*

P: All are welcome at God's table.

**C: And all means all!**

*(Please sit.)*

## COMMUNION

### COMMUNION SONG



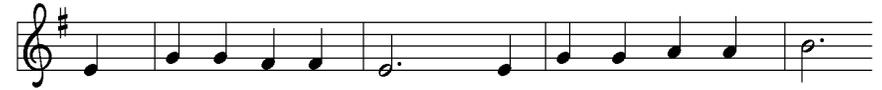
1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

*(Please stand.)*

## KYRIE



1 Have mer-cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer-cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer-cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

*(A brief silence is kept before the prayer.)*

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.**

*(Please sit.)*

## 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?"

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

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

## THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.  
Amen.**

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Please sit.)*

### OFFERING

*(Please stand.)*

### OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray...

**C: Holy and generous host,  
you set a table where we feast as friends.  
Prepare us to witness to your goodness  
with every gift you have given us to share,  
that all people may know your peace  
through Jesus Christ, now and forever.  
Amen.**

### DIALOGUE

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 our thanks and praise.**

### PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### 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.

The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand.)*

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL: John 4:5-42      The Message (MSG)**

<sup>4-6</sup> To get there, he had to pass through Samaria. He came into Sychar, a Samaritan village that bordered the field Jacob had given his son Joseph. Jacob's well was still there. Jesus, worn out by the trip, sat down at the well. It was noon. <sup>7-8</sup> A woman, a Samaritan, came to draw water. Jesus said, "Would you give me a drink of water?" (His disciples had gone to the village to buy food for lunch.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman, taken aback, asked, "How come you, a Jew, are asking me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" (Jews in those days wouldn't be caught dead talking to Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered, "If you knew the generosity of God and who I am, you would be asking *me* for a drink, and I would give you fresh, living water." <sup>11-12</sup> The woman said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket to draw with, and this well is deep. So how are you going to get this 'living water'? Are you a better man than our ancestor Jacob, who dug this well and drank from it, he and his sons and livestock, and passed it down to us?" <sup>13-14</sup> Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again and again. Anyone who drinks the water I give will never thirst—not ever. The water I give will be an artesian spring within, gushing fountains of endless life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said, "Sir, give me this water so I won't ever get thirsty, won't ever have to come back to this well again!" <sup>16</sup> He said, "Go call your husband and then come back." <sup>17-18</sup> "I have no husband," she said. "That's nicely put: 'I have no husband.' You've had five husbands, and the man you're living with now isn't even your husband. You spoke the truth there, sure enough." <sup>19-20</sup> "Oh, so you're a prophet! Well, tell me this: Our ancestors worshiped God at this mountain, but you Jews insist that Jerusalem is the only place for worship, right?" <sup>21-23</sup> "Believe me, woman, the time is coming when you Samaritans will worship the Father neither here at this mountain nor there in Jerusalem. You worship guessing in the dark; we Jews worship in the clear light of day. God's way of salvation is made available through the Jews. But the time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you're called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter." <sup>23-24</sup> "It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly *themselves* before him in their worship. God is sheer being itself—Spirit. Those who worship him must do it out of their very being, their spirits, their true selves, in adoration."

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

God of living water, send your church beyond boundaries to proclaim your grace. May its witness be a source of refreshment for thirsty souls. Strengthen our voices, that all people can know and believe that Jesus is truly the savior of the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, protect from pollution or misuse all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. Bless the work of those who dig wells and those who advocate for access to clean water, that all people and animals have enough to drink. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, open the hearts of leaders and authorities, that they hear the cries of the suffering and act with compassion toward them. Bring peace to disputed lands and bring reconciliation to people divided by race, culture, or nationality. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, mend the hearts of those who grieve broken relationships, whether by conflict, abuse, divorce, or death. Draw near to all who are ill. Assure those questioning your presence in the midst of doubt or suffering. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, renew us in the promises of baptism. Join us together in worship, fellowship, and sharing your good news. Embolden us to serve others and to work for justice and peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of living water, we thank you for those who endured suffering and who now boast in the glory of God. Pour your Holy Spirit into our hearts and give us peace as we live in the hope of our salvation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

**HYMN OF THE DAY: (hymn # 777)  
"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**We believe in the God of Life,  
Who creates and loves people,  
Who acts in history  
And who promises never to leave us alone.**

**We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,  
Who is our brother,  
Who wants not to be idolized but to be followed.**

**We believe that we dwell  
in the presence of the Holy Spirit;  
Without Spirit we are nothing;  
Filled with Spirit we are able to become  
creative, lively, and free.**

**We believe in the Church of Jesus Christ,  
A community where we find companions  
And courage for the struggles of life,  
Where we grow in our understanding of faith,  
Through worship, prayer, nurture, and service.**

**We believe that God has a use for us  
in this time and place,  
That even though we walk through the  
valley of the shadow of death,  
We are called to be instruments of God's peace.**

**We believe in living, hoping, laughing,  
and enjoying the good of the earth;  
We believe that people can change,  
and God keeps pulling us to life and to a  
new world of joy and peace.**

**Amen**

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<sup>25</sup> The woman said, "I don't know about that. I do know that the Messiah is coming. When he arrives, we'll get the whole story."  
<sup>26</sup> "I am he," said Jesus. "You don't have to wait any longer or look any further."  
<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They were shocked. They couldn't believe he was talking with that kind of a woman. No one said what they were all thinking, but their faces showed it.  
<sup>28-30</sup> The woman took the hint and left. In her confusion she left her water pot. Back in the village she told the people, "Come see a man who knew all about the things I did, who knows me inside and out. Do you think this could be the Messiah?" And they went out to see for themselves.  
<sup>31</sup> In the meantime, the disciples pressed him, "Rabbi, eat. Aren't you going to eat?"  
<sup>32</sup> He told them, "I have food to eat you know nothing about."  
<sup>33</sup> The disciples were puzzled. "Who could have brought him food?"  
<sup>34-35</sup> Jesus said, "The food that keeps me going is that I do the will of the One who sent me, finishing the work he started. As you look around right now, wouldn't you say that in about four months it will be time to harvest? Well, I'm telling you to open your eyes and take a good look at what's right in front of you. These Samaritan fields are ripe. It's harvest time!"  
<sup>36-38</sup> "The Harvester isn't waiting. He's taking his pay, gathering in this grain that's ripe for eternal life. Now the Sower is arm in arm with the Harvester, triumphant. That's the truth of the saying, 'This one sows, that one harvests.' I sent you to harvest a field you never worked. Without lifting a finger, you have walked in on a field worked long and hard by others."  
<sup>39-42</sup> Many of the Samaritans from that village committed themselves to him because of the woman's witness: "He knew all about the things I did. He knows me inside and out!" They asked him to stay on, so Jesus stayed two days. A lot more people entrusted their lives to him when they heard what he had to say. They said to the woman, "We're no longer taking this on your say-so. We've heard it for ourselves and know it for sure. He's the Savior of the world!"

The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please sit.)*

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**SERMON**

*(Please stand.)*