# ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR LUTHERAN CHURCH THIRD WEEKEND OF LENT

Saturday, March 11, 2023 5:00 PM Sunday, March 12, 2023 9:30 AM



In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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**PRELUDE:** (5:00) "As the Deer Thirsts for the Water" -arr. J. Carter (9:30) "Jesus Priceless Treasure" -arr. J. S. Bach

### MISSION MOMENT

Alex Covert

# **GATHERING HYMN: ELW #777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty**

#### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, 

→ one God, who journeys with us these forty days, and sustains us with the gift of grace.

C: Amen.

**P:** Let us acknowledge before God and one another our need for repentance and God's mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

**P:** Holy God,

C: we confess to you our faults and failings.

Too often we neglect and do not trust your holy word; we take for ourselves instead of giving to others; we spoil rather than steward your creation; we cause hurt though you call us to heal; we choose fear over compassion. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, as we seek to follow in your way of life. Amen.

**P:** Hear the good news:

God so loved the world that God gave the only Son, so that all may receive life.
This promise is for you!
God embraces you with divine mercy,

+ forgives you in Christ's name,
and revives you in the Spirit's power.

C: Amen.

# 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.

#### **KYRIE**



#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

C: 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. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: (9:30)** 

### **READING: Romans 5:1-11**

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

<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



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



GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

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

**Narrative Reading** 

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

MESSAGE "At the Well" Rev. Brian Hooper

HYMN OF THE DAY: #799 Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke

### APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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. Amen.

4 - Welcoming all, Worshiping God, Serving others

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**L:** Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

- L: We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and interreligious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Bring an end to war and peace to all nations, we especially remember the people of Ukraine. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness, we especially remember those on our St. Stephen the Martyr prayer list. Give them your living water always. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: We pray for this congregation as we remember our baptisms. Nurture the faith of all of the baptized and all those preparing for baptism. Inspire our community by this testimony to God's grace in our lives. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: We give thanks for the lives of all your saints. Their hope in you sustained lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you. Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
- C: Amen.

### SHARING OF THE PEACE

**P:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

CHOIR ANTHEM: (9:30) "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" -Schultz-Widnar

Offering plates are located at the entrance to the sanctuary. Thank you for sharing your gifts. Offerings can also be made electronically using the Vanco Mobile Faith Engagement app. More information can be found on our website ssmelca.org.

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

**P:** God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life.

C: Amen.

### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

You will have the opportunity to come forward for communion. Otherwise, prepare your elements by opening the two separate parts, wafer and juice (if you need assistance, please wave to an usher). The Pastor will recite the words of institution and consecrate the elements. Partaking of the elements will occur after the Lord's Prayer. The Pastor will lead the assembly with the words: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. If you are unable to come forward alert an usher and Communion will be brought to you in your seat.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

**P**; The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

**P:** Lift up your hearts.

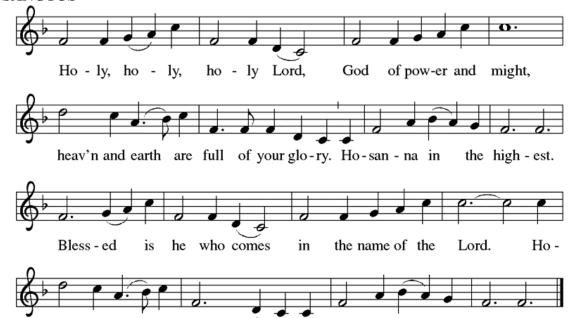
C: We lift them to the Lord.

**P:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### **SANCTUS**



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high - est.

# WORDS OF INSTITUTION: "In the night..."

the high

#### LORD'S PRAYER

san - na in

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.

#### AGNUS DEI



- 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.

# **COMMUNION HYMN: #779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**P:** Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love.

C: Amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

(Please be sure to read the printed announcements)

### **BLESSING**

P: God, the giver of love, + Christ, the resurrection and the life, and the Holy Spirit of rebirth bless you in this Lenten journey.

C: Amen

### SENDING HYMN: ELW #775 Jesus Priceless Treasure

# **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go in peace. Serve in love.

C: Thanks be to God.

**Reminder:** Sunday Morning Service streaming and recording continues through the postlude with the room microphone on. Conversations do get picked up by that microphone. If you would prefer that your conversation not be recorded and posted on YouTube, please refrain from speaking in the sanctuary until after the postlude.

**POSTLUDE:** (5:00) "Chorale Postlude" -arr. E. J. Lorenz (9:30) "Prelude in D Minor" by J. S. Bach BWV 539

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## THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THE WORSHIP

Reader: (5:00) Pam Maschke (9:30) Bonnie Daleness Ushers: (5:00) Jim Hennessy, Jim Palasz and Deb Perl

(9:30) Pat & Shelley Burnes and Nancy Mineau

Communion: (5:00) Set Up - Betty Kroll, Servers - Bonnie Court

(9:30) Set Up - Denise Sanders Servers - Denise Sanders & Kipp Zimmermann

Streaming Technician: Eric Sanders

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<u>Wednesday Evening Lenten Services</u> will be held every Wednesday during Lent at 6:30pm. We will be utilizing Holden Evening Prayer. These services will also be streamed on zoom using the same link that is used for all SSM worship. Contact the office if you want more information.

<u>The Mt. Meru Coffee Project</u> is part of the Partnership between the Greater Milwaukee Synod and the Diocese of Meru in northern Tanzania. We are living the Gospel by building economic justice and respect together with Mt. Meru coffee farmers.

Meet Mt Meru Coffee Farmers Michael Nnko and Elituliza Ndelekwa, a hard-







Michael Nnko is a highly capable farmer despite having lost a leg in a motorcycle accident five years ago. His farm is 3.5 acres with 2,600 trees including 1,900 of the newer disease-resistant variety available through the farmers' cooperative.

Elituliza has a separate 3/4-acre plot purchased in 2020 with proceeds from her and Michael's coffee the prior year. She has planted 340 new trees which are now beginning to produce. Proceeds from their coffee farms supports their family, improves their living conditions and their children's access to school,

Support Michael, Elituliza, their family and all our Mt Meru Coffee Farmers by ordering through Shelly Rosenstock or online at <a href="mailto:mtmerucoffee.org">mtmerucoffee.org</a>

Also, the Mt. Meru Coffee Project is in need of brown paper grocery bags or red Sendik's bags. If you have any to spare, please place them under the coffee table in the Narthex. Thank you.

<u>Food Pantry Donations</u>: Collection of all non-perishable foods and toiletries is ongoing with special focus on high protein items such as peanut butter, canned meat and mac and cheese. Other items needed are jelly/jam, pasta sauce, cereal and individually wrapped snack items (granola bars, fruit snacks, cookies, crackers/chips, etc.) Donations received in March will be taken to Bay View Community Center food pantry.

The Greater Milwaukee Synod of the ELCA has a bold plan to renew our life together in mission. *The Equipping the Saints Mission Appeal* is a campaign that seeks to raise \$2.3 million to support Innovation, Collaboration, and Leadership across the synod. As you hear mission moments throughout the month, we ask you to prayerfully consider a contribution to the campaign. You will have an opportunity to join the effort by making a commitment to the campaign during the weekend of March 25-26. For more information, including videos and stories of impact, go to our website at <a href="https://www.ssmelca.org">www.ssmelca.org</a>.

### Holy Week Worship Services will be held:

- Palm/Passion Weekend: Saturday and Sunday, April 1 & 2 (regular worship times)
- Maundy Thursday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. (also streamed on Zoom)
- Good Friday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. (also streamed on Zoom)
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 8 at 5:00 p.m.

**Easter Worship Services** will be held on Sunday, April 9th, at 7:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. The 7:00 service will be held outside in the Prayer Garden (weather permitting) - bring a chair. The 9:30 service will be a full festival service in the sanctuary (and will be streamed on Zoom). Don't forget to join us for the Easter breakfast between services.

This Week at SSM				
Tuesday	3/14	6:30pm	Council Meeting	
Wednesday	3/15	9:30am	Men's Bible Study	
		5:45pm	Handbell Rehearsal	
		6:30pm	Worship – Holden Evening Prayer – Usher: Sue Stasiewski	
		7:15pm	Choir Rehearsal	
Fourth Weekend of Lent				
Saturday	3/18	5:00pm	Worship	Ushers: Larry & Sue Stasiewski
				Reader: Judy Merritt
Sunday	3/19	9:30am	Worship	Ushers: Diane Moraza, Shelly Rosenstock and
				Julie Starks
				Reader: Mary Luedtke
				Communion: Tracy & Jason Covert
			Sunday School	
		10:45am	Coffee Hour – Jeff & Laura Dose and Family	

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### KEEP THESE SSM MEMBERS IN PRAYER

Bob Brownell, Penny Dowling, Karen Foerster, Mary Freiburger, Sue Herman, Ruth Hoppe, Sue Jarchow, Lynda Johnson, Joy Kilimann, Tasha Kopplin, Carol Kucharski, Herb Leppien, Bob Lieske, Faith O'Connell, Sandy Peterson, Patrick Rafalski, Shirley Rau, Joan Retzlaff, Dick Rutzen, El Schneider, Bob & JoAnn Soderstrom, Richard Sontvedt, Mike Wholean, Tracy Wholean, John Winter

### PRAY FOR OUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Roberta Henrichs, sister-in -law of Joan Retzlaff Laurence Freemont, friend of SSM Katie Stull, granddaughter of Phil & LaVerne Morgan Jerelie Caston, daughter of Joan Retzlaff Nancy & Mike Andritsch, sister/brother-in-law of Barbara & Dan Davies Billy Waters, husband of Darlene Waters & Stepdad of Lori Salas Sharon West, friend of Lynda Johnson Ted P., brother-in-law of Gail Jakus Jay Lessing, friend of LaVerne Morgan Jeanne Jimenez, daughter of Shirley Rau Cindy Molter, mother of Fred Ankebrant Terry Betchner, friend of Dianne Niese Beth Klosinski, daughter of Linda Schmidt James Haas, friend of Mark & Patti Winter Peter Salza, friend of Doug Winter family Dawn Salopek, sister of Karen Miller Mark Weber, son-in-law of Marian Walton Hartmut Barsnick, friend of SSM Julie Francis, daughter-in-law of Sally Kowalewski Judy Ventimiglia, friend of Shelly Rosenstock Tommy Schwietzer, friend of Deb Perl Mark Langhoff, friend of Shelly Rosenstock Greg Sachse, husband of Kelly Sachse Gloria Simley, sister of Dave and Rae Ann Simley Tim Hainer, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse Karen Gastrau, daughter-in-law of Diana Gastrau

Tippecanoe's "Larry under the bridge," friend of the Homeless Katie Manzeck, friend of Carol Manning Susan White, sister of Sally Kowalewski Jon Kowalewski, husband of Susan Kowalewski Lauryn Ramintho, great-granddaughter of Karen Miller Lucy Copeland, granddaughter of Dianne Niese Liane Guthrie, daughter of Dianne Niese Leroy Robinson, father of Linda Schmidt Maria Hill, friend of Lynda Johnson Ann Scorzynski, friend of LaVerne Morgan Kristin White, daughter of Sue Herman Laura Sussman, mother of Kim Sussman Tim Ingram, grandson of Ron Ropel Barbara Goelz, friend of Kelly Sachse Peter Misko, friend of Doug Winter family Kathy Manders, friend of Doug Winter family Tom Freiburger, son of Mary Freiburger Janet Heino, great aunt of Stephanie Falksen Paulie Long, friend of Kelly and Greg Sachse Tim Drover, son of John Drover Bob Guiliani, brother of Char Guiliani Ethelyn Boardman, mother of Carol Manning Helen, mother of Jenny Koeff Bonnie Smyczek, cousin of Ruth Hoppe Andy Stein and his family, son of Barb Stein Alfred Waltke, father of Kelly Sachse

Cathy Kossow, friends of Lynda Johnson

### Hymn #777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." Refrain
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam. Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." Refrain

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