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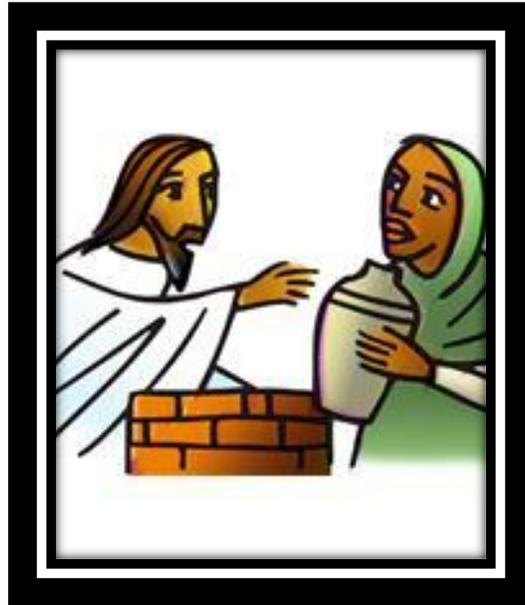
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LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS

Rev. Lyndon Sayers, Pastor

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



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Gathering Song

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

No. 618

**Vs. 1 Guide me ever, great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.**

**Vs. 2 Open now the crystal fountain
where the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
shield me with your mighty arm,
shield me with your mighty arm.**

**Vs. 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs and praises, songs and praises,
I will raise forevermore,
I will raise forevermore.**

Kyrie

**Creator, have mercy; O, Christ,
have mercy;
Creator, have mercy upon us.**

Psalm 121

Refrain: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation

¹ Come, let us sing | to the LORD;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

² **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

³ For you, LORD, | are a great God,
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴ **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

⁵ The sea is yours, | for you made it,
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

**⁶ Come, let us worship | and bow down,
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker. R**

⁷ 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!

**⁸ "Harden | not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at
Massah | in the desert.**

⁹ There your ancestors | tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.

**¹⁰ Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying, 'The heart of
this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'**

¹¹ Indeed I swore | in my anger,
'They shall never come | to my rest.'" R

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Lenten Acclamation

**Let your steadfast love strengthen us,
O God. Save us as you promised.
We will trust your word.
Lord to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.**

Gospel Reading

Word of God, word of life.
Praise to you, O Christ

Hymn of the Day

Before the Waters Nourished Earth – No. 1049

**Vs. 1 Before the waters nourished earth
or night imagined morning,
a Love conceived the universe
and reveled in its forming.**

**Vs. 2 This Love remained as time revealed
the loss of Eden's glory
and, grieving, holds in memory
each tragic human story.**

**Vs. 3 Despair, so deep it bears no name,
or sorrows paralyzing
cannot revoke Love's faithful claim
to dwell within our dying.**

**Vs. 4 The Love that called creation good
all goodness still is bringing.
This Love turns death again to life
and silence into singing.**

Prayers of the People

Merciful God, **receive our
prayer.**

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you
always.

And also with you.



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Offering Song

Now is the Time of Grace – No. 918

**Vs. 1 This is the fast that God would choose:
to loose the bonds of injustice,
to let the captives go free,
and to break the yoke of oppression. R**

**Refrain: Now is the time of grace,
now is the day of salvation.
Turn now, and seek God's face,
now behold God's invitation**

**Vs. 2 Sharing your bread with the hungry
and welcoming homeless in,
offering hope and offering help,
this is what God requires. R**

**Vs. 3 Then shall your light break forth as dawn,
and healing shall come to you quickly;
then you shall call and God shall answer,
God's love shall go before you. R**

**Refrain: Now is the time of grace,
now is the day of salvation.
Turn now, and seek God's face,
now behold God's invitation**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

**Holy Holy Holy
O God of hoasts
Heav'n and earth are
full of your glory**

Thanksgiving Prayer

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ has risen.

Christ will come again.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The 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.

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion Songs

O Blessed Spring – No. 447

**Vs. 1 O blessed spring, where word and sign
embrace us into Christ the Vine:
here Christ enjoins each one to be
a branch of this life-giving Tree.**

**Vs. 2 Through summer heat of youthful years,
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,
the boughs will shout for joy again.**

**Vs. 3 When autumn cools and youth is cold,
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us, warm, the Christ will move
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.**

**Vs. 4 As winter comes, as winters must,
we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing
and trust the promise of the spring.**

**Vs. 5 Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
be praised for this blest mystery:
that word and water thus revive
and join us to your Tree of Life.**

Come to the Water of Life – No. 955

**Vs. 1 All who are thirsty for mercy,
all who are thirsty for love;
all who are thirsty for love, for mercy, come:
come to the Water of life.**

**Vs. 2 All who are thirsty for healing,
all who are thirsty for touch;
all who are thirsty for touch, for healing, come:
come to the Water of life.**

**Vs. 3 All who are thirsty for beauty,
all who are thirsty for truth;
all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come:
come to the Water of life.**

**Vs. 4 All who are thirsty for justice,
all who are thirsty for peace;
all who are thirsty for peace, for justice, come:
come to the Water of life.**

As a Mother Comforts Her Child - 1015

**As a mother comforts her child,
so God will comfort you.**

**As a hen gathers her brood,
so Christ will gather you.**

**As a wise one counsels her friend,
so the Spirit will counsel you.**

The Trinity of love will be with you.

Sending Song

As Rivers Flow from a Distant – No. 1046

**Vs. 1 As rivers flow from a distant spring
to quench our thirst and feed the earth,
so let our lives flow from you, our Source,
to counter death and nurture birth.**

**Vs. 2 As trees rise up from the forest floor
by roots that feed each limb above,
so let our lives rise in praise to you
from hearts we root in your deep love.**

**Vs. 3 As woods make shelter within its shade
for beasts to feed and birds to nest,
so let our lives be a sheltered space,
a refuge for the worn to rest.**

**Vs. 4 So let us praise you, Creator God,
for worlds that witness to your care,
that show your presence in ev'ry place,
your glory shining ev'rywhere.**

Worship Leaders and Assistants

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