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**Third Sunday in Lent — March 19, 2017**

**LBW—Lutheran Book of Worship      WOV—With One Voice**

**\* Please stand as you are able**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Ringling of the Bell**

**PRELUDE** (8:00 & 10:30) *At the Cross* -Living Spirit  
(10:30) *As the Deer* -Bell Choir

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS** *(you may remain seated)*

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

**Amen.**

P God of heaven and earth, you come in close and make us yours. Equip us by your Spirit to confess our sin, embrace your forgiveness, and seek the way you set before us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God, forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.

*Silence.*

P We were silent when we should have said something.

*Silence.*

P We acted when we knew better.

*Silence.*

P We were still when we know we should have moved.

*Silence.*

P For the wrong we have done, for the good we have failed to do, have mercy on us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C Amen.**

P People of God, look to the Son, given to heal you and set you free because God loved the world so much. Take hold of the life that Jesus offers!

**C Amen**

**HYMN** *Sanctify* (Living Spirit-verses; congregation-refrain)

**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.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P 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.**

(10:30) **Special Music:** *Called Me Higher* -Living Spirit

**FIRST LESSON: 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?"

- A The Word of the Lord
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 95** (Living Spirit-verses; congregation-refrain)

**SECOND LESSON: 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.

- A The Word of the Lord
- C **Thanks be to God.**

**\* GOSPEL: John 4:5-42** (please stand as you are able)

<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 our Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S SERMON

**HYMN** *Lord, Your Hands Have Formed*

## SERMON

**HYMN WOV # 660** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* (you may remain seated)

### \* APOSTLES' CREED

**C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS** (8:00) *Called Me Higher* -Living Spirit  
(10:30) *Meditation on Brother James Air* -Bell Choir

**OFFERTORY** (you may remain seated.)

## THE PRAYERS (you may remain seated)

**A** Lifting our voices and turning toward God, let us pray for the church, the earth, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

**A** O God, let your church on earth, justified and reconciled through Jesus Christ, be bold in its proclamation of the gospel. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** In your hands are the depths of the earth and the sea which you made. Make us faithful inhabitants of this earth, caring for the waterways and their creatures. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** Lead the nations of the world away from the wilderness of sin and evil, and toward the light of love and peace. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** Lead this congregation in service to others. Embolden the faithful here with your promise and your presence. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**A** We give thanks for the witness and testimony of the saints who have gone before us into eternal life. Let us boast in the hope they have shared, a hope that does not disappoint us. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

**P** To those who are thirsty for love, for justice, for peace, for belonging, give the water of life. For those who are suffering or in pain, bring healing balm and peace. (*We pray especially for . . .*) Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

**P** Into your hands, merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love; through Christ our Lord.

**C Amen**

### \* LORD'S PRAYER (please stand as you able)

**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**

## **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN WOV # 773**    *Send Me, Jesus*

**POSTLUDE**    *There is Power in the Blood*

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### **Altar flowers**

Flowers are given to the glory of God by Mike & Bree Schroeder in honor of their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **Caring Corner** - Kids A-B-C Bags (Activity, Busy, Church bags)

The collection for March is donations of small toys, books, activities (puzzles, etc.) to fill activity bags for our little ones (toddler through 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> grade-ish). Kid-friendly and kid-safe items please.

### **The deadline for the April newsletter is noon tomorrow!**

### **Devotionals**

Be sure to pick up a copy of the April-June devotionals which are available at both entrances. There are copies in regular and in LARGE print.

### **Today Is the Last Day to Get Your Ticket...**

...for the Spring Fling – Ladies' Tea to be held this coming Saturday, March 25, 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$5.00 and will be available in the overflow area following today's services or from any of our table hostesses: Angela Tonjes, Lori Sharpe, Jamie Bostelman, Kathy Bostelman, Carol Castello, Joan Collier, Terri Haase, Michelle Slee, and Dora Titgemeyer. Menu includes chicken salad and tuna salad sandwiches, relish and cheese trays, fruit cup, assorted desserts, and tea, coffee, and punch. Angela will again provide our music. Proceeds will benefit Emanuel's Good Samaritan Fund.

### **Women of the ELCA Spring Assembly**

...will be held Saturday, April 8, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Wauseon. Pastor Katie Suggitt from Grace Lutheran Church, Castalia, is representing the ELCA for 2 weeks in March as one of the 20 delegates throughout the world at the Lutheran World Federation Seminar celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> Reformation Anniversary in Wittenberg, Germany. She will speak of her experiences there. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes following a noon luncheon. Registration forms are available on the bulletin board by Pat's Office and due by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### **Volunteers needed**

Volunteers are needed to run the sound board for our Lenten services and our Sundays for the month of April at both services (except for 8:00 on April 16).

### **Statistics**

2/23 memorials \$453 Bldg Fd, \$200 Soul Food-R.Prigge; \$20 Bldg Fd-E.Koppenhofer  
3/01 Attendance 157    communed 147    Offerings \$925  
3/05 Attendance 110 + 112 (222)    communed 100    Offerings \$7,006 (775 Bldg Fd; 10 Wrld Hngr; 20 After Sch Cl; 11 Sun Sch; 50 Good Sam)  
3/08 Attendance 76    Offerings \$472  
3/12 Attendance 49+93 (142)    Offerings \$4,974 (425 Bldg Fd; 5 Wrld Hngr; 75 Good Sam)  
Simply Giving 3/6-3/12: \$130 Gen Fd; \$45 Bldg Fd; \$25 Wrld Hngr; \$25 Good Sam

### **Serving Today**

Pastor James L. Castello  
Worship & Music Coordinator & Organist - Angela Tonjes  
Bell Choir Director - Bill Panning  
Trumpet - Tom Jenny  
Lay Assistant - 8:00 Ronnie Rohrs    10:30 Bill Panning  
Sound Board - 8:00 Ed Biederstedt    10:30 Ryan Kohout  
Acolytes - 8:00 Thea Perdew & Cale Perdew  
                  10:30 Morgan Ashbaugh & Emma Rowland  
Altar Guild - Lauren Helberg & Maxine Eickhoff  
Ushers - 8:00 Casey Callaway, Judy Hoffman, Carl Yaney, Lee Weirauch  
                  10:30 Tom Jenny, Larry Ashbaugh, Rupert Schweinhagen, Jeff Mires  
Prayer Chain Co-ordinator - Carol Castello (419-592-0847) or cjcast@yahoo.com

### This Week

Monday	noon	Newsletter deadline
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Sewing
	3:15 p.m.	After School Club
	5:00 p.m.	Soul Food
	5:30 p.m.	Emanubells
	6:00 p.m.	Choir in the basement
	7:00 p.m.	Worship
	8:00 p.m.	Living Spirit
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Bible Study
Friday		Spring Fling set up
Saturday	3-5 p.m.	Spring Fling Ladies' Tea

### Easter flowers

Be sure to order your Easter flowers by April 2. The \$10.00 cost is the same as last year. If the order insert is missing from your bulletin, there are extras at each entrance.

### Coming Alive

Emanuel will once again be participating in the United Way's exercise challenge which will run from April 24 - May 21. Sign-up forms will be available soon! Questions? See Judy Hoffman.



"Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime." -Martin Luther

*Did you know...*

Centuries before Martin Luther, a heretical group called the Cathars created their version of Christianity. The king of France and the pope wiped them out in a series of Crusades. Today the looming ruins of Cathar Castles are a reminder that Luther wasn't the first Christian who sought an alternative to the medieval church.