

St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation

Building on the Rock of Jesus and His Word

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Worship: Thursday, 6:30 pm ~ Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 am

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WELCOME TO GOD'S HOUSE May Christ's servitude lead us to serve others.

SERVICE THEME Our Deepest Needs: Water for the Thirsty

ORDER OF WORSHIP *Setting Two* | 172-182, 171

OPENING HYMN *What Wondrous Love Is This* | 526

PRAYER OF THE DAY O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON Exodus 17:1-7
The Children of Israel wanted to stone Moses because they were thirsty. So God, in his grace, gave this undeserving people water from a stone.

The entire Israelite community set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin as the LORD had commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why are you quarreling with me? Why are you testing the LORD?" ³But the people were thirsty for water there, so they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you ever bring us up out of Egypt to let us, our children, and our livestock die of thirst?" ⁴Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me!" ⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go in

front of the people, and take the elders of Israel with you. Also take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Watch me. I will stand there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will drink." Moses did that in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He named the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

**Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God acclaim,
his greatness tell abroad and bless his saving name. Lift high your songs
before his throne to whom alone all praise belongs.**

**Come, hear his voice today, receive what love imparts;
his holy will obey and harden not your hearts. His ways are best
and lead at last, all troubles past, to perfect rest.**

SECOND LESSON (Sermon Text)

Romans 5:1-8

We were like people dying of thirst who were powerless to help themselves. But God's love has been poured out into our hearts like living water.

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God. ³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us. ⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION for LENT

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Refrain: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. *Refrain*

GOSPEL

John 4:5-26

Jesus calls a Samaritan woman to faith, providing living water for her thirsty soul.

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. ⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone into town to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus 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." ¹¹She said, "Sir, you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water?" ¹²You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."

¹³Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."

¹⁵"Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." ¹⁶Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here." ¹⁷The woman answered, "I have no husband," Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.'" ¹⁸In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman replied, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. ²³But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say | 703

"Your Life with a Renewed Personality"

Pastor Tom Zarling

1. *You are known as a person of heavenly peace.*
2. *You are always happy about your future and your suffering.*

APOSTLE'S CREED & PRAYER

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GATHERING OF OUR OFFERING

PRAYERS & BLESSING

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CLOSING HYMN

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

**Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly
while the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide. O receive my soul at last!**

**Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin.
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art; freely let me take of Thee.
spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.**



ORGANIST

David Koepsell

GREETERS

8:00 ~ Mary & Warren Demmon

10:30 ~ Barb Krug