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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)

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Notes for Visitors:

- **Welcome!** If you are a guest this morning, please fill out a cream colored card. These cards are placed in every pew. One side of the card is for members receiving communion, the other side is for visitors. You may place the card in the collection plate. Feel free to also speak with one of the pastors to introduce yourself or ask any questions.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallway north of the sanctuary.
- **Difficulty hearing?** Tune headphones to 103.3FM (closed circuit broadcast of service). Ask for a portable FM radio and headphones if you need some.
- **Difficulty reading small print?** Magnifying readers with light, as well as large print bulletins are available by the bookshelf in the narthex and in the ramp by the pulpit.
- **Nursery Room:** If you need a quiet place for your children, we have a room near the church offices. If you need help finding the room, please ask an usher for assistance.
- **Hymnals:** Use the blue hymn books in the rack ahead of your pew to follow along in the service. If you need help or guidance, please ask someone nearby to assist you.
- **Bibles:** Available at the bookshelf in the narthex and on the ramp by the pulpit.
- **Holy Communion:** The Sacrament of Holy Communion (The Lord's Supper) will be celebrated in our church services today. If you are not yet a member of our church, we ask you to honor our Biblical practice of close communion and refrain from coming forward until you have completed doctrinal discussions with one of our pastors. If you are a WELS member desiring to receive communion, please inform a pastor or an usher. (Please read "Attending the Lord's Supper" for more information. Pamphlets are in the Capitol Ave. entryway.)

March 8, 2026
Third Sunday in Lent

The Pastors' Notes

As we journey to the cross of our Savior, Lent is a season when we engage in the struggle with our sinful nature. It is a passionate struggle, one which clearly shows our greatest needs... and how they are met in Jesus. The color for Lent is purple, meant to symbolize Jesus' suffering passion on the cross. (For a longer explanation concerning Lent, see the display screens around the building.)

During Lent we recognize our greatest needs and see them met in Christ. Today, we see Jesus meet our need by giving us water. We all have a deep spiritual thirst for a good relationship with God and for everlasting life. Temptations abound to satisfy that thirst with worldly things. Yet the world will never provide the living water we truly need. Your spiritual thirst is only satisfied by the one who said, "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst." Jesus meets your greatest need.

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| Hymns..... | 874; 703; 927 |
| Communion Hymns | 661; 663 |
| Sermon Theme..... | John 4:5-26 |

Christ, the Living Water

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.

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

1 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. 2 So 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?"

3 But 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?"

4 Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me!"

5 The 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. 6 Watch 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. 7 He 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?"

Psalm 95

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8

1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through 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.

3 Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, 4 and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. 5 And 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.

6 For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actu-

ally go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. 8 But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Gospel Acclamation

(Seasonal Verse: Lent)

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. (John 4:13,14)"

Gospel: John 4:5-26

5 So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. 6 Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

7 A 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.)

9 The 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.)

10 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."

11 "Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? 12 You 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."

13 Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but 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."

16 Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

17 "I have no husband," the woman answered.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' 18 In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

19 "Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

21 Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. 23 But 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. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

25 The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

26 Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

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