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Lent

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From that city  
many of the  
Samaritans  
believed in him  
because of  
***the word of  
the woman,***  
who testified,  
“He told me  
everything that  
I have done.”

John 4:39

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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT  
**March 15, 2020**

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# WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.  
Education Hour 10:20 a.m.

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“Let us come into [God’s] presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!” (Psalm 95:2, ESV). Welcome to worship.

Rev. Glenn Meyer  
Intentional Interim Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist

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God’s mercy and grace are revealed to those who deserve anything but. The Israelites who wandered the wilderness complained of no water. They didn’t deserve anything because of their sinfulness, yet God responds in mercy and grace, providing water from a rock. A marginalized Samaritan woman didn’t receive compassion from her community and didn’t deserve it from our Savior Jesus Christ, yet she was given and shown mercy and grace and came to believe He is the Savior of the world. We, too, have gone astray and deserve much less than mercy and grace from God Himself. Yet, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### PRELUDE

**WELCOME** *Please fill out the attendance register sheet.*

### RINGING OF THE CARILLON

**Stand**

GATHERING  
We Enter God’s Presence.

### INVOCATION

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.  
**But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen**

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

#### **G A T H E R I N G   H Y M N**

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Green 93

**Jesus, refuge of the weary, Blest redeemer, whom we love,  
Fountain in life's desert dreary, Savior from the world above:  
Often have your eyes, offended, Gazed upon the sinner's fall;  
Yet upon the cross extended, You have borne the pain of all.**

**Do we pass that cross unheeding, Breathing no repentant vow,  
Though we see you wounded, bleeding, See your thorn-encircled brow?  
Yet your sinless death has brought us Life eternal, peace, and rest;  
Only what your grace has taught us Calms the sinner's deep distress.**

**Jesus, may our hearts be burning With more fervent love for you;  
May our eyes be ever turning To behold your cross anew;  
Till in glory, parted never From the blessed Savior's side,  
Graven in our hearts forever, Dwell the cross, the Crucified.**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

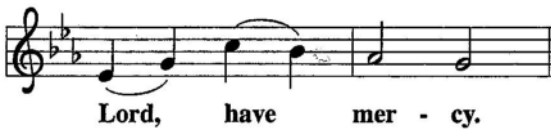
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE

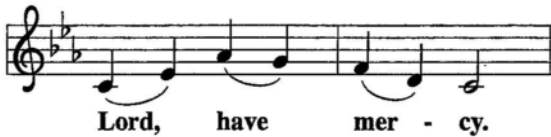
Cantor: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



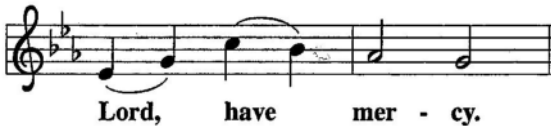
Cantor: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



Cantor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Cantor: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



Cantor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

W O R D  
We Hear God's Word.

**F I R S T   L E S S O N**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

Water from the rock in the wilderness.

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. 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?" 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?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 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. 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. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" (NRSV)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** (*shouted*)

**P S A L M   9 5 : 1 - 9** (*antiphon v. 6*)



Cantor: Come let us bow down and | bend the knee,\* and kneel before the | Lord our maker.

Cantor: Come, let us sing | to the Lord;\* let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

**Let us come before his presence | with thanksgiving\* and raise a loud shout to | him with psalms.**

Cantor: For the Lord | is a great God,\* and a great king a- | bove all gods.

**In his hand are the caverns | of the earth\* and the heights of the hills | are his also.**

Cantor: The sea is his, | for he made it,\* and his hands have molded | the dry land.

**Come let us bow down and | bend the knee,\* and kneel before the | Lord our maker.**

Cantor: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep | of his hand.\* Oh, that today you would hearken | to his voice.

**Harden not your hearts as your forebears did | in the wilderness,\* at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they | tempted me.**

Cantor: They put me to | the test,\* though they had | seen my works.

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\* and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**As it was in the be- | ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

Cantor: Come let us bow down and | bend the knee,\* and kneel before the | Lord our maker.

## SECOND LESSON

### **Romans 5:1-8**

Reconciled to God by Christ's death.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. (*NRSV*)

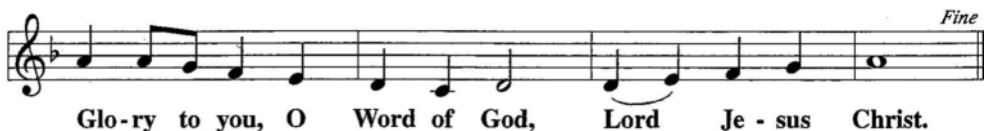
This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** (*shouted*)

**Stand**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Refrain:**



Cantor: Lord, you are truly the Savior | of the world; give me this living water that I may | never thirst again. (*John 4:42, 15*)

## HOLY GOSPEL

### **John 4:5-26 (27-30, 39-42)**

Jesus promises living water to the Samaritan woman at the well.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!** (*shouted*)

So [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.) 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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." 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." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 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." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." [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?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I

have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the women's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the women, "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."]  
(NRSV)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ!** (*shouted*)

**Sit**

## **C H I L D R E N ' S   M E S S A G E**

**Remain Seated**

## **H Y M N   O F   T H E   D A Y**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Green 497

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, And he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one; Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, And now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, And all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found In him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav'ling days are done.**

## **S E R M O N**

**Stand**



## APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church let us confess our faith.

**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.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all who. . .through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**Please do not interact with each other at this time.**

**Sit**

M E A L

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

## GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Please place offering in plate as directed. Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution*

Life Tree

*Arranged by David M. Cherwien*

O blessed spring, where Word and sign Embrace us into Christ the Vine,  
Here Christ enjoins each one to be A branch of this lifegiving Tree.

Through summer heat of youthful years, Uncertain faith, rebellious tears,  
Sustained by Christ's infusing rain, The boughs will shout for joy again.

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.

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.

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.

#### OFFERING PRAYER

Holy and generous God,

**You set a table where we feast as friends. Prepare us to witness to Your goodness with every gift You have given us to share, that all people may know your peace through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

#### PREFACE

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.**

It is indeed. . . their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

S108



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are You, O God, . . . the mystery of faith.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

O God of resurrection. . . with Your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal Yourself . . . justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With Your holy ones . . . now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

## LORD'S PRAYER (Please do not join hands)

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

## INVITATION

The peace of the Lord be with you. Come to the table and receive nourishment for your journey.

**Amen.**

**Sit**

## DISTRIBUTION

*If you believe that those who commune receive in, with and under the bread and wine of this sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of their sins, and that receiving the sacrament is a public witness to your oneness in faith in the teachings of our church, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Newcomers, if you wish to commune, you are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.*

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

S 112

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Green 327

**Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.**

**Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.**

**Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.**

**While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.**

**Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty**

**Tune: Beach Spring**

**“Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.  
If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live.”**

**Refrain: Jesus, everflowing fountain, give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.**

**“Come to me, all trav-’lers weary; come that I may give you rest.  
Drink the cup of life I offer, at this table be my guest.”** Refrain

**“Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.  
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face.”** Refrain

**“Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.  
Come, and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name.”** Refrain

**“Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.  
Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hand extend.”** Refrain

**“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

**What Wondrous Love is This  
*Verses 1-4***

**Green 385**

**Stand**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

S E N D I N G  
We Go Forth With God's Blessing To Serve.

## B E N E D I C T I O N

## C L O S I N G   H Y M N

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Green 343

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

## D I S M I S S A L

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## P O S T L U D E

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**N E X T   S U N D A Y** — The Fourth Sunday in Lent (Year A): Isaiah 42:14-21;  
Psalm 142; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41

\*\*\* ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY \*\*\*

**ACOLYTE**-----Alexis Brown  
**ASSISTING MINISTER**----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.  
**CANTOR**----- Sarah Callahan  
**LECTOR**----- Dixie Gerhart

\*\*\* LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE \*\*\*

Worship Attendance .....	89	Bible Class .....	32
Communion .....	71	Sunday School .....	16
Midweek Lenten 1 (5:00/7:00).....	26/23	Staff.....	4

Visitors Last Sunday – 4

\*\*\* THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE \*\*\*

TODAY	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
	CONFIRMATION CLASS -----	11:30 A.M.
SUNDAY	WORSHIP -----	9:00 A.M.
	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----	10:20 A.M.
	MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE	

**CORONAVIRUS(COVID-19)** — After today all church events outside Sunday morning worship and education hour are cancelled. Confirmation Class will meet today and Pastor Meyer will begin to use a distance learning system until further notice. The church office will continue to operate as usual. At this time, Pastor is expecting to observe our normal Holy Week worship schedule. If you have any questions regarding activities please contact the church office during regular office hours (10:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.). Questions regarding the virus may be directed to our Parish Nurse, **Amie Rikke**, who has undergone training specific to the virus. She can be reached at 402-740-1987. Pastoral needs may be directed to Pastor Meyers at 402-580-2929 or one of the Lay Ministers.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR** — Sunday School is available upstairs for students 3 years old through high school. Inquire at the Sunday School desk (near the restrooms) for more information. All others are welcome to join Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Meyer will lead a study on our weekly Sunday readings. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

**SPECIAL DAYS THIS WEEK** — Anniversaries: 3/16 **Dustin** and **Mary Hogue**.

**LENTEN WORSHIP** — Going forward there will be a Midweek Lenten message broadcast to our Youtube channel on Wednesdays. Our Youtube channel can be found on our website or Facebook page or at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3HE6an5bZa1Ba0sQRJJCmQ>

**LENTEN ALMS** — As part of your Lenten discipline, we encourage individuals and families to fast one meal each week during Lent. Bring the money you would have spent for that meal and put it into a special envelope that is available inside the Sunday bulletin during Lent. The collected funds will be passed on to **Aman** and **Amel Hamid** as Aman continues to recover from a severe fall last year.

**30 HOUR FAMINE** — The Mount Olive Youth Group has begun their fundraising efforts which will culminate March 20-21 as the youth go without eating for 30 hours. This event is sponsored by World Vision to raise funds and awareness of the 1 in 9 people across the U.S. and the world that don't get enough to eat. One of the ways you can help is to participate in a "Change War." Water jugs in the back of the church feature the faces of those

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participating. Put your pocket change in your favorite kid's jug or spread it out among all of them. Please speak to **Dustin Hogue** or **Kristi Townsend** if you have questions.

**SAVE THE DATE** — The Men's Group will be hosting a Ladies' Mother's Day Brunch on Saturday, May 2. All women are invited. Watch for more details to follow.

**PEW CUSHIONS** — Pew cushions are available for any of our older members to use during the worship service. Please speak to one of the ushers if you have need of one.

**Praying for Our Parish in 2020**

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one's Baptism.

March 17  
Jason Stacy