

MIDWEEK OF LENT 2

MARCH 8, 2023

WATER GIVES ME LIFE

Water is life. Water is everywhere. Not only is this true in the world around us, but it is also true in the Scriptures. Throughout the Bible, we witness our Creator giving us new life—cleansing, reshaping, even re-creating—through the water of the Spirit and through the living and active Word of Jesus. Today our attention is drawn to the promised treasure of the life-giving water that God uses to claim us as His children and unite us to His Son’s death and resurrection. With the Savior, who steps into the water with us, we “daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever” (Small Catechism, Baptism, Fourth Part).

OPENING SENTENCES

LSB, p. 229

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C **and my mouth will declare Your praise.**
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C **make haste to help me, O Lord.**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our salvation.**

+ PSALMODY +

PSALM

Psalm 23

- P** The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
C **He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.**

- P** He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
- C** **Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,**
- P** for You are with me;
- C** **Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**
- P** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
- C** **You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.**
- P** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
- C** **and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**
- Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

HYMN

+ READINGS +

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD

Gethsemane

READING

1 Peter 3:17–22

- P** A reading from First Peter, the third chapter.
- ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.
- ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which He went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at

the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to Him.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

LENT RESPONSORY

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P Deliver me, O Lord, my God, for You are the God of my salvation.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

P In You, O Lord, do I put my trust, leave me not, O Lord, my God.

C Rescue me from my enemies, protect me from those who rise against me.

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HYMN “Jesus, I Will Ponder Now” (*LSB* 440)

SERMON

Water Gives You Life

+ CANTICLE +

ANTIPHON

LSB, p. 231

P Let my prayer rise before You as incense,

C and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

+ PRAYER +

KYRIE

LSB, p. 233

- C** Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

LORD'S PRAYER

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- 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.

COLLECTS

- P** O Lord, hear my prayer.
- C** And let my cry come to You.
- P** Lord Jesus Christ...

BENEDICAMUS

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- P** Let us bless the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

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- P** The grace of our Lord † Jesus Christ and the love of God and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C** Amen.

HYMN