



not only this, but we also
REJOICE IN OUR SUFFERINGS,
knowing that suffering
PRODUCES PERSEVERANCE;
and perseverance,
PROVEN CHARACTER;
and proven character,
H O P E
romans 5:3-4

The Third Sunday in Lent, March 12, 2023
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AS WE GATHER

“Jesus Met the Woman at the Well” is the title of a traditional Gospel song first recorded in 1947 and made famous in 1964 through the recordings done by Ian and Sylvia, a Canadian folk duo, and Peter, Paul and Mary, an American folk trio. The words of the song recount the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman. The woman was amazed that Jesus knew all about her complex and complicated life and still was willing to spend time with her. Jesus knows all about each of us and the road we are on—and yet He still remains with us and calls us His own. In worship, we spend a special time with Him. How blessed we are!

WELCOME AND WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONGS



INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

People: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

Pastor: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

People: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Almighty God, we know and admit that we are sinners. We are conceived and born sinful, and we add on to that burden of sin throughout our lives by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds. Indeed, we deserve God's punishment now and eternally. When we reflect honestly on our lives, we readily see that we need repentance and renewal that can only come through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us then make confession to our gracious God.

People: Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. You know too well our failings and our transgressions. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.

Pastor: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1–7

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of

the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1–8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL AND VERSE

People: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

Women: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

Men: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

People: The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

HOLY GOSPEL

John 4:5–26

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings 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." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

APOSTLES' CREED

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life † everlasting. Amen.

SERMON SONG



SERMON

“ Aargh!!! ”

Romans 5:1-8

POST SERMON SONG



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church. Gracious Father, we ask Your blessing on all in Your Church throughout the world. Fill the Church with all truth and peace. Where it is in error, reform it; where it is in need, supply it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; and where it is in conflict, heal divisions. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray this day for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's baptized and holy people, asking that we may gather for worship with great joy and full anticipation of the blessings of God that come to us through it. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, in our district, and in our local congregation, that God may work among us through their examples and that we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: hear our prayer.

People: *We make petitions for the sick, the shut-in, the sorrowing, those undergoing hardship or challenges, and all who this day need our prayers, [especially . . .], that their prayers may be soon answered and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: *We pray that our lives be offerings of the best that we have and are in response to the great offering of our Lord Jesus for us on the cross and that what we give of our time, talent, and treasure for the work of the Lord bring blessing to many. Lord, in Your mercy,*

People: **hear our prayer.**

SPECIAL PETITIONS

Pastor: *Almighty God, since You have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to You and have promised that when two or three are gathered in Your name You will give ear to their requests, fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Your servants, as may be best for them, granting us in this world knowledge of Your truth, and in the world to come, life everlasting.*

People: **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: *For all the things we don't know how to pray for, for those things that burden us, stress us out, and keep us awake all night; for the prayers where we don't even have the words to say, hear those prayers as we pray as the Lord Jesus taught us...*

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.

BLESSING

Pastor: *The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.*

People: **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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NEXT SUNDAY, March 5



We all need to Remember: Everyone has a different comfort level and tolerance, so we need to be compassionate towards others. If you still feel more comfortable and safe wearing a mask into and during church - please go ahead and do so. We offer in-person Worship Sundays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary.

This Worship is a combined Worship and is recorded and uploaded to our website so other members and folks all around the world are able to Worship with us! (Note - we get anywhere from 1,000-2,000 watches per month! All praise to God for this marvelous outreach of His Good News!) If you can't be with us in-person Sunday mornings, please Worship along with us online. Feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

In HIS service & love - Pastor Tim

TITHES AND OFFERINGS We offer two ways to give to CPLC, through our Facebook page or on the church website. Also, you may continue to mail your tithes and offerings to the church: Canoga Park Lutheran Church, 7357 Jordan Ave. Canoga Park, CA 91303.

SAVE THE DATE: SAT., APRIL 22, 2023 LWML Zones 3 & 4 are holding a Spring Celebration at Trinity Lutheran Church, Simi Valley. Come hear Laura Melanowski, director of Sarah's House Maternity Home speak on "New Life in Christ." More information will follow.

Remember: March 12th Spring your clocks forward

IT IS TIME TO ORDER EASTER LILIES!! If you would like to order Easter lilies to decorate the church, please place your order no later than **March 29th**. Take an order sheet from the back table in the church. Give them to honor someone or in memory of a loved one. The cost this year is \$10.00 per plant. Please get your orders mailed, turned in to the office or dropped in the offering plate by **Wednesday, March 29th**

THE LUTHERAN HOUR for Sunday, March 19, "**Bad Karma vs. Good Creator**", Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When bad things happen, is it "bad karma" or an opportunity for our Good Creator to be doing a greater work?



We Love You Christine!!
You will Always be a Blessing to us!

Songs of An Exile

Please join us the following ***Wednesdays at 5:45 pm in the gym for dinner and 6:30 pm for Worship in the Sanctuary:***

March 15 Songs of An Exile: My Song Is Love Unknown (LSB #430)
Soup Dinner served by LWML

March 22 Songs of An Exile: Were You There (LSB #456)
Lasagna Dinner served by Elder's

March 29 Songs of An Exile: Jesus I Will Ponder Now (LSB #440)
Taco Bar served by Board of Directors