

Galilee Evangelical Lutheran Church



Third Sunday in Lent

March 15, 2020

Mission Statement

*To gather people together to hear the story of God's love in Jesus Christ,
to be nurtured in faith and knowledge, and
to share the Good News through word and deed.*

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9:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 3

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Serving in Worship this Morning

Altar Guild: Jackie Nerud

Organist: Raymond Nottidge

Communion Assistant: Terry O'Keefe

Special Music: Galilee Choir

Lector: Brooke Danczyk

Ushers: Joyce & Peter Solberg

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Regular - **Liturgist**

Bold - Congregation

+ Stand as able

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. Forgive, restore and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen.

+ GATHERING SONG

Chief of Sinners Though I Be

Hymn #609

+ GREETING

Response: **And also with you.**

+ KYRIE & GLORIA

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+ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WORD

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the Lord among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.

¹From 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. ²The 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?" ³But 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?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The 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. ⁶I 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. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95

Organ side:

¹Come, let us sing | to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

Kitchen side:

²**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

³For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

⁷For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep of God's hand. Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

**⁸"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

**¹⁰Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

¹¹Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.' "

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.

¹Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God.

¹⁰For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life.

¹¹But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

+ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Return to the Lord

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+ GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourth chapter. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The 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.)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 no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but 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."¹⁵The 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."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."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 have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet.²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.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 seeks such as these 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" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just 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?"

²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³²But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, "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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

(A time of silence for reflection will follow the sermon.)

+ APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

+ PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to greet one another with a gesture of peace using the words "Peace be with you" and then be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

Out of the Depths

Richard Frost

(Children are invited to come to the altar with their offering for global missions.)

+ OFFERING PRAYER Together we pray, **God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.**

+ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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+ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven

COMMUNION (at the table)

Lamb of God

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COMMUNION MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

+ BLESSING

+ SENDING SONG

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ DISMISSAL

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME Welcome to all guests and visitors. We are glad that we can worship together this morning. We invite you to sign the guest book in the narthex. If you would like to sign up for an event, you can do so in the kiosk notebook. The Voice of Galilee, our monthly newsletter, is also available in the kiosk.

HOLY COMMUNION Everyone of all ages is invited to celebrate Holy Communion. The real presence of Christ is celebrated in this sacrament. Communion today is served at the table, by intinction.

QUILTING GROUP We have a quilting group at Galilee. Welcome all! We meet the first and third Monday of each month at 1 p.m. Please join us!

REFRESHMENTS Today we will enjoy a bake sale for our future Tanzania travelers. Thank you! Next week, we will enjoy cake celebrating our New Member Sunday.

HOLY HOOPS Today, we will take a rest. Join us March 22, 3:30 against St. Luke's at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

BOOK DISCUSSION This spring, our breakfast book will be *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World*. Archbishop Desmond Tutu spent a week at the Dalai Lama's home. They reflected on their life experiences to create a gift for others by answering the question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering? You are welcome to join the group as we learn from the wisdom of these two great (and joyful) men! We will meet at 7 am on Wednesdays, March 11, 18, and 25, and April 1. For more info., please contact Jo Ann French (jfrench.galilee@gmail.com).

GLOBE OFFERING The youth of our congregation have chosen to send the GLOBE offering to Yemen to help combat hunger, and develop hygiene and clean drinking water. Thus far, the Globe has collected \$108.32.

ADULT FORUM TODAY: Come to the library to share the conversation about Dementia, presented by Kala Hotakanin and Rebecca Nelson.

FOOD SHARE Again this March we join food shelves, faith communities, businesses, and organizations across Minnesota to help end hunger and food insecurity. Please bring nonperishable items and/or make a monetary donation. So far, we have collected \$285. The food drive goes through March 29, 2020.

GALI-LADIES The Gali-Ladies are looking for new ladies to join their group. They meet the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The ladies take turns providing lunch and share great conversation, then they play Bunco for prizes. Throughout the year they do projects sharing with the community (ie veterans, schools, retirement homes, etc). If you are interested in joining the group, talk to Ardis Haslach or Sandy Altendorfer, or just stop by!

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY Next Sunday, March 22, we will again welcome new members. If you know of anyone interested in joining Galilee, please connect then with Pastor Dana.

SOUP SUPPER Join us on Wednesday night at 6 p.m. for a Soup Supper and Holden Evening Prayer each Sunday through April 1.

COUNCIL RETREAT this Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the church.

BIRTHDAYS March 15- 21

15 Paula Janice Taylor
16 Christell Vicuña

16 Eldre Westegaard
20 Andy Nerud

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 22 - New Member Sunday

April 5 - Palm Sunday

April 9 - Maundy Thursday Service

April 11 - Easter Party for Sunday School and Youth

April 12 - Easter Sunday Celebration/Pancake Breakfast

March 4 through April 1 - Soup Suppers/Holden Evening Prayer

PRAYER REQUESTS

The prayers of the congregation are requested for:

Sandy Altendorfer

Debbie Brown (Ardis & Dick Haslach's daughter)

Terry Clasen (Karen Groebner's brother)

Dalton (Rebecca Nelson's son)

Family & friends of Dale "Beaver" Cornar Nelson (Darla's nephew)

Family & friends of Richard Eagan (Dawn Babin's s/o)

Mitchell Erickson

Bonnie Fuller (Lorrie Hayne's sister)

Ardis Haslach

Family & friends of Fred Hayes (Judy Hogan's husband)

George Johnson

Gloria Johnson

Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church

Darrin Mitchell (Dazhanea and Dazhion's father)

Dennis Norbeck

Family & Friends of Dorothy Ososki (Tom and Elaine's aunt)

St. Paul Friends Nepali Church

Veniessa Taylor

Uhominyi Parish, Tanzania

All prayer requests are also supported through Galilee's Prayer Circle.

We are delighted to pray for anyone and include their name on our prayer list, as well as mention them in the intercessions during Sunday worship. Please keep the church office informed about their status. We will keep these names on our prayer list for one month. If, on the other hand, you would like us to keep them on the prayer list for longer than a month, please call the church office.

THIS WEEK AT GALILEE

Sunday, March 15

Galilee Worship.....	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum: "Dementia Friendly" by Kala Hotakanin & Rebecca Nelson.....	11 a.m.
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church Worship Service	11 a.m.
St. Paul Friends Church	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Vacuuming Duty: Peter Solberg.....	Evening

Monday, March 16

Quilting Group.....	1 p.m.
Capitol Region Watershed.....	6 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17

Donut Group	9:30 a.m.
Evangelism Team Meeting.....	11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 18

Book Discussion Group	7 a.m.
Practice Your Spanish	12 p.m.
Soup Supper.....	6 p.m.
Galilee Choir.....	7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19

Bible Study.....	11 a.m.
Gali-Ladies.....	11:30 a.m.
Bells of Galilee	6 p.m.
Holy Hoops Practice at Christ the King	6 p.m.

Saturday, March 21

Chinese Prayer	6 a.m.
Council Retreat at Galilee	9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 22

Galilee Worship - New Member Sunday	9:30 a.m.
Fellowship Time	10:30 a.m.
Adult Forum: Ideas for Outreach!.....	11 a.m.
Minnesota Faith Chinese Lutheran Church Worship Service	11 a.m.
St. Paul Friends Church	11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Holy Hoops Game	3:30 p.m.
Vacuuming Duty: Abe Watson	Evening

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