

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Cudahy, Wisconsin
March 12, 2023

A person can survive between one and two months without food. But a person can survive only two to three days without water. Water is one of our greatest needs. Become seriously dehydrated, and life ends quickly. This helps us understand what Psalm 42:2 means when it says, “*My soul thirsts for God.*” If a person is separated from God, they are negatively affected. If a person remain separated from God, they will die an eternal death.



Everyone has a spiritual thirst. Believers look to the One who has promised, “*Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.*” Jesus meets our greatest need. Only he possesses living water.

SPECIAL SELECTION – K4-Grade 2 _____ *Oh How Good Is Christ the Lord*

OPENING HYMN _____ *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **708**

CALL TO WORSHIP

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
To sing praise to your name, O Most High,
To herald your love in the morning,
Your truth at the close of day.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.
Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name” (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

SONG OF PRAISE _____ *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **517**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Amen.

FIRST READING – Exodus 17:1-7

*Israel wanted to stone Moses because they were thirsty.
So God, in his grace, gave his people water from a stone.*

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?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Romans 5:1-8

We were dying of thirst when God poured his love, like living water, into our hearts.

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 actually 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL SELECTION – _____ *How Deep the Father’s Love for Us*

Soloist: Tierney Vircks

GOSPEL / TODAY'S MESSAGE – John 4:5-26

The Gospel according to John, chapter 4.

Glory be to you, O Lord.

Jesus provides living water for a Samaritan woman's thirsty soul.

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ

HYMN OF THE DAY _____ *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* **703**

TODAY’S MESSAGE

Someone Forgot to Tell Jesus

HYMN OF RESPONSE _____ *Delay Not! Delay Not!* **712**

GATHER THE OFFERING / SIGN AND SHARE THE FRIENDSHIP REGISTER

VIDEO – 100 MISSIONS IN 10 YEARS (WELS Home Misions 2023-2033)

PRAYERS AND LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN _____ *Before the Throne of God Above* **561**

Many congregations (like ours) gather for special midweek Lenten services to meditate on our Savior Jesus and his suffering for the 6 weeks of Lent. This Lent, we'll grow to better understand Jesus' Final Steps before, during and after his crucifixion.



Join Us Each Wednesday in Lent!

A MESSAGE at 4:00 pm & A MEAL served from 4:45-6:00 pm

March 15 (#4)

"... Led to a Tomb"

(Soup & Sandwiches)

March 22 (#5)

"... Led to a Fig Tree"

(Pulled Pork, Beef & Gravy)

March 29 (#6)

"... Led to His Enemies"

(Spaghetti & Meatballs)

Dessert

If you'd like to provide a weekly dessert, please sign up on the entryway desk. Thanks!

3/15 - Week 4: Cupcakes

3/22 - Week 5: Bars

3/29 - Week 6: Ice Cream Sundaes

Special Communion & Meal – April 13

Remain seated during this 40 min. service of Scripture, hymns, sermon and communion. A meal is served in the Fellowship Hall.

2022 Offering Statements

Contact us at 744.9988 for a copy of your 2022 offering statement.

Our Organist

Sara Butler

We Meet

Sunday (March 12)

8:30 AM.....Bible Class – *Faith*

8:30 AM.....Sunday School

9:30 AM.....Worship

10:30 AM.....Fellowship! Join In!

Monday (March 13)

4:30 PM.....Confirmation Class

6:30 PM.....Bible Class – *Faith*

Tuesday (March 14)

6:00 PM.....School Board

Wednesday (March 15)

4:00 PM.....Lenten Message #4

4:45-6:00 PM ..Lenten Meal

Thursday (March 16)

5:15 PM.....Choir Practice

6:30 PM.....Worship/Communion

Sunday (March 19)

8:30 AM.....Bible Class – *Faith*

8:30 AM.....Sunday School

9:30 AM.....Worship

10:45 AM.....Call Meeting

1:00 PM.....Comfort Quilts

Fellowship! Join In!

Treats/Coffee: 2nd+4th Sundays.

Guests, Visitors, Members, are all welcome!

2nd: L. Gaertner & S. Marshall

4th: T. Smukowski & S. Santoro

We Gather

Thursday28..... 24

Sunday 135..... 90

Wed. (Lent 3)82.....

Total 245..... 114

We Bring Gifts

Envelopes..... \$5,685.86

Holidays \$1,565.00

Mission for the Deaf.....\$10.00

Memorials..... \$325.00

E-Offerings..... \$2,492.21

Total\$10,078.07

Memorials

▶ In memory of Bonnie Brandt, \$25 was given by Mark & Julie Ohlert.

▶ In memory of Bev Lynch, \$300 was given by Dave & Tammy Smukowski.

We Usher

Wednesday (3/15)

T. Herbst Team

Thursday (3/16)

M. Coulthurst & R. Vircks

Sunday (3/19)

J. & L. Nygaard, A. Henn,

J. Doherty, L. Ubl

We Greet

Sunday (3/19)

Kathy Hahn, Michelle Helgeson,

Sean & Meghan Walsh

Teacher Call

Gregory Rebernick has returned our call to teach Grades 3+4 and be Athletic Director. Our next call Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 19 at 10:45 am.

Men's Breakfast Study

1st and 3rd Tuesdays the men gather at 6:15 am for breakfast and Bible Study at Andrea's Restaurant on S. Packard Ave.
"Questions Christians Hope No One Asks."

Join Us for Bible Study

Sundays at 8:30 AM

Mondays at 6:30 PM

"How do I know that I believe?"

Help clear away any confusion about faith with this study. Each week we'll examine another facet of the Christian's faith.

"March" Forward in Christ

The next edition of our WELS magazine is on the desk.

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A Member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Thank You For Joining Us!

- **Welcome!** ... We are so glad you chose to join us for worship today. We pray that "Jesus Christ the Savior of the world" was clearly proclaimed in the message and the music of worship and that you were blessed by it. If we can be of service to you, please don't hesitate to speak with our pastor. If you are a visitor, we would consider it an honor if joined us again.
- **Main Floor Restroom** ... Please reserve it for those with limited mobility. Women's & men's are on the lower level with changing tables.

St. Paul's Lutheran School

It is a blessing to assist parents with the Christian Education of their children through St. Paul's School. We provide a quality Christian Education for children ages 4 years through 8th Grade. We are a Choice School. Call the School Office (414-744-9771) for more information, or leave a message.

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