



*First Lutheran Church - Putting Christ First*  
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WELCOME! We hope that this service will be a blessing to you. Please complete the black friendship register and pass it down your pew. Place this form in the offering plate when it is passed.

## **THE SERVICE BEGINS**

**P** We begin this service IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER:

**C** O Loving God, you gave your only Son to die for us, that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life;

**P** AND OF THE SON:

**C** O Jesus, our Lord, you humbled yourself, and became obedient unto death - even the death of the cross;

**P** AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

**C** O Holy Spirit, guide us into all truth, and remind us of everything Jesus has taught us. AMEN!

**OPENING SONG:** “When Peace, like a River”

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## **WE CONFESS**

**P** Let us confess our sin and griefs, and hear the comfort of the Lord.

**C** O Lord, we have often given in to temptation. We have often been weak under pressure, and because of fear or flattery, we have disobeyed you. We ask you of your great mercy, to forgive us, to make us whole, to draw us near to you, and to strengthen us for the next time we are tempted.

## **WE HEAR THE GOOD NEWS OF SALVATION**

**P** Our savior is able to sympathize with our weakness, for He too was tempted by the devil. In the wilderness, Satan encouraged Jesus to use his power for himself, instead of for others. And when He was dying, some tempted Him to come down off the cross. Had He given in, we would have been lost! But He prayed, “Father, not my will, but Thine be done.” And thus strengthened, He gave himself into death for our sins. In His name, I declare to you that Jesus Christ has made full satisfaction for all your sins. Your guilt is removed. You are clean and pure, and standing in the presence of God. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, consider the worthy desires of your humble servants. Reach out to defend us from evil by the word and work of your majestic right hand. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### FIRST READING:

Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>All 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. <sup>2</sup>Therefore 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?" <sup>3</sup>But 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?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And 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. <sup>6</sup>Behold, 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. <sup>7</sup>And 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?"

**P** The Word of our Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

**PSALM 95:1-9** (Read responsively by half verse)

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### SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through 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. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and 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. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**P** The Word of our Lord      **C** Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL**

John 4:5-26

<sup>5</sup>So {Jesus} came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The 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.) <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true

worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

P The Gospel of our Lord

C Thanks be to God

## SERMON: “THE WATER OF LIFE”

**SONG:** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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**THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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Mighty God, strengthen us as brothers and sisters in your church, so that we may joyfully obey your will. Strengthen and bless those who preach, teach, and shepherd congregations. Keep them faithful to your Word so that they may diligently speak your truth to the flocks to which you have called them to serve.

*Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Sustaining God, renew us in the gift of Baptism. Throughout this Lenten journey may your promise of new life in Christ move us to repentance and transformation. Cleanse our hearts, strengthen our faith, and keep us faithful to the covenant of Baptism.

*Lord in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

God of righteousness, you call your people to strive for justice and peace in all the world, following the example of our Lord, Jesus. Grant wisdom and compassion to all in authority, that they may govern with justice and equity. Raise up faithful servants who will serve as peacemakers in the places where violence and war is a daily reality, and shape us to be those who bear peace in our ordinary daily interactions. *Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

Heavenly Father, hold in your tender care all those who suffer in any way – physically, emotionally or spiritually. Strengthen and support caregivers and medical professionals that they may act with compassion and minister with technical skill. [We pray especially for ...] *Lord, in your mercy ... hear our prayer.*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER  
OFFERING**

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**BLESSING OF PERSONAL CARE KITS AND QUILTS  
CLOSING RESPONSIVE READING**

(Based on Psalm 51, prayed by King David, when Nathan confronted him with his sin)

**L** Have mercy on me, O God, according to your lovingkindness;

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**L** Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

**C** Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

**L** O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

**C** Glory 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.

**CLOSING SONG:** "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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**P** Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**C** Thanks be to God!

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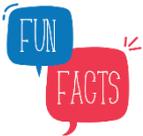
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**CHURCH FUN FACTS**

Ella Gustafson and Jennie Benson (Connie Worden's relatives) led ladies in taking apart the strips of the church's carpet to clean and then slowly resewing it.

**PERSONAL CARE KITS:**

Thank you to all who helped provide supplies for the Personal Care kits. They are a total of 25 Personal Care kits and a number of quilts that will be blessed. Thank you to Roger and Jean Bauer who will be delivering these items to the NALC Disaster Relief warehouse in Rantoul, IL.

### **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!!!**

Peggy Veach 3/11 Russ Lacefield 3/12  
Dale Steinhorst 3/13 Blais Chastain 3/13/2003  
Brayden Boyer 3/15/15

### **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS!!!**

Demetrius & Rachel Ash 3/14/2010

**George Vodden's** birthday will be on 3/20. Thank you to two sweet people for placing an address label & stamp for anyone who would like to send George a card. I have heard he likes stickers as well.

If I have missed a birthday or anniversary, please let me know –  
Dianna.

### **MEMORIAL GARDEN FORMS**

The Easter Lily memorial garden forms are in the Narthex. We have ordered 20 lilies. The cost is \$11.00 this year. Deadline for lilies and memorial gifts will be Palm Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **EASTER HOLY WEEK PLAN**

April 2<sup>nd</sup> Palm Sunday, 9am service; Memorial Garden lily orders and other memorial garden gifts due.

April 6<sup>th</sup>, Maundy Thursday Communion service, 7pm.

April 7<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday service, 7pm Prayer Vigil begins at 8:30pm.

April 8<sup>th</sup>, No Saturday service. Prayer Vigil continues.

**Easter egg hunt:** Ps Deuane has volunteered to coordinate an egg hunt. Please bring candy/small trinkets to share with the children.

### **KITCHEN ITEMS**

Have you looked at the very clean and organized kitchen? Check the kitchen if you are missing a dish. The items that are not claimed or used will be sold at the Spring Fling in May. Proceeds to go to the church.

### **SPRING FLING May 4-6!!!**

SPRING IS ALMOST HERE!!! The church will be hosting a Spring Fling. Table rental will be \$10, See the Narthex bulletin board for more information and table rental is due by April 1. For more information and involvement please see Susan Wilson or call 224-629-0016.

Sunday 3/12: Join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee after service.

Adult Forum, 10:30am. Newsletter Items due today.

Tuesday 3/14: Food Pantry set-up, 9:30-11am; dist. 12-2pm.

Newsletter Folding, 2pm.

Wednesday 3/15: Clothes Closet Change-over, 9am.

Lenten Dinner, 5:45pm; Lenten Vespers Service, 6:45pm.

Thursday 3/16: Clothes Closet Change-over, day 2, 9am.

Confirmation Class, 5:30pm.

Saturday 3/18: Communion Service, 5:30pm.

Sunday 3/19: Communion Service with

**Sunday School students singing,** 9am.

### **PARISH CONCERNS**

Please keep in your daily prayers all people in need, including those mentioned here:

- Eddie Young, Charmaine Massey's son has been in the hospital.
- Pastor Ian Griffith, LCMC pastor serving Zion Lutheran Church in La Moille, Illinois. He has a cancerous lump on the side of his jaw.
- Jason Gorski's cancer isn't responding to the new chemo medication. Jason is 42 years old, married with two children.
- All those who are not able to worship with us because they are in health care facilities or homebound: Ina Koehler, Nancy Bakanas, George Vodden and many others.
- All those who are suffering physical or mental illness, and their families, caregivers, and medical teams, especially Carolyn Suhr, Jerry Sheehan, and Loraine Steinhorst.
- All pregnant women and the babies they are carrying.
- All elected leaders, police officers, first responders, and military personnel, that they hear and receive God's guidance and protection.
- Our church and its activities, and all Christian churches.
- All NALC churches that are searching for a Pastor.
- The NALC, NALS, and the Great Rivers Mission District.

Congratulations to Spc **Nathaniel Christopher Ross** who graduated from basic training recently. Grandparents, Vernon & Jane Johnson were able to attend.