

Service for March 7, 2021

**Third Sunday in Lent
SERVICE OF THE WORD
GATHERING**

Gathering Music

Welcome

Prayer and Meditation

Introduction to the Service

Gathering Hymn, "Gather Us In" ELW #532

1. **Here in this place
the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away;
see in this space
our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you
in the light of this day.
Gather us in,
the lost and forsaken,
gather us in,
the blind and the lame;
call to us now,
and we shall awaken,
we shall arise
at the sound of our name.**

2. We are the young,
our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old
who yearn for your face;
we have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light
to the whole human race.
Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty,
gather us in,
the proud and the strong;
give us a heart,
so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage
to enter the song.

3. Here we will take
the wine and the water,
here we will take
the bread of new birth,
here you shall call
your sons and your daughters,
call us anew
to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink
the wine of compassion,
give us to eat
the bread that is you;
nourish us well,
and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy
and hearts that are true.

4. **Not in the dark
of buildings confining,
not in some heaven,
light years away-
here in this place
the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom,
and now is the day.
Gather us in
and hold us forever,
gather us in
and make us your own;
gather us in,
all peoples together,
fire of love in
our flesh and our bone.**

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Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
the keeper of the covenant,
the source of steadfast love,
our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
**Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.**
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
**Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.**
Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

Cantor:
Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word:
it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r;
create in us new hearts!

Hymn of Praise

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Holy God, through your Son.....and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WRITTEN & SPOKEN WORD

First Reading, Exodus 17:1-7

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

Congregation remains silent

¹O come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
²Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
⁴In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
⁵The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
⁶O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!
⁷For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
⁸Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,

⁹when your ancestors tested me,
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

¹⁰For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways."

¹¹Therefore in my anger I swore,
"They shall not enter my rest."

Second Reading, Romans 5:1-11

¹Therefore, since 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.**

Kid's Time

Kid's Song, "Come! Come! Everybody Worship"

**Refrain: Come! Come! Ev'rybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!
Come! Come! Ev'erbody worship! Worship God always!**

**Come! Come! Ev'rybody worship with a prayer or song of praise!
Come! Come! Ev'rybody worship! Worship God always!**

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Gospel Acclamation

**We are turning, Lord, to hear you;
You are merciful and kind
Slow to anger, rich in blessing,
and with love to us inclined.**

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

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel, John 4:5-42

"The woman at the well"

Sermon, "The Christian Habit of Worship" John 4:21-26

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Hymn, "What Is This Place" ELW #524

1. What is this place where we are meeting?
Only a house, the earth its floor.
Walls and a roof sheltering people,
windows for light, an open door.
Yet it becomes a body that lives
when we are gathered here,
and know our God is near.

2. **Words from afar, stars that are falling,
sparks that are sown in us like seed:
names for our God, dreams, signs, and wonders**

sent from the past are all we need.
We in this place remember and speak
again what we have heard:
God's free redeeming word.

3. And we accept bread at this table,
broken and shared, a living sign.
Here in this world, dying and living,
we are each other's bread and wine.
This is the place where we can receive
what we need to increase:
our justice and God's peace.

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Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P: You are our strength and our redeemer;

C: Grant us your wisdom, O God.

P: We entrust ourselves.....through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

Offering

If you are worshiping online or by way of radio, you are encouraged to contribute to Zion's mission by giving online at our website at zlcw.org, through automatic giving, or mailing your donation to Zion Lutheran Church at PO Box 61, Warroad, MN 56763.

Special Music
Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Faithful God..... with Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

EDIBLE WORD

The Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, Who art in heaven.....forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution

“Body of Christ, given for you.”

“Blood of Christ, shed for you.”

Special Music
Communion Blessing
Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God of steadfast love.....in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

You are what God made you to be.....in the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity. **Amen.**

Mission Statement

Together in Christ
We reach up – Worship
We reach in -- Discipleship
We reach out – Evangelism
To the glory of God

Sending Hymn, “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” ELW #547

- 1. Sent forth by God’s blessing,
our true faith confessing,
the people of God
from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended.
Oh, now be extended
the fruits of this service
in all who believe.**

**The seed of Christ’s teaching,
receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action
for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us,
your love shall unite us
to work for your kingdom
and answer your call.**

- 2. With praise and thanksgiving
to God everliving,
the tasks of our ev’ry day life
we will face.
our faith ever sharing,
in love ever caring,
embracing God’s children,
the whole human race.**

With Your feast you feed us,

**with Your light now lead us;
unite us as one
in this life that we share.**

**Then may all the living
with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ
and his name that we bear.**

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

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Confirmation Worship Notes
Sunday, March 7, 2021

Name _____ Grade _____

Liturgical day _____ Color _____

Meaningful hymn for you that we sang today:

The focus for the sermon is the Christian Habit of _____.

Jews and Samaritans thought the _____ of worship was important.

Jesus said that what is important in worship is to worship God in _____
and _____.

Who do we worship?

Worship is a response to what?

How do we worship?

What are the two kinds of worship experiences?

1.

2.

What does a person or group do when they worship God?