

Third Sunday of Lent  
March 12, 2023  
10:00 a.m.  
In person and streamed on Zoom



Prelude     *The Gift of Love* ~ arr. John Carter

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Confession & Forgiveness**

In today's service we will hear the story of the Samaritan woman. It's a well-known story of a woman who, in the heat of the day, meets Jesus at a well and he asks her for a drink. When we hear this story, we are invited to ask—when was the last time I drew water for someone? When was the last time I drew water for myself? So, with this same open curiosity, we come to the prayer of confession, trusting that even if we forget our bucket, God will still meet us at the well. Friends, with that grace in mind, let us pray:

**Holy God, we have been on every side of this story. We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion, and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well. So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity to share water with our neighbors? How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket and the power to bring change? How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion were not worth the work? Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray, amen.**

Friends, as hard as it is to imagine: we could lose the bucket, we could hoard the water for ourselves, we could pretend we do not see all who are thirsty, and we would still belong to God. This is the good news of the gospel: God's grace is deeper than any well. May this good news change and inspire us:

**We are seen, loved, and forgiven. Amen.**

*Confession and Forgiveness and Blessing by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art | sanctifiedart.org*

**Gathering Hymn**     *As the Deer Runs to the River* ~ ELW 331

**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 and Hymn of Praise



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

**Prayer of the Day**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Merciful God, **the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**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.*

**Psalm 95**

*If Today You Hear His Voice, Harden Not Your Hearts*

*~ Francesca LaRosa (Grace Notes)*

**Gospel Reading John 4:1-42**

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



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep - a - rate us from the love of God.

The Holy Gospel according to John

**Glory to you O Lord**

...

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Hymn Of the Day** *Come to the Water of Life ~ ACS 955*

**Litany of Welcome**

Pastor Kate Schlechter has been affirmed as a visitation pastor by the Congregation Council at All Saints Lutheran Church. The Congregation Council believes that she embodies the gifts necessary to accompany God’s congregation in this season of its life. Pastor Kate will give special attention to pastoral visitation under the direction of Pastor Kristin Schulz.

(to the pastor): Is this also your understanding of this agreement?

*Pastor Kate:* It is, and I commit myself to this new trust and responsibility. I promise to fulfill my responsibilities here to the best of my ability in accordance with the scripture, with the Lutheran Confessions, and the Constitution of the ELCA. Will you as a congregation receive me as your visitation and partner in ministry as we seek to live out our calling as People of God through All Saint's Lutheran Church.

**We will.**

Welcome Pastor Kate Schlechter. We now officially begin our partnership in this ministry together in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray... Almighty God, you call your people in baptism into death and resurrection of your son, Jesus Christ. You turn us from the old life of sin and gave us rebirth and everlasting life. May we be renewed daily by the gift of your Holy Spirit and may we be especially aware of your leading in this season of joy and possibility. Grant us trust in you and each other as we work together in all that we do. May peace manifest in the glory of your name. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

**Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Each petition ends with the words, Merciful God, receive our prayer.*

**Musical Offering**    *This is Living ~ King & Davies (Grace Notes)*

**Offertory Hymn**    *Return to God ~ Gather #389*

Re-turn to God with all your heart, the source of grace and  
mer - cy; come seek the ten - der faith-ful-ness of God

### **Offertory Prayer**

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right ... and join their unending hymn

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, God of the universe . . .  
in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray . . .



Our Fa-ther in heav-en, hal-lowed be your name,  
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav-en.  
Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we  
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al  
and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r,  
and the glo-ry are yours, now and for-ev-er. A-men.

### **Holy Communion**

*You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.*



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**Communion Hymn** *Sanctuary* ~ Thompson & Scruggs

**Communion Blessing**

**Prayer**

Embodied God, at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus. With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise, empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

As you leave this place, may God bless you with seeking.  
 Seek out the hungry. Seek the weary. Seek the good in every person you pass.  
 Seek out the hopeful. Seek the faithful. Seek God in each of us.  
 As you seek and as you wonder, may you find what you are looking for.  
 In the name of our loving God, who is always seeking us, go now in peace. **Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** *Like a Healing Stream* ~ Bruce Harding

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve God  
**Thanks be to God**

**Postlude** *Here I Am, Lord* ~ arr. John Carter

## Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here! Our gathering is made complete by your presence. If you need help with anything, please don't hesitate to ask an usher or someone who looks like they know what they are doing.

### Who Can Come to the Meal?

You are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at the table, whether you are a guest, member, believer, or doubter at any age. God offers this meal to you and all creation so that you will know you are loved and invited into the community of God's people. We believe this meal transforms us together into the body of Christ for the sake of the world.

### How Do I Participate in the Meal?

The usher will direct your row to come forward down the center aisle. If you cannot come forward, please let an usher know, and we will come to you. The pastor will give you a piece of gluten-free bread, and then the assisting minister will serve you wine (red) or grape juice (white) in an individual cup. Return to your seat down the side aisle.

### Children

Children are always welcome in worship at All Saints! You can also pick up activities for children at the door to the worship space to take to your seat.

### Rest Rooms

Men's and Women's restrooms are located in the hall south of the sanctuary (to your right as you sit in the church). Family/non-gender restrooms are located down the west hall behind the kitchen.

### Assistive Listening



If you require an assistive listening device, please see the ushers or pick one up from the soundboard south of the sanctuary.

### Offering

We collect an offering of financial gifts as part of our worship, symbolizing our response to God's generosity, demonstrating that our money is meant to serve God. We use this offering to fund our ministry here at All Saints, we well as sending some on to fund ministries in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, of which we are a part and other local and global ministry. All Saints has a strong tradition of generosity – we invite you to join us as we offer ourselves for the sake of the world!

### Fellowship

We share fellowship with coffee, tea, water, and snacks after each worship service. Please join us – we'd love to get to know you.

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