

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**God our Father, your Son once welcomed an outcast woman because of her faith. Give us faith like hers, that we also may trust only in your love for us and may accept one another s we have been accepted by you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

### **First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7**

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

### **Psalm: Psalm 95:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

<sup>2</sup>**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

<sup>3</sup>For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

<sup>4</sup>**In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.**

<sup>5</sup>The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

<sup>6</sup>**O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

<sup>7</sup>For 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!

<sup>8</sup>**Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**

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

### **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8**

<sup>5</sup>Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast 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 disappoint us, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that 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>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

### **Gospel: John 4:5-30, 39-42**

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. <sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The 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.) <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 no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but 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.” <sup>15</sup>The 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.” <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <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 have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <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 worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these 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” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” <sup>27</sup>Just 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?” <sup>28</sup>Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup>“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup>They left the city and were on their way to him. <sup>39</sup>Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup>So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup>And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup>They 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.”

## THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

### Today: March 8<sup>th</sup>

#### Third Sunday in Lent

9:15- Adult SS  
9:30-Youth SS  
9:30-Coffee Fellowship  
10:30-Worship

### Tuesday: March 10<sup>th</sup>

8:30-Prayer Group  
9:30-Morning Coffee @ BLC  
7:00-Confirmation

### Wednesday: March 11<sup>th</sup>

12:00-Lenten Luncheon @ Body of Christ  
5:30-Lenten Soup Supper @ BLC  
6:30-Lenten Evening Service @ BLC  
Council Meeting to follow service

### Sunday: March 15<sup>th</sup>

#### Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:15 Adult- SS  
9:30-Youth SS  
9:30-Coffee Fellowship  
10:30-Worship w/Communion/  
11:30-Potluck

Bethany Prayer Group  
after Potluck  
3:00-4-H Club Mtg

**Prayer Concerns:** Bethany Lutheran Church members, nursing home residents, storm/flood/fire victims, those suffering any illness, Marie Rogers, Jeanette Jardee, Shannon Hersom, Pat Boughey, Mary Roat, Todd & Elizabeth Wood, Jerry Runneberg, Myles Pedersen, Pastor John Mayer, Monica Isom, Eli Honer, Dorothy Sandvig, Gloria Bell, Helen Dodge, Patricia Bentsen. Our youth, parents & teachers, our military & missionaries.

**Lectors:** Kelly Gordon

**Ushers:** March 8-Shirley Kruse & Jan Hersom  
March 15-Rich & Marilyn Ehlers

**Acolytes:** Bethany Youth

### Weekly Budget Needs: \$2817.00

Faith Promise \$5003.44    Worship 24    Youth SS 0    Adult SS 4  
Matins & A Meal (13) \$25.00    Lent \$87.00    Lenten Service 24  
Lenten Lunch 40    \$210.00 Ministerial Association

**Birthdays:** March 8-Shane Sindergard; 11-Dorothy Smith

\*\*\*Please note that the blue CH (Celebration Hymnal) is located under the pew in front of you.

**Altar Flowers:**

*An asterisk (\*) indicates when to stand (as able)*

## ORDER OF THE SERVICE

PRELUDE/ RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CONFESSION P.56

\*HYMN *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* LBW 499

\*GREETING P.57

\*KYRIE P.57

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY *(bulletin-in unison)*

**Lenten Reading** Kelly Gordon

**FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7**

**Psalm: Psalm 95:1-9** *(bulletin – responsively)*

**SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-8**

Lenten Sentence P.63

\***THE HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5-26, 27-30, 39-42**

\*GOSPEL RESPONSES P.63

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON Pastor David Klappenbach

HYMN "As the Deer" CH 548

APOSTLES' CREED P65

OFFERING P75

\*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Leader: ...Lord in your mercy

**Response: Hear our prayer.**

\**THE LORD'S PRAYER* P.76

\*BENEDICTION

\*HYMN *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds* LBW 345

\*DISMISSAL

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March 8, 2026  
Third Sunday in Lent

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TOGETHER IN CHRIST'S NAME**

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To our visitors! Welcome to our Sunday Service. We are happy to have you sharing in our worship service and ask for the opportunity to meet you. We invite you to complete the visitor card in front of you and give to an usher. Please come again!

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