



"The Lord Is Among Us, Giving Living Water"

Thursday & Sunday, March 9 & 12, 2023

As We Gather

"Jesus Met the Woman at the Well" is the title of a traditional Gospel song first recorded in 1947 and made famous in 1964 through the recordings done by Ian and Sylvia, a Canadian folk duo, and Peter, Paul and Mary, an American folk trio. The words of the song recount the encounter of Jesus with the Samaritan woman. The woman was amazed that Jesus knew all about her complex and complicated life and still was willing to spend time with her. Jesus knows all about each of us and the road we are on—and yet He still remains with us and calls us His own. In worship, we spend a special time with Him. How blessed we are!

10:45 AM Pre-Service Song “Above All”

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Opening Hymn “Jesus Sinners Doth Receive” *LSB* 609; vrs. 1-5

10:45 AM Opening Song “Come, Now Is The Time To Worship”

Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Opening Sentences *Psalm 34:1–3, 5, 22*

P: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C: My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

P: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

C: Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Confession and Absolution

P: Almighty God, we know and admit that we are sinners. We are conceived and born sinful, and we add on to that burden of sin throughout our lives by our heedless thoughts, careless words, and loveless deeds. Indeed, we deserve God’s punishment now and eternally. When we reflect honestly on our lives, we readily see that we need repentance and renewal that can only come through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Let us then make confession to our gracious God.

C: Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. You know too well our failings and our transgressions. Be merciful to us and for the sake of Jesus, grant us Your forgiveness so that, as Your redeemed people, we may find rest in You and with refreshed hearts serve You in time and in eternity.

P: In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Introit *Psalm 84:1–4; antiphon: v. 5*

C: Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Women: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

Men: My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Women: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at Your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Men: Blessed are those who dwell in Your house, ever singing Your praise!

C: Glory be 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. Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

P: The hymns of the season of Lent and Holy Week come from many sources, from folk songs and spirituals, such as “Were You There” (LSB 456), to recently written narrative songs such as Jaroslav Vajda’s “When You Woke That Thursday Morning” (LSB 445). In the Lenten cantata, “The Crucifixion,” written in 1887, writer William J. Sparrow Simpson focused on the substitutionary nature of Christ as he affirmed that indeed Jesus was “crucified by sin for me” (LSB 428:2). Reflecting on how Jesus gave His life on the cross of Calvary to pay the debt we could not pay as our perfect substitute.

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn “In the Cross of Christ I Glory” LSB 427

10:45 AM Song “At The Cross (Love Ran Red)”

Salutation

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, source of all power and restorer of health and life, draw us ever closer to You and supply us with the living water that will quench our great thirst for time and for eternity. This we ask in the name of Jesus, who offered Himself as our Savior and our Redeemer. **C: Amen.**

Old Testament *Exodus 17:1–7*

(after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 5:1–8*

(after the reading)...

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gradual and Verse

P: O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith,

Women: who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame,

Men: and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

C: The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

8:15 AM & 10:45 AM Special Music “How Can I Keep from Singing (My Life Flows on in Endless Song)” – Performed by Adult Choir.

Soloists: Paulette Schmidt - Flute; Hannah Koehler - Clarinet. *Text and Tune by Robert Lowry. Music and Arrangement by Taylor Davis.*

L: Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.

Holy Gospel *John 4:5–26*

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

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (*after the reading*)...

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Message & Celebrate Song 🎵

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Hymn of the Day “May God Bestow on Us His Grace” *LSB 824*

10:45 AM Sermon Song “Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”

Sermon ‘To Know Jesus’ *John 4:5*

CATECHISM *The First Article*

P: As we reflect on how God intersects with His people at the crossroads of life and graciously meets their physical and spiritual needs, we speak the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed and its meaning as is set forth in the Small Catechism, which relates the loving work of God the Father for us.

C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

P: What does this mean?

C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support

this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Prayer of the Church

P: (after each petition)... Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer *Matthew 6:9–13*

Offering & Attendance/Involvement Cards

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Offertory “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *LSB 425 s.1, 4*

“CROSS” Reference *LC IV 37*

P: In his letter to the Romans, Paul asks his readers, “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?” (Romans 6:3). As it was at work on the cross, the grace of God is at work in Holy Baptism. In his Large Catechism, Luther writes of Baptism, “So you see plainly that there is no work done here by us, but a treasure, which God gives us and faith grasps [Ephesians 2:8–9]. It is like the benefit of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross, which is not a work, but a treasure included in the Word. It is offered to us and received by faith.” English hymn writer Isaac Watts captured that sense of an appreciation of the wonderful and mysterious work of God in the crucifixion as he wrote the cherished hymn, “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross.”

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **C: Amen.**

6:30 PM & 8:15 AM Closing Hymn “Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness” *LSB 849*

10:45 AM Closing Song “How Great Is Our God”