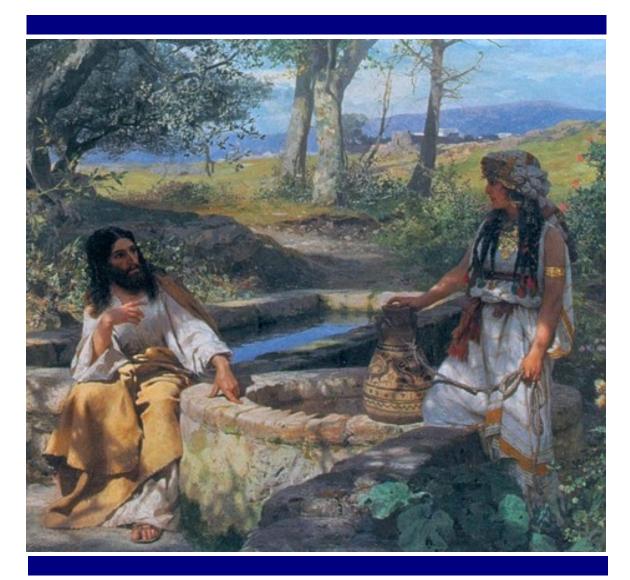
3rd Sunday In Lent



Siemiradzki, Henryk, 1843-1902. Christ and the Samaritan Woman, from **Art in the Christian Tradition**, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity

St Peter's Lutheran Church March 12, 2023

St. Peter's Lutheran, York

3rd Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 12 – 8:45 AM

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.



Prepare now to give thanks to God:
Place an envelope in the offering plate on the way to Communion *OR* use the QR code or download the Vanco Mobile app on your smartphone. Search on "York" and choose St Peter's Lutheran. It's easy! Give thanks generously for God's abundant grace.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Please meditate on the Psalm during the prelude.

Psalm 95

'Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

[®]For the LORD is a great God, and a great King a- bove all gods.

'In his hand are the caverns' of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

⁵The sea is his, ¹ for he made it, and his hands have molded ¹ the dry land.

⁶Come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the LORD our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Barden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰Forty years long I detested that genera-1 tion and said, "This people are wayward in their hearts; they do not know my ways."

¹¹So I swore 'in my wrath, "They shall not enter in-'to my rest."

Confession & Forgiveness

In the Name of the Father, and of the ± Son, and of the Holy Spirit. C: Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

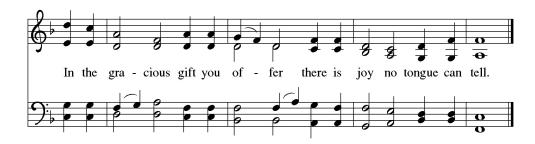
C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \pm Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C: Amen.**

Opening Hymn #777 ELW Stzs. 1-3

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty





Apostolic Greeting

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

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison: C: Lord, have mercy. C: Christ, have mercy. Kyrie eleison: C: Lord, have mercy. C: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you. **C: 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

The assembly is seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading Exodus 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus

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. 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?" 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?" So Moses cried out to

the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 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. 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. He 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. **C: Thanks be to God.**

A reading from Romans

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the

ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For 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. But 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. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world;*
give me this living water that I may never thirst again. [John 4:42]

Holy Gospel John 4:5-42
The holy gospel according to St. John

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." "(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that vou, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 10 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." 11The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than

our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 14but 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." 15The 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." ¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." 17The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; 18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" 19The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors wor-

shipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 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. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 25The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." 26 Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." 27 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?" 28Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 29"Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" 30 They left the city and were on their way to him. ³¹Mean-

while the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." 32But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." 33So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" 34Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. 36 The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." 39 Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." 40So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They 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

The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

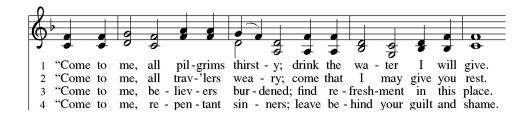
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The Message

Silence for reflection follows the sermon. The assembly stands to proclaim the word of God in song.

Hymn of the Day #777 ELW Stzs. 4-6

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty





- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend. Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam. Come and take the gift I offer, let me make in you my home." Refrain

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The Prayer of the Church

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray to the Father for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Almighty God, build up your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our combined witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Give leaders of nations the will to work for mutual understanding and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Give your living water to those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness especially those we name before you......Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Bless parents of children and youth and give them the desire to raise their children in the faith. Nurture them and pour your love into their hearts. Inspire our community to give testimony to God's grace in our lives. Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Accept our thanks for the lives of all your saints, especially Gregory the Great, whom we commemorate today. Their hope in you sustained their lives of faith and service. Encourage us with the hope they shared in you as we eagerly prepare for the Day of Christ's coming. Lord, in your mercy, **C**: hear our prayer.

Into your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **C: Amen.**

Peace

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, God does not hold our sins against us. This is true peace. Like Jesus with his disciples, the pastor shares the word of reconciliation from God to us.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. C: And also with you.

We share Christ's forgiving and reconciling love with one another, binding ourselves to one another as community. As we are at peace with God, so we are also at peace with one another.

OFFERING - WE RETURN THANKS TO GOD AND SUPPORT GOSPEL MINISTRY

Please prepare your offering in an envelope to place in the offering plate when you are dismissed for Communion **Or** use the QR code or download the Vanco Mobile app on your phone. You may also mail your offering to the church office or give through our website www.stpeterslutheranyork.com Also be sure you have filled out the attendance card.

Everything we are and have belongs to God and is entrusted to us for God's glory. We are committed to sharing God's resources so that we can be a vital center for the Gospel of Jesus Christ and help others locally and around the world.

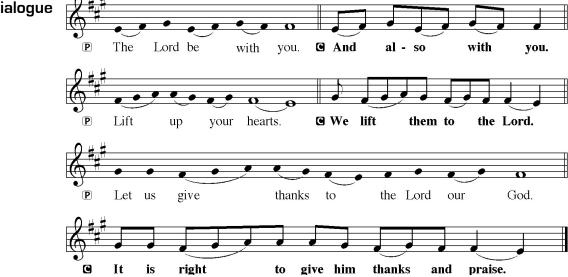
The Great Thanksgiving - The Eucharistic Meal

As the baptized children of God, we are invited by God to share the heavenly banquet. Jesus seats us at his table where we are delivered from sin, death, and evil by his body and blood from his death on the cross. In this meal, Jesus forgives our sins, granting us life and salvation. He is truly present here and reveals himself to us in the breaking of bread. When we share Jesus' meal, we receive the Holy Spirit to live in hope and joy.

Offering 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. **C: Amen.**

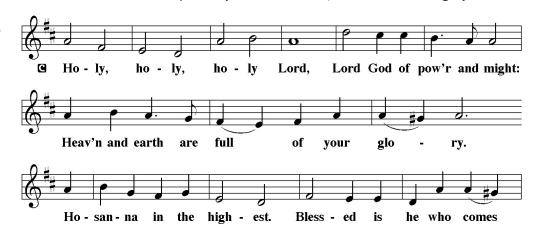




Preface

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus





Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. You created us in your image; and in the mystery of your great love for us you sent your only Son, Jesus Christ, born of Mary by the power of the Spirit. Led by that Spirit he was tempted as we are tempted; He proclaimed your forgiveness to sinners; he loved even his enemies. Despised and rejected, he bore the alienation of the world as he stretched out his arms on the cross; and by this all-sufficient sacrifice he has drawn all people to himself, giving his life as a ransom for many.

As we gather in his name and celebrate his testament, send your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the very body and blood of your Son, Christ Jesus, redeemer of the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. By your Son's life-giving passion and death, and by His resurrection and ascension into glory, our Lord Jesus continually intercedes for us and for all he has claimed as his own. As we now share together this Bread of Life and this Cup of Salvation, unite us with all your faithful people in the forgiveness of sins, and bring us, at length, to that eternal celebration of life at the Lamb's high feast.

C: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

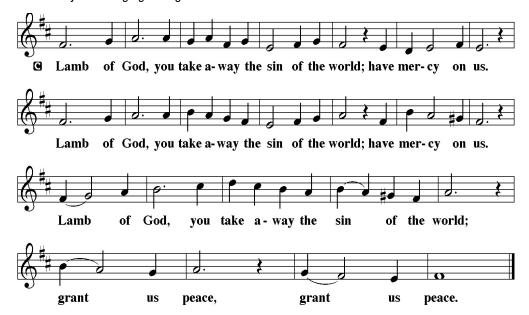
Fraction — The Breaking of the Bread

The Body of Christ is broken as he was broken for us in the Passover, in the loaves, and on the cross. He gives himself to us as he fed the multitudes. Jesus is the sacrificial Lamb who gave himself to deliver all people from slavery to sin.

When we eat this Bread, we share the Body of Christ; when we drink this Cup, we share the Blood of Christ.

C: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

Agnus Dei Please join in singing during the distribution of the sacrament.



Distribution

The pastor will commune. Then she will commune those with infirmities in the pew. Then the congregation. Place your offering in the offering box and then take an empty cup. Receive the Body of Christ in your open palm from the pastor and then proceed to the assisting minister to receive the Blood of Christ. Return to your seat by the side aisle, placing your emptied cup into the bowl of water. Give thanks to God for such grace!

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say...

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

And each person may respond...

C: Amen.

Post Communion Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C: Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Benediction

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**







Text: William Williams, 1717–1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams, 1722–1796, alt. Music: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1873–1932

Dismissal

Go in peace. Remember the poor. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

The Disciple Weekly was given to the glory of God

In honor of Pr Beth Schlegel, and her service to St. Peter's, by Annette Roderick.

Community Meal - TODAY, 11:00-12:30 PM - St. Peter's Lutheran

Easter Flowers — Tulips — \$11.50 Lilies — \$12.50 **Deadline: March 27** Order forms are located in the narthex.

March 5, 2023 OFFERING

General \$ 2,437.86 HVAC Project \$ 200.00 Masonry \$ 120.00 Lent \$ 110.00 Community Meal \$ 30.00

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-APRIL 2-

Palm Sunday 8:45 AM

St. Peter's Lutheran

—APRIL 6—

Maundy Thursday **3:30 PM** — St. Peter's Lutheran **7:00 PM** — Christ Lutheran, Man.

> -APRIL 7-Good Friday 3:30 & 7:00 PM St. Peter's Lutheran

—APRIL 8—

Holy Saturday 7:00 PM Vigil of Easter @ St. Paul's

[W Springettsbury Ave]

—APRIL 9—

The Resurrection of Our Lord

7:00 AM

Sunrise Service

8:45 AM

Easter Communion Service St. Peter's Lutheran

"New Testament Writings of Paul"

Midweek Lept Vespers Services

Wednesdays, 7:00 PM — March 15—22—29 at St. Paul's Lutheran 25 W. Springettsbury Ave. York

6:00 PM — Soup & Bread Supper, Christ Hall

6:30 PM — Lenten Choir, Music Room

7:00 PM — Vespers with Preaching, Church Nave

Live Stream: YouTube: St. Paul's Lutheran Church—South George St. York https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCYCfdMzk.Jo_Xvbdkxn2lYlg

MARCH 15: "Reconciled to God By Christ's Death"

Preacher: Tristian Ericson Text: Romans 5:1-11 Leader: Rev. William Snyder

MARCH 22: "Awake From Sleep, Live As Children of Light"

Preacher: Rev. Stan Reep Text: Eph. 5:8-14 Leader: Rev. William Snyder

MARCH 29: "Life In the Spirit"

Preacher: Nancy Bennett Text Romans 8:6-11 Leader: Rev. Beth Schlegel

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Next Week
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Monday & Thursday 8:00 AM — 1:00 PM

Friday

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