

FIRST SUNDAY after EPIPHANY
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8:00 am

**Jesus
and the
Samaritan
Woman**



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

AS WE GATHER

Our Bible Reading of the Day is John 4:1-42. Wearing by His journey from Judea to Galilee, Jesus sits down beside Jacob's well outside Sychar, a town in Samaria, at about the sixth hour (noon). A Samaritan woman comes to draw water from the well, a chore usually done in the early morning or evening, when it is cooler. She, however, comes during the hottest part of the day, perhaps shunned by the other women on account of her immoral lifestyle. Jews regarded Samaritans, especially Samaritan women, as perpetually impure. Rather than shunning her, however, Jesus asks her for a drink and, in turn, gives her living water. Her spiritual thirst exceeds Jesus' physical thirst. The Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, is the gift of God to those who believe in Jesus, the One who quenches mankind's thirst for eternal life.

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN: LSB 535 How Wide the Love of Christ

- 1 How wide the love of Christ! It knows not class or race
But holds our one humanity Within its broad embrace.
- 2 How long the love of Christ! Its patience will not cease
Until this broken world is bound In everlasting peace.
- 3 How high the love of Christ! Beyond all thought it soars,
And yet upon our passing lives Unmeasured mercy pours.
- 4 How deep the love of Christ, Descending to a cross!
He bears within His wounded hands
All human pain and loss.

5 All praise to You, O Christ,
For love whose depth and height,
Whose length and breadth fill time and space
With endless life and light!

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us then come before God and each other and confess our sins and ask for forgiveness.

Pastor: Most merciful God,

People: I confess to almighty God our Father that I have sinned by allowing other things to become more important to me than God. I have trusted more in myself, my possessions, my works, and my own desires. I confess that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him. Therefore I pray that He come to me in His Word and Spirit to forgive me and enlighten and keep me in the true faith. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God has had mercy on you and has come to you in the person of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. For the sake of His death and resurrection for you, God forgives you all your sins and gives you the strength of faith to serve Him in all faithfulness. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

INTROIT: Psalm 95:1-9 Antiphon verse 6

Pastor: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;

People: let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

Pastor: Let us come before him with thanksgiving

People: and extol him with music and song.

Pastor: For the Lord is the great God,

People: the great King above all gods.

Pastor: In his hand are the depths of the earth,

People: and the mountain peaks belong to him.

Pastor: The sea is his, for he made it,

People: and his hands formed the dry land.

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship,

People: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

Pastor: for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

People: Today, if only you would hear his voice,

Pastor: “Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,

People: as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,

Pastor: where your ancestors tested me;

People: they tried me, though they had seen what I did.

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

**People: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.**

Pastor: Come, let us bow down in worship,

People: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

KYRIE

Pastor: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People (sing): Lord, have mercy.

Pastor: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

People (sing): Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE: LSB 933 My Soul Rejoices

- 1 My soul rejoices, My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing, Join in confessing
God, who is solely Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him, Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

- 2 His arm now baring, His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters, Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted; The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry; Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token All that was spoken
To Abr’ham’s offspring God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray together.

All: Lord God, heavenly Father, You loved the world in such a way that You sent Your only Son into the world so that all who believe in Him might not perish but have eternal life with You. As He revealed Himself to the Samaritan woman, He taught that we worship You in spirit and in truth. Lead us to worship You in the Holy Spirit and in Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, so that we, too, may be filled with the “living water” of Your forgiving mercy and Your life-giving grace; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

READING OF THE DAY: John 4:1-42

Now Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard that he was gaining and baptizing more disciples than John— although in fact it was not Jesus who baptized, but his disciples. So he left Judea and went back once more to Galilee.

Now he had to go through Samaria. So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

"Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers

the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.” The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.” Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?” They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Meanwhile his disciples urged him, “Rabbi, eat something.” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you know nothing about.” Then his disciples said to each other, “Could someone have brought him food?”

“My food,” said Jesus, “is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don’t you have a saying, ‘It’s still four months until harvest’? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest. Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus the saying ‘One sows and another reaps’ is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor.”

Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers.

They said to the woman, “We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world.”

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON HYMN: LSB 855 For All the Faithful Women

- 1 For all the faithful women
 Who served in days of old,
To You shall thanks be given;
 To all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
 In tasks Your wisdom gave.
To You their lives bore witness,
 Proclaimed Your pow'r to save.

- 2 The Woman at the Well
Recall the outcast woman
 With whom the Lord conversed;
Christ gave her living water
 To quench her deepest thirst.
Like hers, our hearts are yearning;
 Christ offers us His Word.
Then may our lips be burning
 To witness to our Lord.

- 3 O God, for saints and servants,
 Those named and those unknown
In whom through all the ages
 Your light of glory shone,
We offer glad thanksgiving
 And fervent prayer we raise
That, faithful in Your service,
 Our lives may sing Your praise.

- 4 All praise to God the Father! All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise the Holy Spirit, Who binds the Church in one!
With saints who went before us,
With saints who witness still,
We sing glad Alleluias And strive to do Your will.

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THE SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING ANNOUNCEMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Sustain Me"

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN: LSB 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord

- 1 Spread the reign of God the Lord,
Spoken, written, mighty Word;
Ev'rywhere His creatures call
To His heav'nly banquet hall.

- 2 Tell how God the Father's will
Made the world, upholds it still,
How His own dear Son He gave
Us from sin and death to save.

- 3 Tell of our Redeemer's grace,
Who, to save our human race
And to pay rebellion's price,
Gave Himself as sacrifice.

- 4 Tell of God the Spirit giv'n
Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true,
Working both to will and do.

- 5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!
- 6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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Pastor: At Zion Lutheran we are committed to reaching out,
strengthening the saved,

All: and serving Jesus Christ by serving others!