

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Story of the Women at the Well

February 20, 2022

10:00 AM

GATHERING

GATHERING MUSIC

+GATHERING SONG

“He Is Exalted”

Twila Paris/Mark Cole

Verse 1

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

Repeat Verse 1

He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

Chorus (two times)

Chorus

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name

Ending

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *{Front Center} (Worship Assistant)*

L: God of life, shower us in your living water, bringing us to new life, fresh and clean. Walk with us as we share the knowledge of your living water with others, so that all might live.

C: Amen.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE *{Front Center} (Worship Assistant)*

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

L: For all who are gathered, let us stand and take a moment to welcome everyone with a wave of peace. For those of you online, please share a word of peace in the comment or chat. Most of all, as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center} (Rob)*

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

WORD

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *{On Floor Pulpit Side} (Rob)*

FIRST READING *(Paul Sundet)*

Galatians 3:21-24

Is the law then opposed to the promises of God? Certainly not! For if a law had been given that could make alive, then righteousness would indeed come through the law. But the scripture has imprisoned all things under the power of sin, so that what was promised through faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated for the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL (*Group Reading*) (**Bold = Congregation**)

John 4:1-42

Now when Jesus learned that the Pharisees had heard, “Jesus is making and baptizing more disciples than John” —although it was not Jesus himself but his disciples who baptized— he left Judea and started back to Galilee. But he had to go through Samaria. So he 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 you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?” (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) 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.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?” Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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.” 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.” Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” 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.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.” 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?” Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “**Rabbi, eat something.**” But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do 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. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.” Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. 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.**”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+SONG OF THE DAY

“No Longer Slaves”

Jonathan David Helsler/D. Galbraith

Verse 1

You unravel me with a melody
You surround me with a song
Of deliverance from my enemies
Till all my fears are gone

I've been born again into Your family
Your blood flows through my veins

Chorus

Chorus

I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God
I'm no longer a slave to fear
I am a child of God

Bridge 1

You split the sea
so I could walk right through it
My fears are drowned
in perfect love

Verse 2

From my Mother's womb
You have chosen me
Love has called my name

You rescued me
so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God

Bridge 2
You split the sea
so I could walk right through it
You drowned my fears
in perfect love

You rescued me
so I could stand and sing
I am a child of God
I am a child of God
I am a child of God
I am a child of God

+THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Worship Assistant*)

Screen

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+THE PRAYERS (*Worship Assistant*)

Screen

After each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

L: The coming of Christ was not, and is not widely welcomed. Wherever there is epiphany there will also be darkness: the darkness of old superstitions and dogmas which refuse to fade away easily; the darkness of pride in the half truths that have masqueraded as wisdom; the darkness of entrenched evil that hates the light and tries to dispose of it; the darkness of apathy that cannot be bothered to open the shutters;

L: Most holy and loving God,

C: please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore your light within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we humbly ask, "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen!

L: My friends, Epiphany is good news! The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us. Jesus came into this world to save sinners. In his name, I declare to you: Yours sins are forgiven!

C: Thanks be to God!

+ WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Pastor Rob*)

+THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Pastor Rob*)

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG

"Here Is Bread"
Jubilee Praise Team

ELW #483

Please stand as you are able.

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Pastor Rob*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*Worship Assistant*)

L: Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION (*Pastor Rob*)

L: May the eternal light of God guide you in the way of the peace, through the power of Holy Spirit now and forevermore.

C: Amen.

+SENDING SONG

“Shout to the Lord”

Darlene Zschech/Mark Cole

Verse 1

My Jesus my Savior
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love
My comfort my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath all that I am
Never cease to worship You

At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
I have in You

Verse 1

Chorus 1

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar

Chorus 1

Ending

Nothing compares to the promise I have
Nothing compares to the promise I have
Nothing compares to the promise I have
in You

+DISMISSAL (*Worship Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Be the Light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

REPRISE

*Flowers given by David Skinner in honor
of the 30th anniversary of his mother, Darlene's, passing.*