

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

February 20, 2022

8:30 AM

GATHERING

PRELUDE

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

+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;
(Please take a moment of silent reflection.)

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: Your sins are forgiven!

OPENING HYMN

"For All the Faithful Women"

ELW #419

Verse 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 you pow'r to save.

Like hers, our hearts are yearning;
Christ offers us his word.
Then may our lips be burning
To witness to our Lord.

Last Verse

All praise to God the Father!
All praise to Christ the Son!
All praise to God the Spirit,
Who binds the church as one!
With saints who went before us,
With saints who witness still,
We sing glad alleluias
And strive to do your will.

Verse 8

Recall the outcast woman
With whom our Lord conversed:
Christ gave her living water
To quench her deepest thirst.

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Beth Angerhofer)

L: 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 *(cantor and congregation)*

ELW pg. 138

L: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

L: 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.

C: Lord have mercy.

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

C: Lord have mercy.

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

C: Amen.

+HYMN OF PRAISE (*congregation*)

“This Is the Feast”

ELW pg. 140-141

C: Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Refrain

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {*Front*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

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.

WORD

FIRST READING (*Jodi Murphy*)

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.

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.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

+HYMN OF THE DAY

“Take My Life, That I May Be”

ELW #583

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 1

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Refrain

Verse 2

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Refrain

Verse 3

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Refrain

Verse 4

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Refrain

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

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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 {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

Screen

After each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

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 all as we go out into the world may we greet others as people of peace.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Rob*)

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*spoken*)

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*brief intro*)

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C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Rob*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Rob*)

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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

"Lamb of God"

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"As We Break the Bread"

Jay Althouse

St. Luke's Choir

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

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

C: Amen.

+CANTICLE

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"

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Thankful hearts and voices raise;
Tell everyone what God has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord
Rejoice and bear the name of Christ.

Send us with your promises
And lead your people forth in joy
With shouts of thanks giving.
Alleluia, alleluia.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

L: Loving God, you have fed our spirits with your word of hope and your food of life. Empower us to go forth strengthened and renewed, to serve the world you love.

C: Amen.

SENDING

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*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 HYMN

“Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness”

ELW #843

Verse 1

Praise the One who breaks the darkness
With a liberating light;
Praise the One who frees the pris’ners,
Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the gospel,
Healing ev’ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands
With the very bread of peace.

Verse 2

Praise the One who blessed the children
With a strong yet gentle word;
Praise the One who drove out demons
With a piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the One who brings cool water
To the desert’s burning sand;
From this well comes living water
Quenching thirst in ev’ry land.

Verse 3

Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
That we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
Seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
Praise the One who makes us one.

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Beth Angerhofer*)

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

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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