

# MARCH 12, 2023 - THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Prelude - "Leave All To God's Directions" by Neumark, setting by Saxton Dialogue.

Stand

## 540 Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

sts. 1-2, 5-6

1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of  
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, Food for bod - y,  
5 Christ, the way that leads un - fail - ing To the Fa - ther's  
△ 6 Christ, the Al - pha and O - me - ga, Christ, the first-born

A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,  
food for soul; Christ, the man - na dai - ly giv - en,  
home on high, Christ, the truth that frees the cap - tive,  
from the dead, Christ, the life and res - ur - rec - tion,

Per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, You  
Nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the  
Christ, the life that can - not die. Me - di - a - tor  
Christ, the Church's glo - rious head: Praise and thanks and

shine un - van - quished, Light and life You bring to all; Light our  
food of heav - en, Fore - taste of the feast to be; Quench our  
to the Fa - ther, Sac - ri - fice and great High Priest: Lead us  
ad - o - ra - tion And un - end - ing wor - ship be To the

path with Your own pres - ence, Grant us grace to heed Your call.  
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter Spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.  
to Your heav'n - ly man - sions, There to share Your wed - ding feast.  
Fa - ther and the Spir - it And to You e - ter - nal - ly.

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*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

### Invocation

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

### Opening Dialog

- P** Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
- C** slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

- P** Jesus said: If anyone would come after Me,
- C** let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

- P** Christ was wounded for our transgressions.
- C** He was bruised for our iniquities.

- P** The chastisement that brought us peace was upon Him,
- C** and with His stripes we are healed.

**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.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

**C** O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

*Sit*

### Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 17:1-7*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

*Psalm 95 (CCLI # 4493574)*

# Come, Let Us Praise the Lord 95A

C                      Am                      F                      G

1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac - claim,  
 2 Our God of match - less worth, our King be - yond com - pare,  
 3 In wor - ship bow the knee, our glo - rious God con - fess;  
 4 Come, hear his voice to - day, re - ceive what love im - parts;

C                      Am                      D                      C                      G/D    D7                      G

his great - ness tell a - broad and bless his sav - ing name.  
 the deep - est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care.  
 the great Cre - a - tor, he, the Lord of Right - eous - ness.  
 his ho - ly will o - bey and hard - en not your hearts.

F                      G                      Am                      Dm

Lift high your songs be - fore his throne to  
 He all de - crees, who by his hand pre -  
 He reigns un - seen: his flock he feeds and  
 His ways are best and lead at last, all

F                      C/G                      G7                      C

whom a - lone all praise be - longs.  
 pared the land and formed the seas.  
 gent - ly leads in pas - tures green.  
 trou - bles past, to per - fect rest.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

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## Epistle

*Romans 5:1-8*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

### Verse Lent

LSB 157

**C** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a-bound - ing in  
stead-fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

### Holy Gospel

John 4:5–26

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

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>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." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sit*

## 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark - ness With a lib - er -  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren With a strong, yet  
3 Let us praise the Word In - car - nate, Christ, who suf - fered  
at - ing light; Praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners,  
gen - tle, word; Praise the One who drove out de - mons  
in our place. Je - sus died and rose vic - to - rious  
Turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight. Praise the One who preached the  
With the pierc - ing, two - edged sword. Praise the One who brings cool  
That we may know God by grace. Let us sing for joy and  
Gos - pel, Heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease, Calm - ing  
wa - ter To the des - ert's burn - ing sand; From this  
glad - ness, See - ing what our God has done; Let us  
storms, and feed - ing thou - sands With the ver - y Bread of peace.  
Well comes liv - ing wa - ter, Quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
praise the true Re - deem - er, Praise the One who makes us one.

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### Sermon

*Stand (8:00 Service)*

#### Apostles' Creed (8:00 Service)

**☐ 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.**

*Sit (8:00 Service)*

592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (10:30 Service)



1 Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -  
2 Your com - mand is clear and plain, And we would o -  
3 There - fore we have come to You, In our arms this  
4 Gra - cious Head, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your  
5 Now in - to Your heart we pour Prayers that from our



mand o - bey - ing; With this child we now draw near  
bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,  
in - fant bear - ing. Tru - ly here Your grace we view;  
lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;  
hearts pro - ceed - ed. Our pe - ti - tions heav'n - ward soar;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it  
Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter  
May this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be  
Way of Life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious Vine, let  
May our hearts' de - sires be heed - ed! Write the name we



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.  
and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."  
shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.  
noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.  
now have giv - en; Write it in the book of heav - en!

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The Sacrament of Holy Baptism (10:30 Service)

Administered to Evelyn Grace Merrow, child of Matthew and Andrew (née Schrumm) Merrow.

## 762 There Is a Time for Everything



1 There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing, A  
 2 A time to hold, then be a - lone, A  
 3 E - ter - nal Lord, Your wis - dom sees And  
 △ 4 Be - fore all time had yet be - gun, You,



time for all that life may bring: A time to plant, a  
 time to gath - er scat - tered stone, A time to break, a  
 fath - oms all life's trag - e - dies; You know our grief, You  
 Fa - ther, planned to give Your Son; Lord Je - sus Christ, with



time to reap, A time to laugh, a time to weep,  
 time to mend, A time to search and then to end,  
 hear our sighs— In mer - cy, dry our tear - stained eyes.  
 time-less grace, You have re - deemed our time - bound race;



A time to heal, a time to slay, A  
 A time to keep, then throw a - way, A  
 From e - vil times, You bring great good; Be -  
 O Ho - ly Spir - it, Par - a - clete, Your



time to build where rub - ble lay, A time to die, a  
 time to speak, then noth - ing say, A time for war till  
 neath the cross, we've safe - ly stood. Though dim - ly now life's  
 time - ly work in us com - plete; Blest Trin - i - ty, Your



time to mourn, A time for joy and to be born,  
 ha - treds cease, A time for love, a time for peace.  
 path we trace, One day we shall see face to face.  
 praise we sing— There is a time for ev - 'ry - thing!

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*Kneel*

### Prayer of the Church

*Each petition ends:*

- P** Lord, in Your mercy:
- C** Hear our prayer!

### Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:
- 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.**

## Benediction

LSB 166

- 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.

Stand

## 648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y  
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -  
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, See the cloud and  
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a



of our God; He whose word can - not be bro - ken Formed you  
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters And all  
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, Show - ing  
mem - ber am, Let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for His own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,  
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er  
that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner  
glo - ry in Your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



What can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's  
Ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace, which like the  
Light by night and shade by day, Safe they feed up -  
All their boast - ed pomp and show; Sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, You may smile at all your foes.  
Lord, the giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.  
on the man - na Which God gives them on their way.  
last - ing trea - sures None but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

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