

Exodus 17:1-7 (ESV)

17 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. ²Therefore 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?" ³But 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?" ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵And 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. ⁶Behold, 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. ⁷And 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?"

Romans 5:1-8 (ESV)

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through 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. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and 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. ⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 4:5-30, 39-42 (ESV)

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ 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.) 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." ¹¹ 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?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The 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 now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet." ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You 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 is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he." ²⁷ Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you seek?" or, "Why are you talking with her?" ²⁸ So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, ²⁹ "Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?" ³⁰ They went out of the town and were coming to him. ³⁹ Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me all that I ever did." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word. ⁴² 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 indeed the Savior of the world."

John 4:14



March 19, 2017
3rd Sunday in Lent
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✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Theme of the Day ~ We Worship the Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Spirit and Truth of His Gospel. Though the Lord had brought them out of Egypt, “all the congregation of the people of Israel” grumbled against Him because “there was no water for the people to drink” (Ex. 17:1). Despite their quarreling, the Lord graciously provided for them. He did not strike the people for their sins, but by the hand of Moses He struck the rock instead and brought forth water for the people. In the same way, living water flows from the pierced side of Christ at “about the sixth hour” (John 4:6, 19:14), when He is lifted up on the cross for the sins of the world. He is “the gift of God” (John 4:10), the well from which the Holy Spirit is poured out and becomes in His people “a spring of water welling up to eternal life” (John 4:14). By this grace in which we stand, being at peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, we “worship the Father in spirit and truth” (John 4:23). “We rejoice in hope of the glory of God” because “God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us” (Rom. 5:2, 5).

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OPENING HYMN “For All the Faithful Women” LSB 855

SERMON HYMN “As the Deer” See insert/screens

SERMON “Thirsty for More?” John 4:5-30, 39-42

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS “Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord” LSB 637

“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain” LSB 435

“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens” LSB 58944

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer” LSB 918

CLOSING HYMN “Jesus, Refuge of the Weary” LSB 423

Pastor	Paul Hauser
Organist	Tami Mosher
Elders	Paul Bohn & Jack Traub
A/V	Brad Pinet
Acolytes	Mckenna Kumar & Katie Pinet
Ushers	Marc Pinet, Mike Hingston, Kevin Ross
Greeters	Elmer Blehm & Myrna Pruitt
Altar Guild	Judy Hingston and Michelle Klemish

Our Measure of Love and Gifts

Attendance last week – 95 Midweek Lent *Needed for The Lord’s Work at Zion* \$3,856 ~ *Received for the Lord’s Work* \$4,788 = Loose Plate \$125, Envelopes \$2,886, Mission \$227, Maintenance \$408, \$1142 PTL Acct. closed; Cap Prj. \$100.

Please pray for your fellow Christians on their birthday: Mar 24- Mark Hilbrandt, Conner Neuenfeldt, Hannah Spangler; Mar 25- Kayla Goward, Barb Willman (her 80th); Mar 27- Meredith Davis, Mitch Hingston, Austin Kade, Haley Willman; Mar 28- Helen McCoy (her 81st); Mar 29- Rebecca Greskowiak, Geri Hingston (her 86th), Matthew Schmoyer; Mar 30- Claire Laurenz, Don Rossow.

Today’s Memory Verse ~ “In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Please note there will be no soup supper or Midweek Lenten service on March 29 as Pastor Hauser will be out of town March 24-31. Contact St. Peter Lutheran at 642-8188 for any pastoral emergencies.

Thrivent Members ~ You still have time to call in a designate Choice Dollars if you have not done so already. You have until the end of March to enroll. Call 1-800-847-4836. Thrivent will ask for your membership number and S.S. number. Designate Zion Lutheran Church-Hemlock. Any undesignated funds will remain with the company.

Order your Easter plants. Order forms are in the narthex. Tulips, hyacinths, and lilies are \$8 and azaleas \$13. Orders due April 2nd. Please place in the offering plate or turn in to the church office.



Save the Date ~ Mark your calendar for **Tuesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm.** Zion will host the wonderful voices of the Men of Music directed by Grace Marra. The ensemble, consisting of 40-50 men, was formed in 1936 as the Dow Male Chorus, part of The Dow Chemical Company’s Music Department. The group sings with a variety of musical styles, a little bit of everything for everyone. A donation will be accepted. Save the date cards will be available in the narthex for you to take and pass on to your friends and neighbors. You will not be disappointed! If you would like to read more about the group visit <http://www.menofmusic.org/background.html>.