

My soul
thirsts
for God,
for the
living God.



Psalm 42:2

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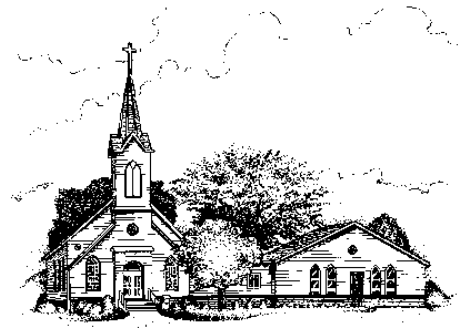
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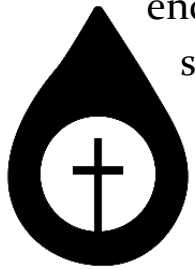
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Welcome to God's House

A person can survive between one and two months without food. But a person can survive only two to three days without water. Water is one of our greatest needs. Research shows that even slight dehydration will adversely affect your mood, memory, and motor coordination. Become seriously dehydrated, and life



ends quickly. This helps us understand what Scripture means when it says things like, "My soul thirsts for God" (Psalm 42:2). If one is separated from God, he is adversely affected. If he *remains* separated from God, he will die an agonizing eternal death.

Not everyone admits it...yet it remains true for all. Everyone has a deep spiritual thirst. In our heart of hearts, we all long for everlasting life. Unbelievers try to satisfy that deep thirst with worldly things, a strategy doomed for failure. Believers look to the One who has promised, "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst." Jesus meets our greatest needs. He alone possesses the water that satisfies those who are spiritually parched. He alone grants eternal life.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Opening Hymn

Come Away, From Rush and Hurry #913

1 Come away from rush and hurry
to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry,
come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor,

life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered
here to seek and find God's grace.

2 In the pastures of God's goodness
we lie down to rest our soul.

From the waters of God's mercy
we drink deeply, are made whole.

At the table of God's presence
all the saints are richly fed.

With the oil of God's anointing
into service we are led.

3 Come, then, children, with your burdens—
life's confusions, fears, and pain.

Leave them at the cross of Jesus;
take instead his kingdom's reign.

Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them—
he alone will satisfy.

All our longings find attainment
when to self we gladly die.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just

and will forgive us our sins

and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

THE WORD

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Lord 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?"

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?"

⁴Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me."

⁵The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the

sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm of the Day

The Rock of Our Salvation – 95A

Refrain



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Tone

Come, let us sing for joy / to the Lord;

let us shout aloud to the rock of our sal- / vation.

Let us come before him with thanks- / giving

and extol him with mu- / sic and song.

For the Lord is the / great God,

the great King a- / bove all gods.

In his hand are the depths / of the earth,

and the mountain peaks be- / long to him.

The sea is his, for he / made it,

and his hands formed the / dry land. **Refrain**

Come, let us bow down in / worship,

let us kneel before the Lord our / maker;

for he is our God and we are the people of his / pasture,

the flock under / his care.
Today, if only you would / hear his voice,
“Do not hard- / en your hearts
as you did at / Meribah,
as you did that day at Massah in the / wilderness.”
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

John 4:13,14



you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband.

What you have just said is quite true.”

¹⁹“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet 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. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say #703

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast.”

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light.
Look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I’ll walk till trav’ling days are done.

*Jesus Offers the World a Drink of Living Water***The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

Prayer of the Church

O Lord, Rock of our salvation, pour out your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that we may be assured in the hope of your glory.

We are the people of your pasture. **We are the flock under your care.**

Open our eyes to the many blessings you give us day after day. Give us grateful

hearts that without doubt and without grumbling we may praise you for your goodness.

We are the people of your pasture. **We are the flock under your care.**

As your Son shared the living water of the gospel with the Samaritan woman, move us to share your living water with those who thirst, that they may see Jesus as their Messiah.

We are the people of your pasture. **We are the flock under your care.**

Look on all the schools of our land and bless those who teach and those who learn, that they may grow in true knowledge, wisdom and skill as they learn about the wonders of your world.

We are the people of your pasture. **We are the flock under your care.**

Bless the proclamation of your Word in this place that it may remain the foundation for our faith and life, and that we may continue to worship you in Spirit and in truth.

We are the people of your pasture. **We are the flock under your care.**

When we were still powerless, Christ died for us. In your mercy, help those who are weak, hurting or in need [especially...]. Bring peace to their hearts with the message of your grace in Christ, and let their sufferings yield the fruits of perseverance, character and hope.

We are the people of your pasture. **We are the flock under your care.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

O Lord, refresh us with the living water of the Word of Jesus. Pour out your Spirit on us and on those who hear the Word from our lips. Make us grow in wisdom, knowledge and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering

The Sacrament

Preface

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat;

this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



Distribution Hymn

My Song is Love Unknown #397

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
Oh, who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne salvation to bestow,
but such disdain! So few the longed-for Christ would know!
But oh, my friend, my friend indeed,
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to their King.
Then "Crucify!" is all their breath,
and for his death they thirst and cry.

Why? What has my Lord done? What makes this rage and spite?
He made the lame to run, he gave the blind their sight.
Sweet injuries! Yet they at these
themselves displease and 'gainst him rise.

They rise and needs will have my dear Lord made away.
A murderer they save, the Prince of life they slay.
Yet cheerful he to suffering goes
that he his foes from death might free.

In life no house, no home my Lord on earth might have;
in death no friendly tomb but what a stranger gave.
What may I say? Heav'n was his home
but mine the tomb wherein he lay.

Here might I stay and sing; no story so divine,
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.
Amen.

Closing Hymn

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #923:1-2

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer, be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

This Week at Zion

Today:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship with Holy Communion
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
Mon:	8:00 p.m.	Council meeting
Tue:	1:00 p.m.	OWLS meeting St. Peter, Fond du Lac
	6:30 p.m.	KML Sacred Concert in the PAC
Wed:	7:00 p.m.	Lenten Worship
Thu:	7:00 p.m.	Worship
Fri:	5:00 p.m.	Zion serving at Lighthouse Youth Center
Sat:	9:00 a.m.	Catechism Instructions
Sun:	7:30 / 9:45 a.m.	Worship
	8:30 / 8:45 a.m.	Sunday School / Adult Bible study
	7:00 p.m.	Seminary Chorus Concert at St. John's on the Hillside, Milwaukee

Congratulations to Marcus and Carrie Feucht on the birth of a baby girl, Natalie Marie, this past Monday morning (March 6).

In Our Prayers Snig Gruenewald, at Linden Grove Rehab in Menomonee Falls following a fall at her home; Curt Allison going in for shoulder surgery this Friday; the family of Joyce Krueger, wife of former Zion Pastor Will Krueger, who was taken home to heaven last week.

Lord's Supper As a church concerned with upholding all the truths of Scripture and encouraging faithful Christian living, we practice "member communion" with those who have confessed a unity of faith with us. If you are not a WELS or ELS member and you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak to the pastor after the service.

Lenten Worship Join us this Wednesday at 7 pm. for our fourth midweek Lenten service. Pastor Mike Woldt from David's Star will lead us in worship and preach on Luke 20, where Jesus' final steps led him to some enemies.

We thank Anne Drewa (Thursday) and Bea Pamperin (Sunday) for serving as our organists this weekend.

Bags Tournament On Saturday, March 25th, Zion will be hosting another bags (cornhole) tournament in the fellowship hall. Enjoy the food, fun and fellowship of this family-friendly event and compete for the title of Cornhole King or Queen! **Sign up today on the bulletin board.**

Lighthouse Youth Center Thanks to all who have signed up to donate food items for the supper Zion will be serving the kids at Lighthouse Youth Center this Friday night. There are still a number of items needed...please sign up on the bulletin board.

Deadline Extended If you would like to sponsor an Easter lily in memory of a loved one, the deadline has been extended to **March 19th**. Please take a registration form from the cabinets, fill it out and follow the directions. The lilies will be delivered during Holy Week and you can take them home after the Easter festival service at 9:00 a.m.

Seminary Concert The Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Chorus invites you to a special concert this evening, March 12th, at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's on the Hillside in Milwaukee. Once the largest and one of the most historic churches in WELS, the congregation was founded in 1848. The church is located on the corner of Eighth and Vliet Streets, just across the river from downtown Milwaukee. Come hear the Chorus, become acquainted with some church history and support this congregation with your presence.

Please pick up a copy of the *Forward in Christ* for March, along with the church calendar and newsletter for March. You'll find them on the cabinets in the entryway.

OWLS Meeting The next meeting of the Dodge-Washington OWLS will take place Monday March 27th, at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall of Peace Lutheran Church. Our guest speakers will be Bea and Len Punke. Bea will share her knowledge and personal experiences with the Central African Medical Mission. In addition, Bea and Len will talk about their involvement with Camp Basic, a two week encampment at Wyalusing State Park that provides educational and recreational opportunities for physically and mentally challenged individuals.

Everyone is invited to attend our gathering. A potluck meal will follow our business meeting. Please bring a dish to share. If you have any questions, please contact Richard Ash at richardash46@gmail.com or 262-457-3000.

Wisconsin Lutheran Choir Concert The Wisconsin Lutheran Choir performs its Spring Tour Home Concert on Friday, March 24th, at 7:30 p.m. in the college's Center for Arts and Performance. Free tickets are available from the box office, 414-443-8802 or wlc.edu/BoxOffice.

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