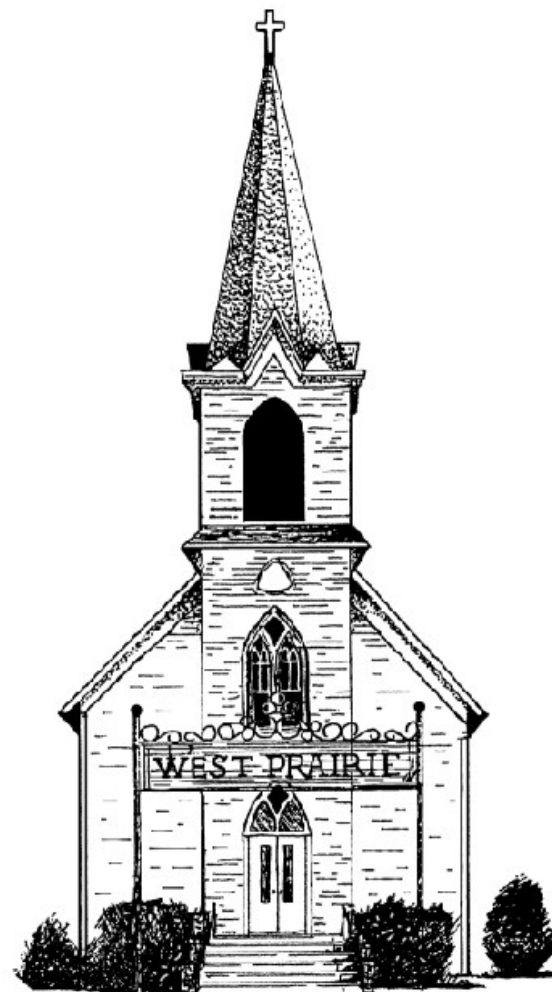


SERMON NOTES . . .

“The Path Out of Dryness” John 4:5-26

1. God sees behind your _____. He is not blind. He is not deceived by our deceptions. He knows what’s in our hearts.
2. In our scripture, Jesus proves His _____ by showing that no mask is able to hide who we are from him.
3. Because the path out of dryness leads to God, through Christ, we must confront _____.
4. Any true person seeking for living water must confront sin, but of course, this is _____.
5. In the Bible, whenever a person meets _____, it produces feelings of shame, guilt, and embarrassment in the worshiper.
6. Our soul is dry because our sin separates us from the _____.
7. Because the path out of dryness leads to God through Christ, we must come in spirit and in _____.
8. Worship in truth admits who _____ are.
9. Worship in truth acknowledges who _____ is.
10. Worship in truth honors what God _____.
11. Because the path out of dryness leads to God through Christ, we must _____ the Savior as our Savior.
12. Nowhere else does Jesus give such a plain statement of his nature and office as with this woman: “I am the _____.”



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Worship Service for the 3rd Sunday in Lent

8:30 a.m., March 19, 2017

Prelude

Pastoral Greeting

Please stand if you are able.

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Opening Hymn, Oh, Worship the King LBW #548, vs 1-4

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Hymn of Praise page 79

Prayer of the Day

(All) Eternal Lord, Your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death and resurrection of Your Son. Help us to hear Your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of Your redeeming love; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

You may be seated.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 17:1-7

Water From the Rock

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. So 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?"

But 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?"

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today...

7 p.m. Youth Group

Wednesday, March 22 ...

6 p.m. supper @ Sion

7 p.m. Lenten service @ Sion

Next Sunday, March 26 ...

8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Fellowship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages

Opera duets and arias recital with Quiliano Anderson (friend of Candy Johnson), Jacqueline L McCurdy and Bryan Stanley on Tuesday, April 4th at 7 pm at Waldorf University, Odvin Hagen Music Hall in Forest City. Performing excerpts from *Così fan tutte*, *L'elisir d'amore* and *La Traviata*. Admission is free.

Prayer List — Health concerns for Brock Walden, Leah Branstad, Jonie Bang, Denise Holst, Robert Olsen, Elaine Ritz, Carver Moffat, Marlys Haugen, Mike Haack, Dale Zingg, Dorothy Kall, Ben Charlson, Monte Branstad, Blanche Durby, Eldora Reil; Angela Haugen serving in the military. All prayer requests can be submitted to Pastor Steve @641-590-7894; or leave a message on the church answering system @641-567-3733.

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Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Grey Book #258

Postlude

Pastor: Steve Bang

Pianist: Melissa Phillips

Lectionary: Lanette Branstad

Usher: Jan Reimann and Paris Reimann

Acolyte: Caitlin Fjeld

The 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. I 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. And 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?"

Here ends the reading.

Psalm 95:1-9 (responsively)

L: Come, let us sing to the Lord!

C: Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation.

L: Let us come to Him with thanksgiving.

C: Let us sing psalms of praise to Him.

L: For the Lord is a great God,

C: a great King above all gods.

L: He holds in His hands the depths of the earth

C: and the mightiest mountains.

L: The sea belongs to Him, for He made it.

C: His hands formed the dry land, too.

L: Come, let us worship and bow down.

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker, for He is our God.

L: We are the people He watches over, the flock under His care.

C: If only you would listen to His voice today!

L: The Lord says, "Don't harden your hearts as Israel did at Meribah,

C: as they did at Massah in the wilderness.

L: For there your ancestors tested and tried My patience,

C: even though they saw everything I did.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 5:1-8

Peace and Hope

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through 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.

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And 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.

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Here ends the lesson.

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THE GOSPEL: John 4:5-26

Response: *Glory to You, O Lord* page 83

So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give Me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can You ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water."

"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can You get this living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

The woman said to Him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw

water."

He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back."

"I have no husband," she replied.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true."

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

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

The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us."

Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am He."
The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: *Praise to You, O Christ* page 83

Hymn: *Jesus, the Very Thought of You* LBW #316

The Sermon: Pastor Steve Bang

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Hymn, *Fill My Cup, Lord* Grey Hymn Book #481

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Prayer

Congregational Response: Hear my prayer.

Sharing of the peace.

You may be seated.

Offering

Please stand.

Offertory, *Create In Me a Clean Heart* page 96

Prayer