

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.**

John 4:14

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**Sunday, March 8, 2026**  
The Third Sunday of Lent

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Service Theme  
**EXACTLY WHAT I NEED: Water**

I recognize my deep spiritual thirst. I long for a good relationship with God and for everlasting life. I am tempted to satisfy that deep thirst with worldly things, a strategy doomed to failure. I realize that my thirst is satisfied only by the one who said, "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst." Jesus meets my greatest need.



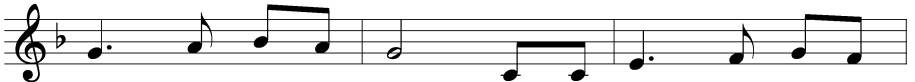
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# 913 Come Away from Rush and Hurry

CW 913



1 Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the  
2 In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie  
3 Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens— life's con -



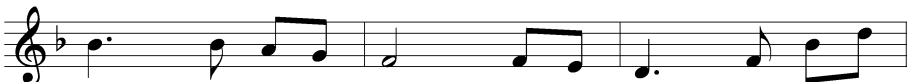
still - ness of God's peace; from our vain am - bi - tion's  
down to rest our soul. From the wa - ters of God's  
fu - sions, fears, and pain. Leave them at the cross of



wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease.  
mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made whole.  
Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's reign.



Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de -  
At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the  
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them— he a -



mands and fren-zied pace; come to join the peo - ple  
saints are rich - ly fed. With the oil of God's a -  
lone will sat - is - fy. All our long - ings find at -



gath - ered here to seek and find God's grace.  
noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.  
tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

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## **Order of Service – Service of the Word**

*(Old Hymnal)*

The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**Amen.**

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are  
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -  
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -  
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -  
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.  
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

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

C: A - men.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of a single staff of music. The lyrics 'A - men.' are placed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

## **First Lesson**

Exodus 17:1–7 (EHV)

*In his grace, God gives undeserving people water from a stone.*

<sup>1</sup>The entire Israelite community set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin as the LORD had commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>So the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses said to them, “Why are you quarreling with me? Why are you testing the LORD?”

<sup>3</sup>But the people were thirsty for water there, so they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you ever bring us up out of Egypt to let us, our children, and our livestock die of thirst?”

<sup>4</sup>Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me!”

<sup>5</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go in front of the people, and take the elders of Israel with you. Also take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Watch me. I will stand there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will drink.” Moses did that in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>He named the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

# 95A The Rock of Our Salvation

Psalm 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***

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## **Second Lesson**

Romans 5:1–8 (EHV)

*God's love is poured into my heart like living water.*

<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 also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

<sup>3</sup>Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, <sup>4</sup>and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope.

<sup>5</sup>And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

<sup>6</sup>For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. <sup>8</sup>But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## **Verse of the Day**

John 4:13,14

Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."

**Glory, praise, and honor to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Gospel Lesson**  
John 4:5–26 (EHV)

*Jesus calls a Samaritan woman to faith, providing living water for her thirsty soul.*

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone into town 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 Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate 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>"Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? <sup>12</sup>You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."

<sup>13</sup>Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."

<sup>15</sup>"Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup>Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

<sup>17</sup>“I have no husband,” the woman answered.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say, ‘I have no husband.’ <sup>18</sup>In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true.”

<sup>19</sup>“Sir,” the woman replied, “I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup>You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (the one called Christ). “When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I, the one speaking to you, am he.”



**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## 703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

CW 703



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

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### Sermon Text & Theme

*John 4:5–26 EHV*

**Lord, Give Us the Water We Need to Drink.**

- 1) We are Dying of Thirst.
- 2) Only You Have the Water of Life.

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the  
Father almighty.**

**From there 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.**

## Offertory Prayer

### Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, because of our sins, we justly deserve to suffer both your curse during our time on earth and your condemnation eternally in hell. But we plead for your mercy, because your Son, Jesus, suffered the punishment our sin deserved. For his sake you have forgiven our sins and cleansed us from all unrighteousness. Now, trusting that he will intercede for us, we dare to ask for your blessing.

Mercifully provide whatever each of us may need for body and life. Protect us and those we love from all harm and danger. Maintain good government among us, and bless all those in authority with wisdom and integrity. Defend us from the devil and the world, which would lure us back into the way that leads to eternal death. Destroy in us the desires that are contrary to your will. Comfort the persecuted, the depressed, the sick, and the dying with the assurance that nothing can separate us from your love.

Strengthen our faith by the Word of your forgiveness and by the sacrament of our Savior's own body and blood. Grant that we may praise you, our merciful God, by showing mercy to others in all their needs.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*Silent prayer.*

We commit to your care our bodies and souls and all things, because you have purchased us to be your own with the sacrifice of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

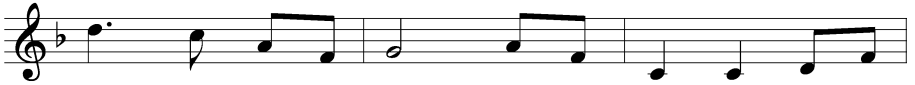
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen**

# 532 As the Deer Runs to the River

CW 532



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and  
 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no  
 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum - moned, "all who  
 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est



wea - ry from the chase, we have come from hurt and  
 stream or spring was seen, Mo - ses struck the rock, and  
 for God's mer - cy plead! God's for - give - ness, like a  
 thirst un - sat - is - fied. Lead us to the wa - ters



hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
 wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
 foun - tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
 flow - ing from the cross on which you died.

*Refrain*



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

## Blessing

Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

# 708 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CW 708



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to  
2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -



sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,  
to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me  
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,



call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious  
safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a  
bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise his  
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to  
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my



name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem - ing love.  
res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.  
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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## Announcements

### ***Easter for Kids Volunteer Request***

We are hoping to host an Easter for Kids on March 21 from 1:30pm – 4:30pm. If you would be willing to help out for this event, contact Rebecca Hill at (613) 404-6874 or [rschroeder@rogers.com](mailto:rschroeder@rogers.com).

### ***Church Cleaners***

March 15 – Simon / March 22 – Matthew

## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (8) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
11:45 am Coffee Hour  
12:00 pm Divine Sisters Meeting
- Tu (10) 5:00 pm Communicating Christ Class
- We (11) 10:00 am Bible Information Class Review  
7:00 pm Midweek Lent Service
- Fr (13) 6:00 pm Friday Fellowship
- Su (15) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am *Worship with Communion***  
11:45 am Coffee Hour  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Bible Class in Poltimore
- Tu (17) 5:00 pm Communicating Christ Class  
7:00 pm Elders Meeting
- We (18) 10:00 am Bible Information Class Review  
7:00 pm Midweek Lent Service
- Sa (21) 1:30 pm Easter for Kids (at Divine Word)
- Su (22) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Study**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
11:45 am Voters Meeting