

**Third Weekend of Lent  
MARCH 11-12, 2023**

**ORDERS OF WORSHIP**

**Saturday Spoken Vespers - 5pm**

Welcome & Announcements  
Invocation  
Thanksgiving for Light  
Prayer of the Day  
Bible Readings  
Message  
Creed, Prayers and Peace  
  
The Words of Communion  
Communion  
The Lord's Prayer  
Blessing & Sending

**Sunday Contemporary – 8am**

Gathering Song & Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Song of Praise  
Prayer of the Day  
Bible Readings  
Today's Message  
Song of the Day  
Creed, Prayers & Peace  
The Words of Communion  
Lord's Prayer & Distribution  
Song of Praise  
Blessing & Sending  
Closing Song & Dismissal

**Sunday Liturgical - 10am**

Prelude  
Confession & Forgiveness  
Opening Hymn ELW 335  
Greeting p. 147  
Kyrie  
Prayer of the Day  
Bible Readings  
Psalm of the Day Psalm 95  
Gospel Acclamation  
Today's Message  
Hymn of the Day ELW 611  
Creed, Prayers & Peace  
Offertory  
Offering ELW 184  
Eucharistic Liturgy & Lord's Prayer p. 206  
Lamb of God & Distribution p. 154  
Blessing & Prayer p. 209  
Benediction & Sending Hymn ELW 807  
Dismissal



**WEEKLY WORSHIP  
BULLETIN FOR  
ST. JOHN'S  
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OF THE ERIE LUTHERAN PARISH**

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**YOU BELONG HERE**

We welcome you to our congregation this weekend! We are glad to have you with us. We celebrate Holy Communion at every service. If you are a baptized Christian, please join us at the Lord's Supper. We ask that you come down the center aisle as directed and receive your wafer and wine as you walk back to your seat.

If you are new to us, everything you need for worship is projected on the screen and in this bulletin. Please feel free to use the red hymnal found in your pew, if you are more comfortable. The pages and hymn numbers are to the left of this bulletin.

Please join us for coffee after worship in the lobby.

Should you need a bathroom, they are through the glass doors in the back of the nave (sanctuary) and down the hallway on your left. A family/handicap accessible restroom with baby changing station is available in the front lobby (Peach Street entrance).

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**TODAY'S THEME**

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

**Today's Bible Readings**

Exodus 17:1-7	Pew Bible p. 56
Romans 5:1-11	Pew Bible p. 917
Psalms 95	Pew Bible p. 479
John 4:5-42	Pew Bible p. 864

**Today's Message** "The People Jesus Likes"

*by Rev. Erik Young*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**PSALM RESPONSE:**



Psalm 95:1  
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**OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

**Members:** Gayle Matthis, Joan Wheeler, Laurie Sanders, David Roberts, Lynne Schrimper, Robert Schlaufman, Kellie Montifiori, Sharon Hetrick, Judy Crissman, Amy Nupp, and Sandy Alwens.

**Cancer treatments:** Denny Sanders, Ellen Stevens

**Friends of the congregation:** Jeff LaLonde, Ryan Meyers, Sami D, Jamey Price, Ken Marshall, Amanda VanLoon, Richard D., Ernie Winter, Jarod Stolz, Fran Moriarty, Brian Boam, Kay Knobloch, Audrey Hetrick, Astro Rys, the family of Bill Angelo, Sue Polchlopek, the family and friends of Alyssa Hall, John Aymong, and Vernon Thompson.

**Cancer Friends:** Bishop Lozano, Pastor Ken Larson, Lee S, Janie G, Karen B, Norm S, Tony Paggio, Vicki Hanson, Edward Scarpitti, Beaty Emch, Ruth Stiles, Admiral Brent Scott, Katrina, Arlene Rick, Gliceria Conuel, Becky and Nicole C.

**EASTER GARDEN**

As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we remember loved ones and friends by decorating our Sanctuary with beautiful Lily and Primrose plants. You are invited to contribute in honor or in memory of individuals you know and love. Each child who attends Easter worship is invited to take home a Primrose plant from the cross at the front of the Sanctuary. After the Sunday Traditional service, adults are welcome to take the Lily plants they donated. Volunteers will donate the remaining Lilies to church members and friends who are homebound, hospitalized, or living in assisted care facilities so they too can enjoy a reminder of the Good News of Easter. Though dedications are unlimited, a limited number of Lilies and Primroses will be purchased. Any excess funds will be applied to our Altar Flower and Candle Fund. Please place this order form in an envelope marked "Easter Garden" with your check or cash and return it to the church office by noon on **Wednesday, March 29th**. Your order may also be placed in the offering plate during worship.

GIVEN BY \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

IN HONOR/IN MEMORY OF \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (suggested donation \$14 per plant) Cash \_\_\_\_ or Check # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I would like to help with the ministry of delivering flowers \_\_\_\_ More dedications on additional sheet

**+ ST JOHN'S VISION STATEMENT +**

Loved by God, alive in Christ Jesus, and guided by the Holy Spirit, St. John's unconditionally serves God's people and shares Christian love.