

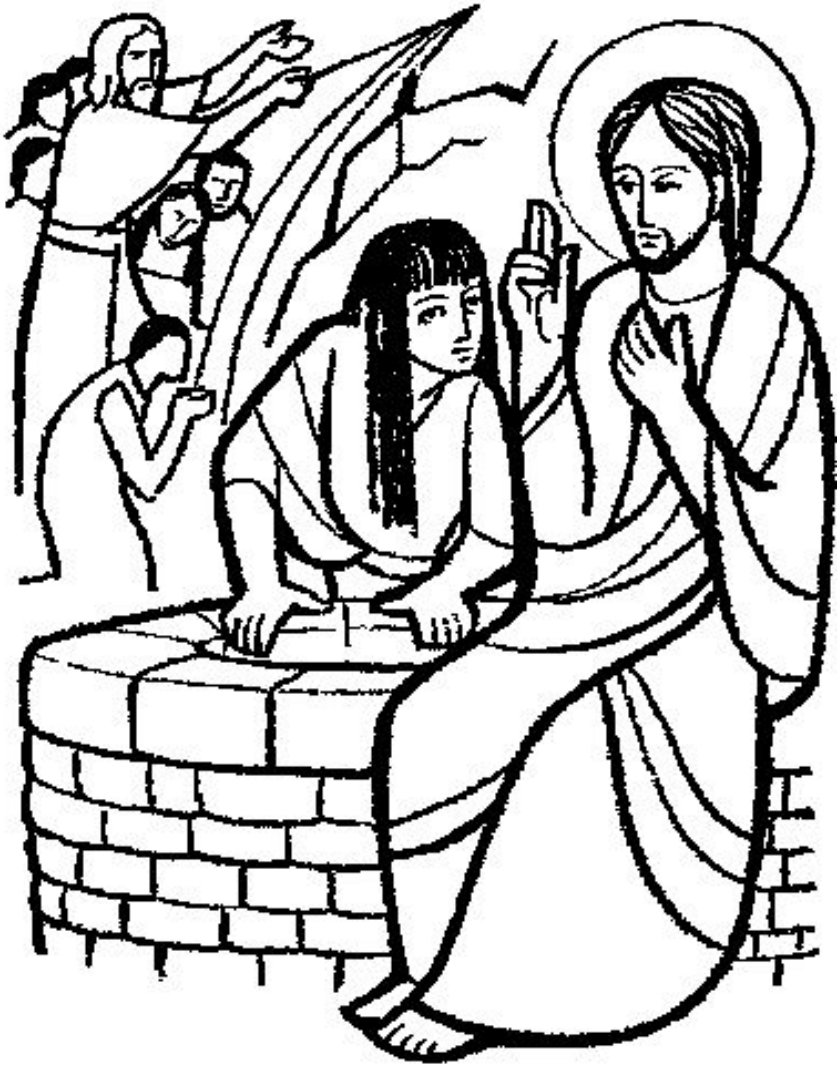
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March 19th, 2017

The 3rd Sunday in Lent

10:30 am

* = Please stand as able

GATHERING

Prelude ***The Southeast of Saline
Tour Choir***

Welcome &
Announcements *Pastor David Haley*

*Call to Worship *Cynthia Barron, Leader*

God, meet us at the wells
**where we are lonely
where we are forgotten
where we are hurt by others
and give us to drink
of the grace that gives life again**

God, speak to us in the places
**where sinners gather
where prejudices are made known
where our histories are broadcast
and give us to drink of the
acceptance that brings peace again**

God, renew all that we are and have been
**fill us with a new future
inspire us with re-creation
pull us into resurrection
and give us to drink of the Water
of Life that brings hope again.**

(Roddy Hamilton, Mucky Paws, slightly revised)

*Hymn ***All My Days***
Laurie Zelman & Mark Miller

Opening Prayer

God of grace and truth, we come to your house today to worship you. We bring all of ourselves to you, the good, the bad, and the ugly. We entrust our hidden, fearful, and fragile selves to your transforming power and loving care. Thank you for the many ways your Spirit breaks into our lives and into this troubled world. We offer this prayer in the name of the One whose name is above every name, Jesus the Christ.

Amen.

WORD

Old Testament	Exodus 17: 1 - 7 <i>Cynthia Barron, Reader</i>
Psalm	Psalm 95 <i>The Grail Version</i>
*Gospel	John 4: 5 - 42 <i>The Message, by Eugene H. Peterson</i>
*Hymn	Jesus Met the Woman
Message	The Woman at the Well; To be Known is to be Loved <i>Pastor David L. Haley</i>
The Prayers	
Offering	The Southeast of Saline Tour Choir

TABLE

*The Peace	
Great Thanksgiving	
The Giving of the Bread and the Cup	<i>(please come forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup)</i>

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn 572	Pass It On
*Dismissal & Blessing	
*Music	The Southeast of Saline Tour Choir

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Keeping God central in hearts, minds, and lives

WELCOME

If you are a guest at Central today, we welcome you!

Here's some helpful things to know:

- **RESTROOMS** are downstairs. There is also an accessible restroom just outside the sanctuary, to the left.
- The words to the hymns, the Scripture readings, and the responses may be followed on the screen. Please silence all **CELL PHONES** before the service.
- At the time of the **OFFERING**, we realize not every one carries cash or checks; to donate electronically go to www.skokiecentralumc.org/donate.html
- Today as we celebrate **HOLY COMMUNION**, you need not be United Methodist or a member of Central to participate; all who accept Christ's invitation to his table – of every age – are welcome. Our method of communion today will be to go forward to receive the bread and dip it into the cup.

THE 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT

Today is the **THE 3rd SUNDAY IN LENT**, the 40-day period of preparation before **EASTER**, April 16th. During Lent, Pastor Haley's sermons focus on some of our favorite encounters of Jesus:

- March 19 - Jesus & the Woman at the Well (John 4: 5 - 42)
- March 26 - Jesus & the Man Born Blind (John 9: 1 - 41)
- April 2 - Jesus & the Raising of Lazarus (John 11: 1 - 45)
- April 9 - Palm/Passion Sunday (entrance to Holy Week)
- April 13 - Maundy Thursday Service
- April 14 - Good Friday Stations of the Cross
- April 16 - **EASTER**

WELCOME: THE SOUTHEAST OF SALINE TOUR CHOIR & BAND

We welcome the 30-member **SOUTHEAST OF SALINE TOUR CHOIR AND BAND** from Gypsum, Kansas. The choir consists of students from three different Southeast of Saline High School Choirs. Each singer is a voluntary member who loves to perform and is eager to travel and share their joy of music. In addition to attending worship, they will sing in the service, and afterwards join us for Fellowship, where we will host their lunch.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Today's **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by the **BARRON FAMILY** in celebration of **CINDY'S** birthday. The purple **ALTAR CLOTH** is given by **PASTOR DAVID & MICHELE**. Please note that next Sunday, March 26th, remains open, if you would like to provide altar flowers for that day.

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FELLOWSHIP

Following worship, today's Fellowship is co-hosted by **MERIAM RAMIREZ** in celebration of **ANDREW's** birthday and **CENTRAL CHURCH** to honor the members of the **SOUTHEAST OF SALINE TOUR CHOIR AND BAND**.

EASTER LILIES

It's time to think about **EASTER LILIES!** Order forms are available today from the ushers. The deadline for ordering is next **Sunday, March 26th**. The cost per lily is \$9.

LIVING COLOR FLOWERS

Again this year we are raising money for Central's gardens and buildings by selling flowers and vegetables. Order forms are available each Sunday, and will be due **Sunday, April 2nd**. The plants will be delivered to the church in early May, around Mother's Day, weather permitting.

To order, or ask questions, see Karen Buccola in Fellowship Hall after worship, email her at klbuccola@aol.com, phone 312-343-4139, or call the church office. Please share the order form with neighbors and co-workers. For those who don't garden, consider a donation towards our church gardens. Thank you!

MEN'S DINNER AND MOVIE

The next **MEN'S DINNER & MOVIE** will be next **Saturday, March 25th at 5 pm** in the Log Cabin. The menu will be lamb kebab, falafel, rice, pita bread, salad and dessert. The movie is "Hacksaw Ridge." Please contact Gerhard Mels if you plan to attend at gerhardmels@sbcglobal.net or 224-766-6738.

ELEVATOR REPAIR

The elevator repair is underway; the old cylinder has been removed. The next critical step will be determining whether the surrounding soil has collapsed into the hole; according to Colley, the company doing the repair, there is about a 50/50 chance this could happen. If not, the repair will proceed as scheduled; if so, it will be a major complication. Fingers crossed and prayers offered!

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

March 21 - Dorothy Harrold

23 - Paul Brennan, Marco Stegich

25 - Kathy McCabe, Scott Wolff-Klammer

CALENDAR

Sunday, March 19th

The 3rd Sunday in Lent

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School

& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

4 pm - Confirmation Class 3

Tuesday, March 21st

6 pm - Chimes for Christ (FH)

7:30 pm - Confirmation Class 4

Wednesday, March 22nd

7 pm - Scout Troop 72

Thursday, March 23rd

10 am - Prayer Shawl

Ministry

7 pm - Choir Practice

Saturday, March 25th

5 pm - Men's Dinner & Movie

Sunday, March 26th

The 4th Sunday in Lent

8:45 am - Chancel Choir

9:30 am - Sunday School

& Adult Bible Study

10:30 am - **Worship**

Fellowship to follow

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*To add/remove someone from the Prayer List,
contact the church office*

Hospitals, Rehab, Assisted

Living & Extended Care:

Edith Bass

Carmen Ewing

Brian Gut

Leone O'Roark

Harriet Tiahnybik

Steve Winker

At Home:

Greg Arauco

Janet Casey

Lola Hessing

Carla Johnson

Russ Nelson

Wilma Odlivak

Eutopio Zamora

LEADERS

Pastor.....***David L. Haley***

Today's Reader.....***Cynthia Barron***

Choir Director/Accompanist.....***Millete Silverio***

Song Leader.....***Julianne Arvizu***

Office Staff.....***Doris Bloom***

Pam Castaneda

Nursery Attendant.....***Ellen Mittman***

Lay Leader.....***Cynthia Barron***

Fellowship.....***Meriam Ramirez***

and Central Church

Ministers.....***The People of the Congregation***

MEMORIAL WINDOW

Message:

Christ Lives Today!

***Jesus Christ is the same yesterday,
today and forever***