

WORDS OVER WATER



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LUTHERAN CHURCH
August 4th, 2024, 10:00 a.m.
631 N. 19th Street,
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PRELUDE

OPENING SONG "Baptized and Set Free" *Red Book 453 v. 1-2*

GUIDED MEDITATION

REPRISE "Baptized and Set Free" *Red Book 453 v. 3-4*

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER *Brittany Wilson*

Gracious God, This morning we give thanks for water. For the clean and safe water that washes our faces, quenches our thirst, enlivens tomato vines and pepper plants, we are grateful. How wonderful that baptismal water is the element that binds us to you—and to one another—in faith. **Amen.**

SONG "Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters" *Red Book 445*

In remembrance of your baptism, all are invited to come up the center aisle, dip your fingertips in the water, and make the sign of the cross on your foreheads. Hand sanitizer is available in the pews for before and after.

READING Genesis 26: 17-33

L: The scripture reading today is found in the book of Genesis, chapter twenty-six, verses 17-33.

¹⁷So Isaac departed from there and camped in the Wadi Gerar and settled there. ¹⁸Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of his father Abraham, for the Philistines had stopped them up after the death

of Abraham, and he gave them the names that his father had given them.
¹⁹But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, ²⁰the herders of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herders, saying, "**The water is ours.**" So he called the well Esek, because they contended with him. ²¹Then they dug another well, and they quarreled over that one also, so he called it Sitnah. ²²He moved from there and dug another well, **and they did not quarrel over it**, so he called it Rehoboth, saying, "Now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land."

K:²³From there he went up to Beer-Sheba. ²⁴And that very night the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham; do not be afraid, for **I am with you** and will bless you and **make your offspring numerous** for my servant Abraham's sake." ²⁵So he built an altar there, **called on the name of the Lord**, and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.

L: ²⁶Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, with Ahuzzath his adviser and Phicol the commander of his army. ²⁷Isaac said to them, "Why have you come to me, seeing that **you hate me and have sent me away from you?**" ²⁸They said, "We see plainly that the Lord has been with you, so we say, **let there be an oath between you and us**, and let us make a covenant with you ²⁹so that you will do us no harm, just as **we have not touched you and have done to you nothing but good** and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the Lord." ³⁰**So [Isaac] made them a feast, and they ate and drank.**

K: ³¹In the morning they rose early and exchanged oaths, and Isaac set them on their way, and **they departed from him in peace.** ³²That same day Isaac's servants came and told him about the well that they had dug and said to him, "**We have found water!**" ³³He called it Shibah; therefore the name of the city is Beer-Sheba to this day.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Words Over Water" *Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland*

SERMON SONG "Crashing Waters at Creation" *Sung to the tune of Love Divine, (prayer squares collected) All Loves Excelling*

Crashing waters at creation
Ordered by the Spirit's breath
First to witness day's beginning
From the brightness of night's death
Parting water stood and trembled
As the captives passed on through
Washing off the chains of bondage
Channel to a life made new

Cleansing water once at Jordan
Closed around the one foretold
Opened to reveal the glory
Ever new and ever old
Living water, never ending
Quench the thirst and flood the soul
Well-spring, source of life eternal
Drench our dryness, make us whole

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Song

"O God, We Call"

O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from
deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you.

The image shows a musical score for the song "O God, We Call". It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The lyrics are "O God, we call, O God, we call, from deep in-side we yearn, from". The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment with the lyrics "deep in-side we yearn, from deep in-side we yearn for you." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords in the right hand.

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SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERTORY

"I'll Be Your Water"

Keb' Mo'

Do you ever get worried
And your load is hard to bear
And your life is like a sad sad story
No one nobody really cares?
Chorus:
If you ever need someone to talk to
And if you ever need a helping hand
I'll be your ship out on the ocean
I'll be your water in the desert sand

I've been there, I've felt like you do
Feelin' like winter would never turn to spring
And everybody I know has got problems
But there's a solution to everything

Chorus

And after you've found your way
You won't owe me nothin'
'Cause you're gonna know that your well
Will never run dry, never run dry

Chorus

I'll be your water and I will give you shelter
I'll be your water, I will be there for you
I'll be your ship out on the ocean
I'll be your water in the desert sand

OFFERING PRAYER

Brittany Wilson

Holy God, your Word makes clear that every good gift comes from you.
Please accept these gifts and use them to your glory. **May these gifts rebuild this church home**, so it may provide comfort to the sick, rest to the weary, and hope to the hopeless. **Amen.**

PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Song

"And the Table Will Be Wide"

Words by Jan Richardson,

Refrain

music by Jeff Bray

And the table will be wide.
And the welcome will be wide.
And the arms will open wide to gather us in.
And our hearts will open wide to receive.

Presider's Prayer

Song "And the Table Will Be Wide" *Refrain*

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
God, you are our Holy Parent, our Mother . . .

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as
we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and
the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen**

COMMUNION SONG "Now We Remain" *Red Book 500*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *Brittany Wilson*

Thank you, O Christ, for this feast of life.

**We are fed by your love;
we are strengthened by your life.**

We are sent forth into this world to live your way and share your joy.

We are ready to respond to the grace we've experienced:

**To feed as we have been fed,
To forgive as we have been forgiven,
To love as we have been loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth
✠ bless you all, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG "Wade in the Water" *Red Book 459*

DISMISSAL Go in peace; Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

WORSHIP LEADERS

PREACHER: Rev. Dr. Lisa Bates-Froiland

LITURGICAL ASSISTANT: Brittany Wilson

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jeff Bray

READERS: Kari Wellhausen and Lisa Myers

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: Miriam and Isaiah Ofori

USHERS: *Dorothy* and the Bills

ALTAR GUILD: Brittany Wilson and Lisa Myers

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The church office will be closed during construction. Please call, 414-933-7004, or email admin@redeermilwaukee.org to set up an appointment.

Bible Workshop this week at Siebert Lutheran Foundation, 758 N 27th St, Milwaukee, WI from 1:30–2:30 pm. We will be discussing Genesis 29:15–35.

The Noon Run meal will be today at 11:30 am at the Gesu Parish Center, 1210 W Michigan St, Milwaukee, WI 53233.

REDEEMER SUMMER GATHERINGS

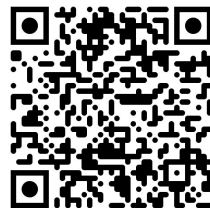
- Mark your calendars for **August 15th** at Estabrook Park from 5:30 to 8:00. Meet someone new or catch up with someone from Sunday while enjoying summertime in Milwaukee! Thank you to all who attended last week's gathering!

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – AUGUST 25th

- We will be holding a special congregational meeting directly following service to vote to move the dates of our annual meeting and fiscal year. If you are a member of Redeemer, please plan on attending. A detailed letter will be sent to each member household. Any questions should be directed to Laurina Prantil, council president.

FEARLESS AND FAITHFUL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

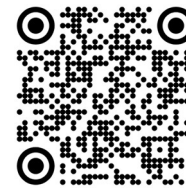
- We have *four* weeks to raise \$166,710 for the \$500,000 matching campaign. Donate via the QR code to the right!



OLGA NEIGHBORHOOD WELLNESS SERVICES

- Olga currently supports our Noon Run Ministry. After the renovation it will allow us to provide hot meals multiple times a week and mental health services on site. Help support this mission by visiting our website <https://www.olga-neighborhood-we.com/>.

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