

Sunday, March 7 – **Third Sunday in Lent**

Readings: Isaiah 55:1-9  
Psalm 63:1-8  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Luke 13:1-9

Prayer: *Eternal God, 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, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*<sup>34</sup>

Focal Verse: “Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.” Isaiah 55:1

Reflection:

Sometimes people to whom God has given much question what other people’s response has been – or should be. We wait and see what others may give to a certain church mission project or what others may pledge to the church for the next year.

But sometimes our questions are not for information or clarification. Our questions instead become ways to dodge our responsibilities before God. Plainly, we can ask why this or that happened. More practically, we might ask, “Since this did not happen to me, then what will I do with my second chance?” As stewards the parable of the Fig Tree reminds us that what we or others have done in the past is not as important as what we, as people of faith, intend to do today and tomorrow with God’s gifts to us.<sup>35</sup>

What do you hear?
How does it make you feel?
Toward what are you being drawn?
What do you sense you should do?

<sup>34</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Worship

<sup>35</sup> Mosser, David, “The Stewardship Companion”, © 2007, Westminster John Knox Press, p. 190.