

Branching Out by the Spirit with... Patience
Waiting For Water in the Wilderness
Exodus 17:1-7

sermon
NOTES

“The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. 2 So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?”

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

4 Then Moses cried out to the Lord, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

5 The Lord answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. 6 I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

3 Lessons We Learn While Waiting for Water in the Wilderness

Lesson #1, Waiting often feels like God has _____ us.
Vs. 1-4

Lesson #2, While God’s people are waiting, God is _____.
Vs. 5-6
1 Corinthians 10:4b, “They drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ.”

Lesson #3, The Rock gives _____.
Vs. 7
John 7:37-38, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”
Isaiah 53:5, “He was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.”
John 19:28, “I thirst.”

The One who satisfies every longing endured the agony of _____ so that our deepest thirst - for forgiveness, reconciliation with God, and eternal life - might be forever _____.

8:00am
worship service
July 12, 2026

Prelude		
Welcome & Announcements		
Sharing of the Peace		
Opening Hymn	“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”	LSB 901
Invocation		
Confession & Absolution		
Hymn of Praise	“All Glory Be to God on High” vs. 1 & 3	LSB 947
Scripture	Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7 New Testament: Romans 8:12-17 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	
Apostles’ Creed		
Offering		
Medley of Praise		
Sermon	Branching Out By The Spirit With... Patience - Pastor Drew Ross	
Responsive Hymn	“What God Ordains is Always Good” vs. 1, 2, 4 & 6	LSB 760
Prayers of the Church	Lead Elder: Parker Irey	
The Lord’s Prayer		
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	“Benediction Song”	words on screen
Sending		
Postlude		
The flowers that grace our Altar today are given to the glory of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, in remembrance of Heidi Kirkland. May she have a happy heavenly birthday.		

10:30am
worship service
July 12, 2026

Welcome & Announcements	
Invocation	
Nicene Creed	
Sharing of the Peace	
Worship	“River of Life”
Confession & Absolution	
Words of Institution	
Communion Distribution	
Worship	“Living Hope” “King of Kings”
Post Communion Blessing	
Commisioning of Honduras Mission Team	
Scripture	Old Testament Reading: Exodus 7:1-7 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Offering	
Worship	“Jireh”
Sermon	Branching Out By The Spirit With... Patience - Pastor Drew Ross
Prayers of the Church	Lead Elder: Peter Brakke
The Lord’s Prayer	
Benediction	
Worship	“Dancing on the Waves”
Sending	
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9:30am
HB worship service
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Prelude		
Welcome & Announcements		
Opening Hymn	“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”	LSB 686
Invocation		
Confession & Absolution	Divine Service 2 Psalm 68:9-13	LSB 167
Kyrie		LSB 168
Hymn of Praise		LSB 170
Scripture	Old Testament: Exodus 17:1-7 New Testament: Romans 8:12-17 Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	
Apostles’ Creed		
Offering		
Hymn	“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Me” vs. 1 - 3 & 7	LSB 750
Sermon	Branching Out By The Spirit With... Patience - Pastor Drew Ross	
Responsive Video		
Prayers of the Church		
The Lord’s Prayer		
Benediction		
Closing Hymn	“On What Has Now Been Sown”	LSB 921
Sending		
Postlude		