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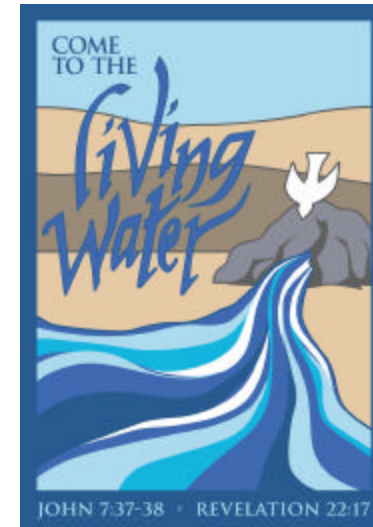
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WATER

The grace of the Spirit of God is signified by water, because of its cleansing and purifying nature, just as is the blood of Christ, which cleanses from all sin. The blood of Christ will cleanse us and the water of life-His Spirit-will live in us. It is living water because it brings refreshment to those who are parched by the heat of the burning law. It brings life to dead sinners and revival and comfort to weary saints. It springs up as rivers because of the abundance of grace that we receive from Christ. The result of having our spiritual thirst quenched is streams of living water will flow through us to bring life-giving water to others.

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