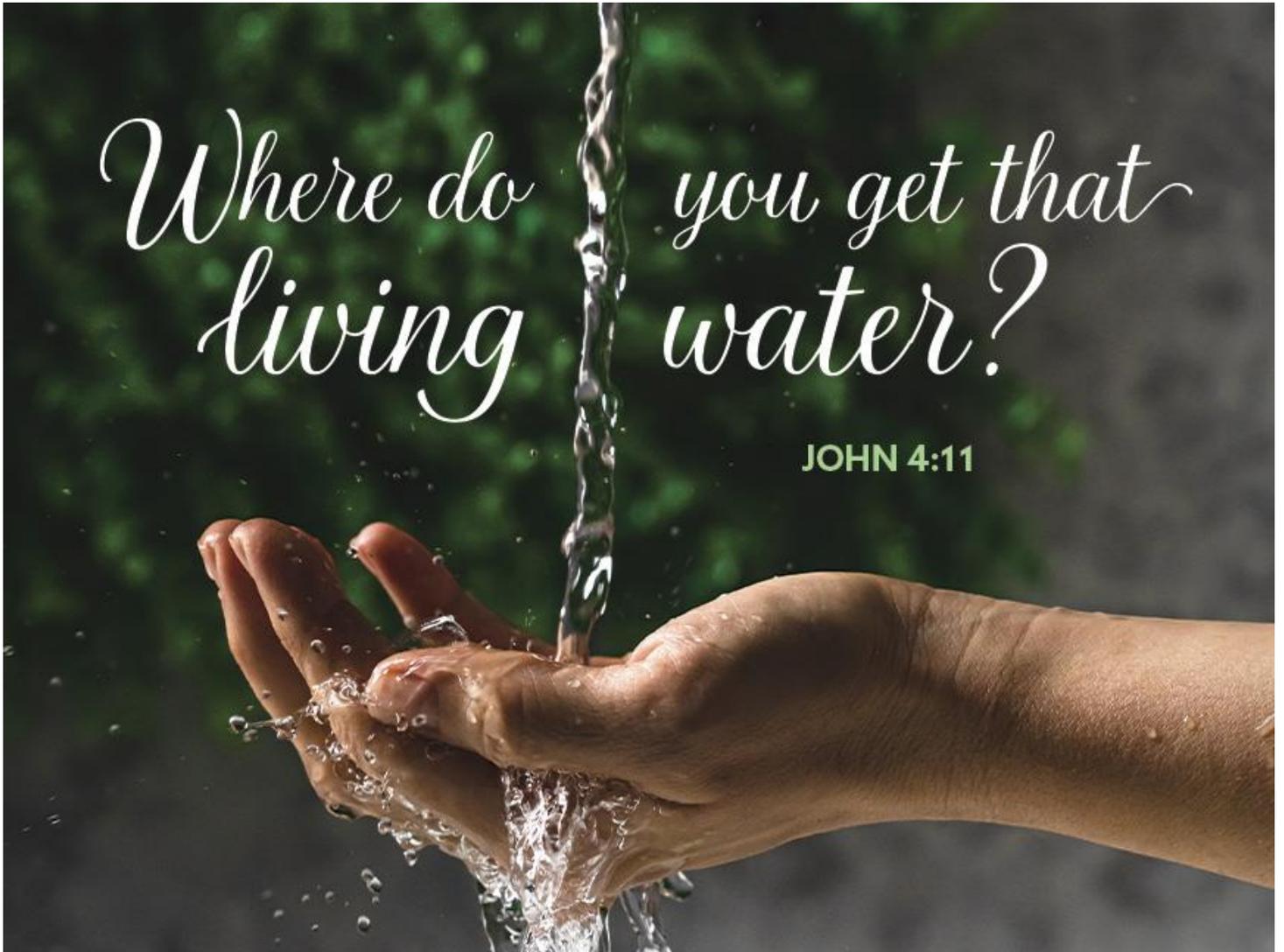


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**JOHN 4:11**

**Sunday, March 8, 2026**

# The Third Sunday in Lent

**Prelude**

**Announcements**

*Congregation please stand*

## **OPENING/CALL TO WORSHIP**

P: From water to wilderness:

**C: God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.**

P: On stone and in hearts;

**C: God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.**

P: From the ancestor of nations to the Son lifted up:

**C: God's covenant continues;  
God's kingdom comes near.**

P: We follow Jesus on the Lenten path,

**C: for where he is, we would be also.**

From: *Feasting on the Word: Worship Companion – Year C, Vol. 1*, ed. Kimberly Bracken Long, p. 102.

## PREPARING

### Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
 who forgives all our sin,  
 whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt  
 and blots out all offenses.

Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:  
 Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:  
 Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For failing to recognize your coming reign,  
 and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,  
 and for disdainning the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
 and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
 Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,  
**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

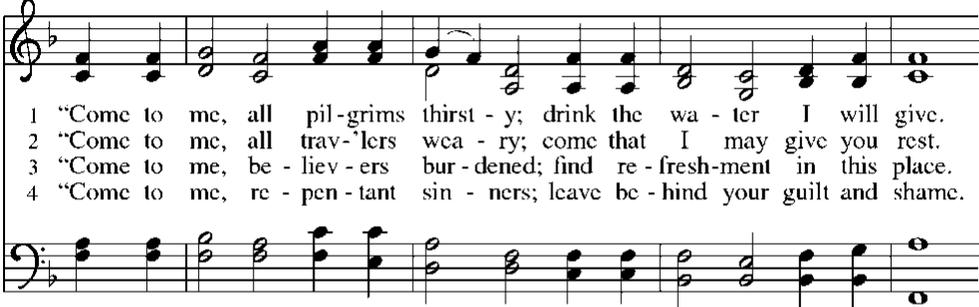
God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.  
Through faith, the free gift of God,  
you have been clothed in the righteousness of Christ.  
In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.  
The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead  
dwells in you,  
pours God's love into your hearts,  
and gives you life and peace.  
**Amen.**

**Gathering Hymn**

***"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"***

**ELW 777**

## Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.  
 2 "Come to me, all trav-'lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.  
 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.  
 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.

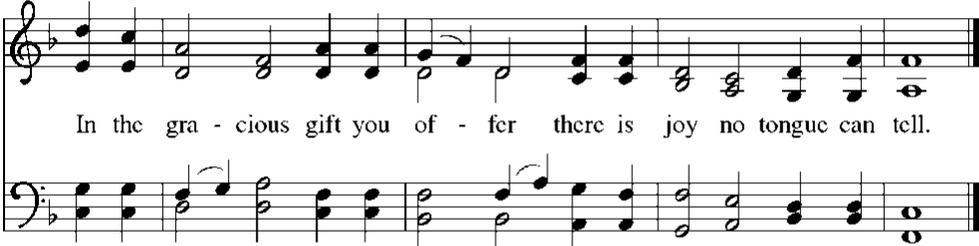


If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."  
 Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."  
 Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."  
 Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

*Refrain*



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <p>5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;<br/>         I would be your trusted friend.<br/>         Come and seek the gift I offer,<br/>         come, your open hands extend." <i>Refrain</i></p> | <p>6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;<br/>         lonely ways no longer roam.<br/>         Come and take the gift I offer,<br/>         let me make in you my home." <i>Refrain</i></p> |
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## APOSTOLIC GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

### Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved

*Vieme to, Panez Bože náš*

Leader



*Otče nebeský, Svoritel' u sveta, Bo - že, zmi - luj sa nad na - mi.*

- |   |                        |               |               |         |     |
|---|------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------|-----|
| 1 | O God, Father in       | heav - en,    | have mer - cy | up - on | us. |
| 2 | O Son of God, redeemer | of the world, | have mer - cy | up - on | us. |
| 3 | O God, Holy            | Spir - it,    | have mer - cy | up - on | us. |

All



*Vie - me to, Pa - ne Bo - že náš, že sa na*  
 Your heart, O God, is grieved, we know, by ev - 'ry  
 Your arms ex - tend, O Christ, to save from sting of  
 O lav - ish Giv - er, come to aid the chil - dren



*nás hrieš - nych hne - váš, sved - či o tom smrt'*  
 c - vil, ev - 'ry woc; up - on your cross - for -  
 death and grasp of grave; your scars be - fore the  
 that your word has made. Now make us grow and



*ne - vin - ná Tvoj - ho je - di - né - ho Sy - na.*  
 sak - en Son our death is laid, and peace is won.  
 Fa - ther move his heart to mer - cy at such love.  
 help us pray; bring joy and com - fort, come to stay.

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## Prayer of the Day

**Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## WORD

### First Reading

**Exodus 17:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> The people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> The LORD said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. <sup>6</sup> I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 95



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- <sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing | to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.
- <sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**
- <sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.
- <sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**
- <sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.
- <sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**
- <sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.  
Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!
- <sup>8</sup> **"Harden | not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**
- <sup>9</sup> There your ancestors | tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.
- <sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my ways.'**
- <sup>11</sup> Indeed I swore | in my anger,  
'They shall never come | to my rest.'"

**Second Reading****Romans 5: 1-11**

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God, Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Congregation please stand*

**Gospel Acclamation**

Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

## Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### John 4: 5-42

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."<sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,<sup>14</sup> but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."<sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."<sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,'<sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."<sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."<sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews."<sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him."<sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."<sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?"<sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,<sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?"<sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pastor Jennifer**

*Congregation please stand*

**Hymn of the Day**

*“As the Deer Runs to the River”*

**ELW 331**

# As the Deer Runs to the River



1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,  
 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,  
 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!  
 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
 Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
 God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
 Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.

*Refrain*



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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## Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Sign of Peace

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

### Prayers of Intercession

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

Saving God, you are the giver of living water, the source of deepest compassion, the fountain of eternal life, therefore we pray to you.....Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint.....Hear us, O God.

**C** **Your mercy is great.**

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods.....Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses.....Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need. We pray for Shirley, Allan, Charlotte, Joanne, Jack, Cathy, Roxy, Karen, Darlene, Ron, Chuck, Jessie, Helen, Carol, Millie, Lillian, Marian, Peggy, Glenn, Sandy and Lisa. ....Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

We pray for all who are thirsty for a life of meaning, for a word of grace. We pray for all who are weary from life's long journey, from quarreling and testing, from pain or grief. We pray for all who are broken by sin and suffering, by acts of violence and hard

disappointment.....Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory.....Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P Living God, through your Spirit, pour your love into our hearts, your grace into our lives, your healing into our world, until the earth is filled with your glory as the waters cover the sea, Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

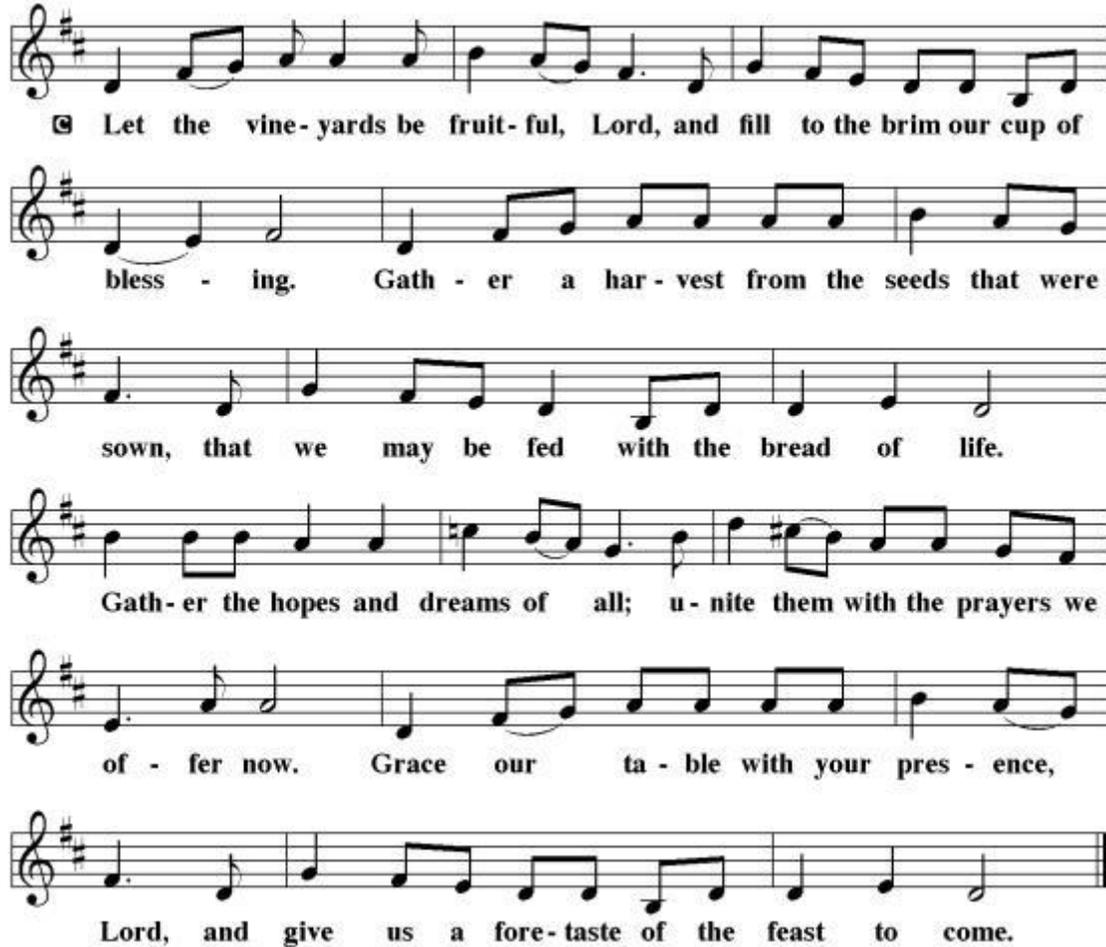
**Amen.**

**Stewardship Snippet – John 4:15 - The woman said to Jesus, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”**

Jesus tells the Samaritan woman, “The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life” (John 4:14b). Watering your soul with Christ's living presence is good stewardship indeed!

**Lector - We will now worship God with our offering.**

## Offertory



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
 bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were  
 sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.  
 Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we  
 of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,  
 Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

## MEAL

P Let us pray,

**C Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

### Great Thanksgiving

P The Lord be with you

**C And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts

**C We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts  
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,  
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,  
we may come to the fullness of your grace.

And so, with all the choirs of angels,  
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

# Holy, Holy, Holy

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est." The score consists of six lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
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glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
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Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Eucharistic Prayer

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
 who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
 who preached good news to the poor,  
 and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup  
 we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
 Bless this feast.  
 Grace our table with your presence.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
 Holy One of Israel,  
 Word of God incarnate,  
 Power of the Most High,  
 one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**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**

P So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a while; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who are wandering still.

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
 us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
 mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Holy Communion

*Prepackaged communion is available for those who wish to remain in the pews.*

**Communion Hymns**

**606, 451, 592**

*Congregation please stand*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C** Amen.

## Post Communion Hymn



☩ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
 giv - ing. A - men, a - men.

## Post Communion Prayer

P God of our salvation,  
 we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
 reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.  
 Through the body and blood of your Son,  
 may we become Christ's body in the world,  
 bearing witness to your love for all creation,  
 through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## SENDING

### Charge

These Lenten days will take us to the cross of Christ.  
Go forward, knowing that you do not go this way alone.  
Nor do we have to be afraid,  
for the Word of God strengthens us and the Holy Spirit  
sustains us.

### Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
springing up like living water,  
fill your heart,  
and flow through your life.

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Sending Hymn**

*“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”*

**ELW 611**

## I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
 look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.  
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889  
 Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

**P** We at Christ Lutheran Church are  
**C** God's called, Loved Children who serve.  
**P** Go in Peace. The living Word dwells in you.  
**C** Thanks be to God.

### Postlude

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### Prayer Concerns

Shirley Hoffman, Pat Reich, Elyse Brown, Allan Imler, Joanne Speis, Sylvia Webb & the Indian Mobile Mission, Join Hands, Loads of Love, Neighbor Helping Neighbor, Brian Proctor, Joanne Reisinger, Jackie Maguire, Jack Smith, Cathy Cavanaugh, Charlotte Dyer, Rachelle Gilcrease, Roxy Huss, Karen Ersoz, Carol Darr, Darlene Johnson, Ron Hoffman, Ron & Nancy Moore, Chuck Hoffman, Helen Huss, Jessie Frye, Carol Shumaker, Millie Bell, Lillian Kistler, Marian Hoffman, Hope Kominek, Matthew Landis, Peggy Paden, Glenn Shumaker, Tonya Sands, Chris Hope, Velma Wittlinger, Lindsey Melnick, Judy Moore, Craig Magee, Donna Kistler, Kristen Gaisior, Charlene McBride, Gay Weller, Sandy Hoover, the family of Clyde Jr, Frank Valentine, the family of Doug Leonhard, Lisa Dubay, Shelly Hill.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Lector/prayers – Joe Abate  
Next Sunday – Ernie Meisel

Wine – Ann Fleisher  
Next Sunday – Beverly Reifsnyder

Grape Juice – Judy Swartz  
Next Sunday – Jean Tota

Altar Guild – Brianne Chubb  
Next Sunday – Ann Fleisher

Counters – Brianne Chubb, Clyde Tota  
Next Sunday – Becky Meisel, Sue Landis

Ushers – Team 1  
Allan Imler, Ann Fleisher,  
Brianne Chubb, Adam Still

SUNDAY, March 8th, 2026

The Third Sunday in Lent  
 Worship service – 11:00am – Holy Communion  
 Bible Study – 7pm - Zoom  
 Belated Happy Birthday Dennis Proctor (3/6)

MONDAY, March 9th, 2026

Finance committee meeting – 6pm - Zoom

TUESDAY, March 10th, 2026

Bible Study – 1pm – Zoom  
 Video – “No Ordinary Hero” – 7pm

WEDNESDAY, March 11th, 2026

Midweek Lenten Service – 7pm  
 Marianna’s Sub/Salsa Delivery

THURSDAY, March 12th, 2026

LWR Quilters – 1pm  
 Church Council Meeting – 6:30pm  
 Anniversary – Terry & Fred Kuhn

FRIDAY, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026SATURDAY, March 14th, 2026

Birthday – Jack Smith

SUNDAY, March 15th, 2026

The Fourth Sunday in Lent  
 Worship service – 11:00 am – Holy Communion  
 Bible Study – 7pm - Zoom

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Congregational Meeting** – A special Congregational Meeting will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, following the worship service for the purpose of approving the Long Term Pastoral Sharing Agreement with Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. A quorum is required to conduct the business of the church. Please plan to attend. The meeting will also be offered on Zoom.

**Easter Lilies** – The cost of lilies is \$16.99 for a 6 inch pot with 5-6 blooms. Orders and payment are due March 15<sup>th</sup>. Please see Jean Tota.

**Live streaming assistance for Lisa** – Lisa is recuperating from ankle surgery. She will be in need of some assistance livestreaming the worship service on Sundays and Wednesday evenings. Please see Lisa or Pastor Jenn if you are able to help.

**Midweek Lenten Services** – This week Pastor Matthew Best will be at the midweek service to speak about the Memorial Blanket Project. Midweek services continue each Wednesday at 7pm through March 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Social Ministry Project for March – Blessing Bags** - During this season of Lent we will once again be gathering items that will be used to create “Blessing Bags” for our neighbors in need. The list of items that we will need are as follows:

- Water Bottles (16 oz size)
- Chapstick
- Granola Bars
- Individuals Packs of Trail Mix, Nuts, Crackers
- Instant Oatmeal Packages
- Gum
- Hard Candies
- Kleenex – travel size

We will assemble the bags as part of our Dinner Church worship service on Wednesday, April 1st and we will bless the bags on Easter Sunday. After that, they will be available for church members to take a couple of these to carry with you in the car so that if you come across someone who is in need you will have a bag of supplies ready to offer! Let us offer light and hope in a weary world!

### March Meetings/Events

- March 9 – Finance committee meeting – Zoom.  
 March 10 - Video – “An Ordinary Hero” – 7pm  
 March 11 – Marianna’s subs/pizza/salsa delivery.  
                   Midweek Lenten service – 7pm.  
 March 12 – Church Council meeting – 6:30pm.  
 March 18 – Midweek Lenten service – 7pm.  
 March 25 – Final midweek Lenten service – 7pm.

### April Meeting/Events

- April 1 – Dinner Church – 6pm.  
 April 2 – Maundy Thursday Service – **5pm.**  
 April 3 – Good Friday Service – **5pm.**  
 April 5 – Easter Sunrise Service – 7am.  
                   Traditional Worship – **8:30am.**  
 April 6 – Finance committee meeting – 7pm – Zoom  
 April 9 – Church Council meeting – 6:30pm.  
 April 25 – Earth Day at Clark’s Ferry Tavern  
 April 28 – Community Outreach committee meeting – 7pm - Zoom

## GOSPEL MESSAGE

**March 8, 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

**One in a Thousand**

Gathering water from the well is something the Samaritan woman did regularly, habitually even, drawing water up in a bucket hundreds, maybe thousands of times over the course of her life. But this time, this one in a thousand times, is different. While she is busy doing the mundane work of life, she is suddenly confronted by the Messiah—there in the flesh, asking her for a drink of water!

These forty days of Lent interrupt our regular routine and our habits, confronting us with the presence of God in Christ on his journey to the cross and, ultimately, the resurrection. This interruption of our own daily work calls us to see this Jesus who reaches out to us, promising “a spring of water gushing up to eternal life” (John 4:14). Through fasting, almsgiving, and prayer, we embrace interruptions in the regular patterns of our lives, sparking curiosity about where and how God is at work in our world, and where we are being called.

This text also shows us that Jesus may be present in unexpected ways in the faces of unexpected people. We may expect to hear the gospel from our pastor, synod bishop, or other church members. But do we have ears to hear the gospel proclaimed in the voice and experience of our neighbors—especially among neighbors too often pushed to the margins of our communities? Are we ready to encounter the signs of the gospel bubbling up outside the walls of our churches?

And like the Samaritan woman, are we ready for that one in a thousand times when the gospel feels so near and so powerful that all we can do is go out and tell everyone we know about this living water? May this Lent interrupt our habits, draw our attention to the unexpected, and send us out to proclaim the love of God to all our neighbors!