

Lent 3 — March 8, 2026

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and Absolution

Pg 94-95

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

L Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
C Amen.

L Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. Most merciful God,

All: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God Forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Children's Sermon

Opening Hymn O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts ELW 658

Apostolic Greeting ELW Pg. 138

L 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.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and
praise,
let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
Lord.
Amen.

L The Lord be with you

C And also with you

L 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.

C Amen

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

¹ 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. ² 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?" ³ 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?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?" Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C Thanks be to God!

Psalm 95 *chanted*

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

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² 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. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ 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.

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

Holy wisdom, holy word.

C

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation

ELW Pg. 142

Return to the Lord, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love

Holy Gospel according to John in the 4th Chapter. C Glory to you, O Lord.

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

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ 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.) ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ 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."

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

²⁷ 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?”²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

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

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² 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.” This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

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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.**



Prayers of the Church

L: As the Samaritan woman at the well was blessed by Jesus in her need, so we pray for ourselves and our neighbors in all our needs.

AM: For all thirsty souls who long for the living water that is Jesus, that their thirst may find relief in his presence and words, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For all in this world who do not care about those who hunger or thirst for food and water or for righteousness and justice, that their hearts may learn compassion and generosity, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the world itself, recklessly trampled by careless human action, that we may be God's agents in its recovery and healing, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For those who live daily with sorrow, loss, abuse, oppression, or harm, that the precious spring of Jesus' love may bring them respite, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

AM: For the children of the world, humanity's future, that they may be well cared for and well guided by adults who treat them as blessings, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer.**

L: For any other needs, Lord, we seek your holy and loving care, Lord in your mercy, **People: Hear our prayer. Amen**

Peace

A prayer attributed to Francis of Assisi

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

Please share a sign of God's peace.

The offering is received

Anthem

Gethsemane Hymn

Words and Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend Arr: David Angerman

To see the King of heaven fall in anguish to his knees, the light and hope of all the world now overwhelmed with grief. What nameless horrors must he see, to cry out in the garden: "Oh, take this cup away from me, yet not my will but yours, yet not my will but yours." To know each friend will fall away and heaven's voice be still, for hell to have its vengeful day upon Golgotha's hill. No words describe the Savior's plight, to be by God forsaken till wrath and love are satisfied and every sin is paid, and every sin is paid. By the gloom that veiled the skies o'er the dreadful sacrifice, listen to our humble sigh; hear our penitential cry! What took him to this wretched place, what kept him on this road? His love for Adam's cursed race, for every broken soul. No sin to slight to overlook, no crime too great to carry, all mingled in this poisoned cup, and yet he drank it all. The Savior drank it all.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving – page 144

- L The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**
L Lift up your hearts. **C We lift them to the Lord.**
L Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Proper Preface is chanted.

L 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:

Sanctus Pg. 144

C Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Great Thanksgiving

LORD'S PRAYER

**C 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**

Agnus Dei Pg. 146

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Communion is distributed.

Post Communion Prayer

Benediction

L The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and grant you peace C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Glories of Your Name Are Spoken



1 Glo - ries of your name are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God;
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov'ring, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a mem - ber am,



he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you for his own a - bode,
 well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters, and all fear of want re - move.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ring, show - ing that the Lord is near,
 let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will glo - ry in your name.



On the Rock of A - ges found - ed, what can shake your sure re - pose?
 Who can faint, while such a riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Fad - ing are the world - lings' plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show;



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
 Grace which, like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
 sol - id joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.



Dismissal

AM Go now in peace, to love and serve the Lord and your neighbors.

C Thanks be to God

Postlude

Thank you for coming. May God's peace be yours today.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

The following is a listing of those who need your prayers. Our hope is that you will take this listing home with you and in your daily prayers remember those listed below. If you would like to add or subtract for this list, please write name(s) on the Prayer of Concerns form in the Narthex located on the stand up desk to the right of the exit doors or email the office. Thank you!

Joe Abbott	Jean Schlapfer
Connie Aparo	
Charlie Blakeslee	Sara Seelye
Kathy Ann Campbell	Paul Smith
Angelo & Nicole Capasso	Sigrid Smitley
	Lori Sola
Carol Cianciolo	Deb & Jon Sterling
Emily Decker	Tom Sterling Sr.
J.J. Eby	
Judy Elliott	RuthAnn Stone
Diane Engle	Patricia Switzer
	Gloria Thibault
Jan Eucalitto	Lucille Videtto
Bruce & Liz Falls	Carol Vrlik
Danise Hall	
Renate Higgins	Eveyln Walters
Kathleen Hilton	Sue Watkins
Shannon Hilton	Kim Weissman
	Bruce Yauney
Rusty Judd	Clarence & Priscilla
Brian Kiernan	
Marge Kiernan	Ed
Marilyn Killingbeck	Jen O.
Edwin Leifert	Jaiden
John Lewis	Steve
	Lou W.
David Little	
Rebecca Little	Todd
Kari Machowski	Robert K.
Audrey Marquard	Terry
Abigail Marine	Hagbard
	Peanut
Richard Marine	
Janis Martin	Diane L.
Gil & Marilyn Martin	Holly L.
Michael Meyers	Al & Mary
Brigitte Mueller	Isaac
Bob Murphy	
Barbara Nalette	
Karen Ness	
Tom O'Brien	
Karen Pagano	
Melissa Pilbin	

Lisa & Dennis Polzun
Ed & Susan Regner
Baerbel Roehl
Patricia & Richard
Sawitzke

Our Nursing Home Members

Dee Gammon
Midge Rosenbeck
Mae Fay
Francine Ahrens
Betty Hilton
Walter Joray
Daine Wright
Eleanor Klonoski

Our Military Friends

Lord Jesus, Savior of the World and King of Peace, watch over our sons and daughters in the service of their Country. Protect them from the physical and moral dangers. Keep them close to you and help them live the commandments. Lord, Jesus give them courage to serve their country with honor and dignity. Be with them when they are in danger; strengthen them when they face hardship. Above all Lord, grant that when their service is finished that they may return to us, sound in mind, body and soul. Amen.

Tyler Quinn
Eric Beyus
Major Zachary Fulton
Brandan Holbrook
Jonathan Connell
Tom Gregg, Jr.
Eric Bremer
Peter Hutchinson
SPC Dominic Boscarino
PVT Noah Braatz
PVT 2 Christian Braatz
Aiden Avenia USCG
2nd Lt. Ben Speaker
Pvt. Noah Roy

Around the Church

Event	Date	Time
Council	3/9	7 pm
Midweek Lent Devotions and Potluck	3/12	6 pm
Hilltop Advisory Board-Zoom	3/12	4:45 pm
Blood Drive	3/17	1 pm
Empty Bowls	3/19	5 pm

Bible Study

Tuesday via Zoom 6:00 pm

In person Bible Study Wednesdays
10:00 am

Wednesdays

Tai Chi 11:00 am
Quilting Group 1:00 pm

Guest preacher

**Bishop Piphon will preach on
Palm Sunday with a special coffee
hour to follow.**

Offerings Summary:

Needed Weekly	\$6,290
Received	\$3,608
Shortfall	(\$2,682)
YTD shortfall	(\$21,456)

Minimalist bulletin

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Staff

The Rev. Dr. G. Scott Cady
Music Director Marcia Newcome

Around the Church

Anyone wishing to be a Sunday helper next year please sign up sheet in narthex or contact me.

Those interested in becoming official members please fill out a form found on the table in the narthex.

Our new website is up. Please check it out. It should help you stay informed. If you have suggestions for any improvements, please let us know.

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The Fellowship Committee presents



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