

March 8, 2026 8:00/9:30/10:45am

Third Sunday in Lent

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

OPENING HYMN "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LSB 435

Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,
Sinners, ruined by the fall;
Here a pure and healing fountain
Flows for you, for me, for all,
In a full, perpetual tide,
Opened when our Savior died.

Come in poverty and meanness,
Come defiled, without, within;
From infection and uncleanness,
From the leprosy of sin,
Wash your robes and make them white;
Ye shall walk with God in light.

Come in sorrow and contrition,
Wounded, impotent, and blind;
Here the guilty, free remission,
Here the troubled, peace may find.
Health this fountain will restore;
They that drink shall thirst no more.

They that drink shall live forever;
'Tis a soul-renewing flood.
God is faithful; God will never
Break His covenant of blood,
Signed when our Redeemer died,
Sealed when He was glorified.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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.

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

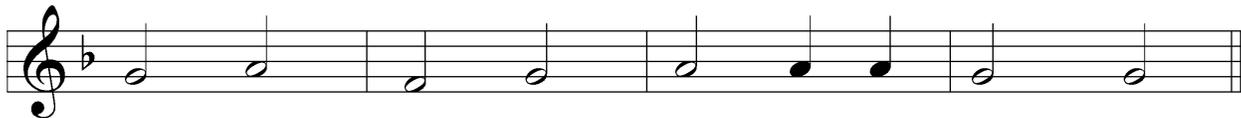
Amen.

KYRIE

LSB 186



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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." And the Lord said to Moses, "Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink." And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN**“Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens”****LSB 589, v. 2**

Oh, what blessing to be near You
And to listen to Your voice;
Let me ever love and hear You,
Let Your Word be now my choice!
Many hardened sinners, Lord,
Flee in terror at Your Word;
But to all who feel sin's burden
You give words of peace and pardon.

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HOLY GOSPEL**John 4:5-26**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true."

The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Justin Weber

Director of Christian Education

HYMN OF THE DAY "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens" LSB 589, vv. 1, 3-4

Speak, O Lord, Your servant listens,
Let Your Word to me come near;
Newborn life and spirit give me,
Let each promise still my fear.
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife,
Wars against Your Word of life;
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor
That I cling to You forever!

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;
Let Your words in me take root.
May Your Spirit e'er be near me
That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing Your praise,
From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given
In the endless joy of heaven.

Lord, Your words are waters living
When my thirsting spirit pleads.
Lord, Your words are bread life-giving;
On Your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, Your words will be my light
Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing
And my cup of joy unfailing!

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RESPONSE HYMN

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

LSB 699

(Tune: LSB 846)

Soloist will sing verse 1.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk
Till trav’ling days are done.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul
revived,
And now I live in Him.

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OFFERING

OFFERTORY

LSB 192



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Having been led through the wilderness and brought into the light of God's presence, let us not fail to pray for the church, for our nation, for all the needs of the people, and for ourselves. That we long for the true and living water that is Jesus Christ and build our hopes upon Him who is the rock of our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That our curiosity for the things we are not given to know not distract us from Him whom we do know and that we dwell on Christ—the glory of the Father and the revelation of the Holy Spirit—that we might believe and be saved, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we address all the peoples of every nation with the Word of Christ and that they know with us the blessing of forgiveness, the gift of life, and the joy of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That the pastors and church workers serve with faithfulness and that many be called and those preparing for church work blessed in their calling, and that all the schools of our church be blessed as they teach and learn God's Word with joyful hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That the Lord visit with His mercy those of every need, relieving the suffering, giving peace to the dying, and consoling the grieving, especially... let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

That we rejoice at the daily bread supplied to us and remember to be grateful to the Lord who supplies all things needed for this body and life and be generous to those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Having known the goodness of the Lord in providing what we neither deserve nor dare ask apart from Christ, let us rejoice in His blessing and follow where He leads to everlasting light, as we look forward to the blessed reunion with those whom we love that have departed this life in faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Glory be to Jesus,
Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood
From His sacred veins!

Grace and life eternal
In that blood I find;
Blest be His compassion,
Infinitely kind!

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"Glory Be to Jesus"

Blest through endless ages
Be the precious stream
Which from endless torment
Did the world redeem!

Lift we, then, our voices,
Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder
Praise the precious blood!

LSB 433, vv. 1-3, 6

SENDING

Go in peace, serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Acolytes: 8:00 Zoey Lewis/10:45 Ridge Edwards
 Elder: 8:00 Paul DeRocher/9:30 Paul Dolan/10:45 Michael Johnshoy
 Usher Team: 8:00 Jeff Rasmussen/9:30 Brian Dahlke/10:45 Craig Pauling
 Welcome Team: 8:00 Gayle Degler, Mackenzie Tucker
 9:30 Laura Stender/10:45 Jana Beckendorf
 Tech Crew: 8:00 Buesgens Family/9:30 Adam Breczinski/10:45 Julie Bruce
 Coffee Hour: 9:00 Mackenzie Tucker

UPCOMING WEEK	
Monday, March 9	Men's Bible Study 6:30am
	Monday Night Meal 5:15pm
	AA 7:00pm
Tuesday, March 10	Elders Meeting 6:30pm
	Mary Martha Guild Meeting 6:30pm
Wednesday, March 11	Moms in the Word 9:30am
	Lenten Midweek Worship 4:15/6:30pm
	Messengers of Praise Rehearsal 7:15pm
Thursday, March 12	Women's LifeLight Bible Study 9:30am
Friday, March 13	AA 6:30pm
Sunday, March 15	Worship with Communion 8:00/9:30/10:45am
	Education Hour 9:30am
	Youth Night 6:00pm

In Sympathy

The family of Ryan Davis, upon his passing.
 Gayle Degler and family, upon the passing of his nephew, Donnie Briley.

Prayers for Healing and Strength

Brody Miller
Tim Laubach
Sandra Lovan

Lois Wenz
Steve Lenzen
Mary Swanson

Pastor Al Holthus
Allan Panning
Jolene Berg

Ongoing Prayers

Carol Affeldt
John Barney
Merlin Bentz
Jack Boman
Jimann Campbell
Julie Carver
Marguerite Craighead
Sunnie Deis

Anita Doss
Sid & Merna Fjelstad
Dennis Gaarder
Ruth Harms
Eugene Henke
Carol Jones
Len Kallsen
Tracy Koespsell

Gretchen Laubach
Marilyn Lenzen
Melinda Meuwissen
Steve Pond
Cliff Waller
Ruth Ziegler

Expectant Moms

Clara Crawley-Reid
Izzy King

Brenda Simpson
Brittany Thormodson

Kourtney Vipond

Celebrating Birthdays

3/8

Hayden Kloos
Heidi Krampitz
Alex Robb

3/9

Kyia Hildebrandt
Stephanie Wiegert

3/10

Marguerite Craighead
Preston Keskey
Timothy Shanahan
Sandra Wittenberg

3/11

Benjamin Barry
Melissa Dubbe
Nancy Kemnitz
Philip Mosley
Luke Puza

3/12

Christine Bates
Reid Bode
Rachel Hubley
Misty Reisner
Kimberly Siegle

3/13

Ethan Bachmann
Loretta Edwards
Norm Glock

3/14

Mary Griffin
Ryan Ische
Logan Messer
Elsa Mierow
John Stuewe
Holly Walters

Celebrating Anniversaries

3/9 Larry and Gretchen Smith

3/14 Joseph and Christine Dysterheft

HOLY WEEK *at* ST. JOHN'S

PALM SUNDAY

March 29

8:00 • 9:30 • 10:45 AM

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 2

4:15 • 7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3

10:00 AM • 7:00 PM

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5 | 7:00 • 8:30 • 10:00 AM

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