



*Third Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2026*

**Welcome!**

**Service Setting Four hymnal - LSB 203**

**Bold face type** – *read by congregation*

**Opening Hymn - 684**

**Come unto Me, Ye Weary**

*Please Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by  
all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**Invocation**

**Exhortation** LSB 203

*Kneel/Sit*

**Confession of Sins** LSB 203

**Absolution** LSB 203

*Please Stand*

**Introit** Psalm 84:1–4;  
antiphon: v. 5

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,

**O Lord of hosts!**

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts  
of the Lord;

**my heart and flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the  
swallow a nest for herself, where she may  
lay her young,

**at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.**

Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
**ever singing your praise!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

**Kyrie** LSB 204

**Hymn - 767 - Jesus, Remember Me**  
*Sung 3 Times*

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Let us pray.

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.**

*Please be Seated*

**Old Testament Reading** Exodus 17:1–7

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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?” <sup>3</sup>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?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>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. <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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.**

**Gradual** Hebrews 12:2

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,  
**the founder and perfecter of our faith,**  
who for the joy that was set before him  
endured the cross, despising the shame,  
**and is seated at the right hand  
of the throne of God.**

**Epistle** Romans 5:1–8

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering 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 who 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>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>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.**

*Please Stand*

**Verse** John 4:23a

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.

**Holy Gospel** John 4:5–26

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

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>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.) <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.”

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<sup>11</sup>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?”  
<sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.”  
<sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>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.”  
<sup>15</sup>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.”  
<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.”  
<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 now have is not your husband. What you have said is true.”  
<sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”  
<sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <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 is seeking such people 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 (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”  
<sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Ten Commandments**

**You shall have no other gods.**

**You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.**

**Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.**

**Honor your father and your mother.**

**You shall not murder.**

**You shall not commit adultery.**

**You shall not steal.**

**You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.**

**You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.**

## **Nicene Creed**

LSB 206

**I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation  
came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit  
of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;**

and was crucified also for us under  
Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according  
to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge  
both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is  
worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and  
apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the  
remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

*Please be Seated*

**Sermon Hymn - 609**  
**Jesus Sinners Doth Receive**

**Sermon**

*Please Stand*

**Prayer of the Church**

*Please be Seated*

**Offering**

**Offertory Prayer**

**Service of the Sacrament**

*Please Stand*

**Preface** LSB 208

**Sanctus** LSB 208

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer** LSB 209

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.

**The Words of Our Lord**

**Pax Domini**

**Agnus Dei** LSB 210

*Please be Seated*

**Distribution**

**Communion Hymn - 524**  
**How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

*Please Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis** LSB 211

**Post-Communion Collect**

**Benedicamus** LSB 212

**Benediction**

**Closing Hymn - 699**

**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

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**Prayer Concerns**

**Ashley Forba** - Ongoing health issues

**Mary Ellen Mills** - Eye issues

**Janet Finn** - Continued mobility issues

**Elaine Decker** - Ongoing health issues

**Vladimir and Marie Dutko**

Healing and well-being -  
Marina Yarasavage's parents

**Keith Mitchell's father** - Kendall  
Health issues

**All those in the armed forces,  
including Kyle Stackhouse**

**All those suffering due to natural  
disasters**

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**Please join us for Sunday services at 10 am**

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**Offering** - Monthly offering needs are \$10,888.75  
February offering total \$13,575

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**Business cards and bookmarks are  
available for everyone to use!**

Please pick-up a handful and give them out to invite friends and neighbors to church.

**Church Events**

**Meet with Pastor Josh** - Sign-up  
sheet in narthex

**Youth Activities** - Please contact  
Liz Stackhouse 570-833-5971

**New Bible Study**

Join us Wednesdays during Lent for a **'Back to the Basics'** Bible Study as we look at what we believe as Christians and why we believe it. We will use Luther's Small Catechism to review and discuss the Six Chief Parts of the Christian faith. We also learn how our prayer life can be shaped by knowing the basics of the Christian faith.

**Council Meetings**

March 9 - 4 pm  
April 13 - 4 pm

## March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Bible Study 5 pm	5	6	7
8 Communion	9 Council Meeting 4 pm	10	11 Bible Study 5 pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 Bible Study 5 pm	19	20	21
22 Communion	23	24	25 Bible Study 5 pm	26	27	28
29 Communion Palm Sunday	30	31				

## April 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 No Study	2 Maundy Thursday 7pm service	3 Good Friday 7 pm	4
5 Easter Communion	6	7	8 Bible Study 5 pm	9	10	11
12	13 Council Meeting 4 pm	14	15	16	17	18
19 Communion	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## Those Who Serve

Date	Reader	Ushers	Acolyte
Mar 8	Bill Y	Kevin D & Don S	Kayla S
Mar 15	Pete W	Bill Y & Keith M	Nate J
Mar 22	Diane T	Willy F & Jack W	Kayla S
Mar 29	Nancy P	Don S & Keith M	Nate J
April 5	Donna W	Bill Y & Don S	Nate J
April 12	Karen M	Kevin D & Keith M	Kayla S

## Birthdays

March 4	Jack Pencek
March 21	Ella Tyler
March 25	Rebekah Durland
March 28	Jerry Decker

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*Delight yourself in the  
Lord and He will give you  
the desires of your heart.*

Psalm 37:4

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