

# Third Sunday in Lent



March 8, 2026



## **Gathering**

### **Welcome & Announcements**

#### **Prelude**

#### **\*Confession & Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who writes the law on our hearts, who draws all people together through Jesus.  
**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Holy God,

**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world, God draws near to us,  
breaks every snare of sin, washes away our wrongs,  
and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

\*Gathering Hymn: As we gather (ELW 522)

1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um-ph-ant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.  
may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

\*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.**

\*Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



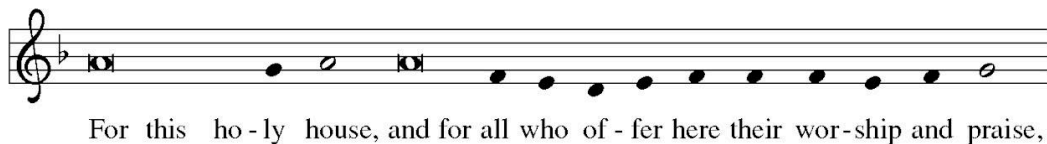
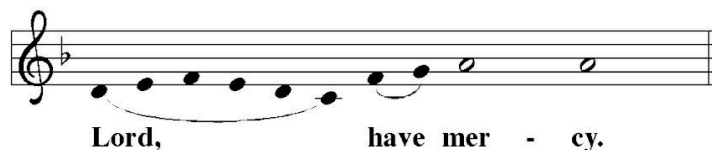
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



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?"

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 95



Let us shout for joy to the rock of our sal - va - tion.

Psalm 95:1

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1 Come, let us sing | to the LORD;

let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

2 **Let us come before God's presence | with  
thanksgiving**

**and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**

3 For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

4 **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**

5 The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.

6 **Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker. R**

7 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!

8 **"Harden | not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the  
desert.**

9 There your ancestors | tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my  
works.

10 **Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not |  
know my ways.'**

11 Indeed I swore | in my anger,  
'They shall never come | to my rest.'" **R**

### 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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation



Glo - ry and praise to you, O Lord Je - sus Christ.

The musical notation is a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It features a melodic line with a mix of eighth and quarter notes, some beamed together, and a final half note. The lyrics are placed below the notes.



The musical notation consists of three staves. The top staff is a vocal line in G major, 4/4 time, with lyrics. The bottom two staves are a piano accompaniment, with the right hand playing chords and the left hand playing a bass line. The piano part includes some chords with a 'B' symbol, possibly indicating a barre or a specific fingering.

Lord, you are truly  
the Savior | of the  
world;\*

give me this living  
water that I may  
never | thirst again.

Gospel: **John 4:5-42**

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day: Lord, keep us steadfast in your word  
(ELW 517)

1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who  
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are  
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and

by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son  
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we  
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife

and bring to naught all he has done.  
and may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.  
and lead us out of death to life.

\*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

... Hear us, O God,

**C: Your mercy is great**

\*Peace

**Meal**

Musical Offering

\*Offering Prayer

\*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.**

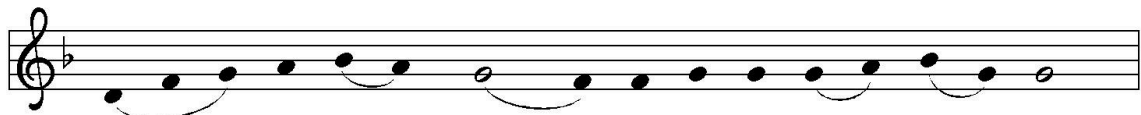
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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


\*Sanctus




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,




heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na in the high - est.

\*Eucharistic Prayer

\*Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Distribution

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. A - men.

\*Post-communion prayer

## Sending

\*Blessing

\*Sending hymn: (see next page)

\*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

1 Bless now, O God, the jour - ney that all your peo - ple make,  
 2 Bless so - journ - ers and pil - grims who share this wind - ing way;  
 3 Di - vine e - ter - nal lov - er, you meet us on the road.

the path through noise and si - lence, the way of give and take.  
 your hope burns through the ter - rors, your love sus - tains the day.  
 We wait for lands of prom - ise where milk and hon - ey flow,

The trail is found in des - ert and winds the moun - tain round,  
 We yearn for ho - ly free - dom while of - ten we are bound;  
 but wait - ing not for plac - es, you meet us all a - round.

then leads be - side still wa - ters, the road where faith is found.  
 to - geth - er we are seek - ing the road where faith is found.  
 Our cov - e - nant is writ - ten on roads, as faith is found.

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