

***PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY - "Thou Knowest Lord the Secrets" by Henry Purcell

***OFFERING SONG**

"On My Heart Imprint Your Image" ELW Hymn 811

***OFFERING PRAYER**

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name
Amen.

MEAL

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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

...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

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...together as the body of Christ,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes:
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

...And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

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...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
now and forever. **Amen.**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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**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.**

***INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

*At the direction of the usher, please come forward, forming two lines
in the center aisle, to stand or kneel at the chancel rail to receive the
gift of God's living Word in bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are
available upon request, and you may choose wine (glass) or
alcohol-free juice (stainless steel). To receive communion at your seat,
simply notify an usher. All are welcome at this table.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

"Lamb of God"

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"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

ELW Hymn 480

***TABLE BLESSING**

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and
keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

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

***BLESSING**

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

"Rock of Ages"

ELW Hymn 623

***DISMISSAL**

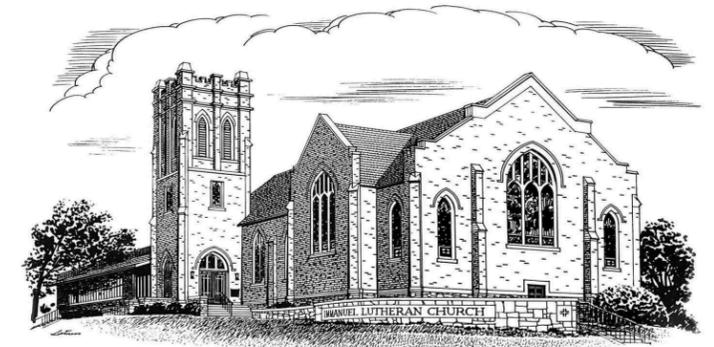
Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

"Cwm Rhondda," by Paul Manz (1919-2009)
Based on ELW 618

Welcome to Worship

Third Sunday of Lent



March 8, 2026

10:00 a.m



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Find page numbers in the front of the ELW (red hymnal), and hymns in the back.

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Bold=All

*Please stand as you are able

GATHERING

PRELUDE - "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," by James Biery (b. 1956)
Based on ELW 611

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

Amen.

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 disdain 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**

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

ELW Hymn 533

***GREETING**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

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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.**

WORD

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?"

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God**

PSALMODY: Psalm 95



- 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.**
- 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.'

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.

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***GOSPEL: John 4:5-42**

The Holy Gospel according to Saint John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

See insert

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"I Heard the Voice of Voice of Jesus Say"

ELW Hymn 611

INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL

***APOSTLES' CREED**

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***PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

...Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

**...Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and
salvation. Amen**