



*Where do
living* *you get that
water?*

JOHN 4:11

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
Third Sunday in Lent
Sunday, March 8, 2026, 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Stephanie White

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Order of Worship (ELW Setting 10)
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In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

Key to hymnals in the pews:

ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (red); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

WOV = With One Voice (blue); page numbers are in front, hymns in back

STS = Spirit Touching Spirit (grey)

* = Please rise

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

We welcome all who are gathered with us for worship, whether in person or via the livestream! If you are worshipping with us via the livestream, please send an e-mail to redeemer@gvtel.com to let us know from where you are worshipping.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection. Those who wish to may kneel.

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 disdaining 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.

Water is poured into the baptismal font.

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.

***Processional Hymn**

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

ELW #777

All turn and face the processional cross as it is carried into the sanctuary.

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty



- 1 "Come to me, all pil-grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter I will give.
- 2 "Come to me, all trav-^lers wea - ry; come that I may give you rest.
- 3 "Come to me, be - liev - ers bur - dened; find re - fresh - ment in this place.
- 4 "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your guilt and shame.



If you knew what gift I of - fer, you would come to me and live."
Drink the cup of life I of - fer; at this ta - ble be my guest."
Come, re - ceive the gift I of - fer, turn to me and seek my face."
Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion, turn to me, I call your name."

Refrain



Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well.



In the gra - cious gift you of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

- 5 "Come to me, distressed and needy;
I would be your trusted friend.
Come and seek the gift I offer,
come, your open hands extend." *Refrain*
- 6 "Come to me, abandoned, orphaned;
lonely ways no longer roam.
Come and take the gift I offer,
let me make in you my home." *Refrain*

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: BEACH SPRING, The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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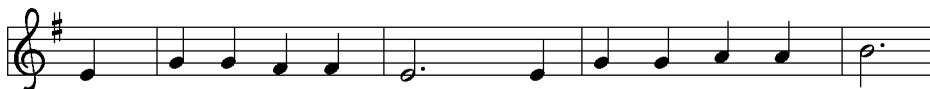
*Greeting

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

ELW p. 203



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

*Hymn of Praise

Glory Be to God in Heaven

ELW p. 204



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

*Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray... 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

God speaks to us in scripture, preaching, and song.

First Reading: *Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.*

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!

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 above 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 generation, 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: *Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus’ death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.*

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God!

*Gospel Acclamation

Jesus, Remember Me

WOV #740

The congregation sings "Jesus, Remember Me" once; the cantor sings the verse for the day; then the congregation sings "Jesus, Remember Me" once more.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

Text: Luke 23:42
Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

REMEMBER ME
irregular

Gospel: *Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.*

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

The holy gospel according to St. John...

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.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Rev. Stephanie White

***Hymn of the Day**

For All the Faithful Women
sing stanzas 1, 8, and Last

ELW #419

For All the Faithful Women

Saints and Servants



1 For all the faith-ful wom - en who served in days of old,
2 O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un-known,
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.
in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.
we of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save.
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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8. Recall the outcast woman
With whom our Lord conversed:
Christ gave her living water
To quench her deepest thirst.
Like hers, our hearts are yearning
Christ offers us his word
Then may our lips be burning
To witness to our Lord.

11. For Eunice and for Lois
we sing our thanks and praise.
Young Timothy they nurtured
And led him in your ways.
Raise up in ev'ry household
true teachers of your word.
whose lives will bear clear witness
To Christ, our risen Lord.

***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.**

***Sharing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Offering

We welcome you to Redeemer Lutheran Church this day! Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering box before the service or at this time. As our tithes and offerings are being collected, please take a moment to sign the red Friendship Pad at the end of the pew and pass it along.

***Offertory**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

ELW #188

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 your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*Offering Prayer

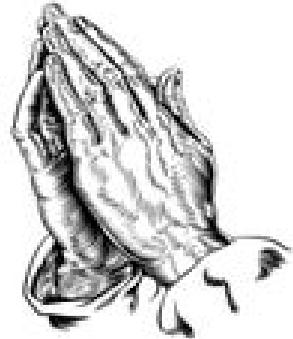
O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts, draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.
Amen

*Prayers of the Church

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

*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



O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

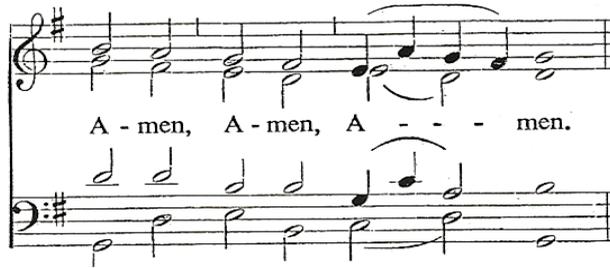
1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, cv - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

***Benediction and Threefold Amen**

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.



***Sending Hymn**

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

ELW #658

All face the processional cross as it is carried from the sanctuary.



1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
chang - ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
head; our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.
way! Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

*Dismissal

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

Postlude

ASSISTING IN MINISTRY TODAY

Presiding: Rev. Stephanie White

Organist: Reid Froiland

Cantor: Chris Cuppett

Video: Dave Ulrich

Acolyte: Signe Olson and Aubrey Reuter

Lector: Jane Aandal

Ushers: Ken Froschheiser and Denice Nelson

Communion Assistants: Alexis Dennis and Jan Anderson

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In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Tom Gustafson, Larry and LaVonne Forsberg, Tamara Vaughan, Darren Bakke, Shawn Groven, Jim Potucek, Rick Harbott, Michelle Kasprick, Shari Safranski, Bob and Barb Horien, Rick and Tami Hanson, Rose Teie, Fern Melbye, Laurie Miller and Wayne.



Altar flowers are given by
Jan Anderson,
In Thanks to the Altar Guild for
their dedication and work.

Quarterly statements are available upon request; please contact Marit at the church office.

**Week Ending
March 1, 2026
\$6,891.31**



Volunteers are needed to read, usher and serve communion. If you can help out in any of these roles, please fill out a volunteer sheet found on our new church app. Thank you for sharing your time and talents.

Altar flowers are still available to purchase. If you are looking to remember someone or to honor someone there are several Sundays still available. See Dianne in the office.

Reminder – Lenten prayers continue meeting at 8:30am in the sanctuary every Tuesday through Lent. This is a great time to set aside other cares and take part in prayer. Everyone is welcome.

Lent Schedule:

5:15 – 6:15 – Soup Supper

5:30 – 6:30 – JAM

6:30 – 7:30 – Holden Evening Prayer Worship

All confirmation students are expected to attend the Lenten services.

The Great NWMN Synod Get Together will be held on Saturday, March 21 at Calvary Lutheran Church , 2508 Washington Ave SE, Bemidji, MN. This one-day event is all about reconnecting, learning, and sharing ministry. We'll enjoy fellowship, conference time, and breakout sessions—plus a little preview of our 2026 Synod Assembly theme, “Grace in a Digital Space.”

Speaker:

We'll hear from Pastor Ian McConnell,

Registration fee is \$50.00

Following Palm Sunday service, everyone is invited to join in the walk from the Hjemkomst Center in Moorhead to Fargo City Hall. Event begins at 3:00pm. Join in praise and thanks to Jesus.

A Capital Campaign continues. Redeemer is currently facing upcoming projects/repairs. Some are costly and some – not so much but we don't have the funds to pay for them. Prayerfully consider making a donation. Please make your check to Redeemer and designate Capital Campaign on the memo line.



March Birthdays



March Birthdays –

1 – 2 – 3 – Chris Bjerklie, Aaron Sjaaheim 4 – Hailey Bayne, Sarah Castle 5 – 6 – Brian Bugge, Kendra Carlson 7 – Kellie Savich, Briggs Anderson, Carlie Rogalla 8 – Molly Halsa, Jonah Nordby 9 – Leona Bugge, Laurie Wilson 10 – 11 – Tucker Kruchowski 12 – 13 – Susan Brekke, David Houske 14 – Tyler Richards 15 – Cecil Anderson, Kyle Goethe, Kozmik Johns, Jack Milender, Blaine Olson 16 – Michelle Kempert, Parker Hanson 17 – Harper Bakken 18 – Mike Nelson 19 – Haley Bruggeman, Carole Krogstad 20 – Chelsey Johnson, Emily Meyer, Brenden Vigen 21 – Tiffany Stroh, Gerry Seim, Christine Halsa 22 – Hailey Leatherwood 23 – 24 – Dane Froiland, Cindy Sele 25 – 26 – Dean Dalen 27 – Kailee Vigen 28 – Tatum Fay, Shelby Norlin 29 – Rick Hanson, Cali Green, Elaine Grovum 30 – Joe Borchardt, Lisa Cullen, Molly Dahlin 31 – Kylee Little, Maura Efteland, Aiden Davis, Kyla Davis, Rosemary Voecks

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