

Third Sunday in Lent March 8th, 2026

Order of Service

7:45 a.m.	10:30 a.m.
DSIII (pg.184)	Prayer & Preaching
Hymns	(pg. 260)
809, 531, 617, 568, 637	Hymns 809, 531, 568

Sermon

"While We Were Still Sinners
Christ Died For Us"
Rev. Wes Gillaspie

Scripture Readings

Exodus 17:1-7: The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. So they quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses replied, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the Lord to the test?" But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?" Then Moses cried out to the Lord, "What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord answered Moses, "Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile. I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink." So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the Lord saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Romans 5:1-8: Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God

through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope. And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

John 4:5-26: So Jesus came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water

welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." "Woman," Jesus replied, "believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you—I am he."

Serving in Worship Today

Elders *Charles Zwerk, Ben Bekemeier, Dave Miller, Jason Hecht*
Organist *Calista Daenzer*
Choir *Handbells*
Usher *Paul Kern; Ron Spiekerman*
Altar Guild *Bev Bierlein; Linda Trombley*
Acolytes *Lane Gebhardt; Lucas Bierlein*

Wednesday

Elder *Mark Schiefer*
Pianist *Pam Bernreuter*
Choir *Cherub Choir*

Usher *Ron Spiekerman*

This week at St. Michael's

Today Communion 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Mon *World Relief Quilting 9 a.m.*
PTL 6:30 p.m.
Church Council 7 p.m.
Tue Trustees 7 p.m.
Adult Choir 7 p.m.
Wed Lenten Supper 5:30 p.m.
Lenten Service (Cherub Choir) 7 p.m.
Next Sun. Worship Service 7:45 a.m.
Bible Class/KidzMin 9 a.m.
Communion 10:30 a.m.
Voters Meeting after late service

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Church Council meeting Monday, March 9th at 7 p.m.

Executive Committee meets March 17th at 7 p.m.

Midweek Lenten Worship continues this week as Pastor Cam Steele has the message on the deadly sin of envy.

Lenten Supper @ 5:30: Please join us for this week's Lenten Supper hosted by St Michael's Mary Martha. Donations will go towards the Vassar Food Pantry. On the menu: Casseroles, salads and desserts!

St. Michael's School and ECC will be having an Open House, Monday, March 23 from 6:00-7:30 pm for Preschool 4s and Kindergarten.

LLL Card Party Sat. March 21st, starting at 2 p.m., see the poster in the foyer for more details.

Grant applications for St Michael's Endowment Non-Designated Fund are now available on our website or in the church office. These applications may be turned in at the church office and are due March 30. Any questions, contact Pam Bierlein 989-971-3340.

Mary Martha Rummage Sale: Reminder: Save items for our sale coming up! (April 10th & 11th) Collection will be April 6th; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. & April 7th; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Easter Cards along with other greeting cards are available for \$1 by the church office.

Did you know? Each member donated 17 days of labor to construct the White Frame Church? When the builder (George Kamm) was forced to work longer on the project than the others, they helped an equal amount of hours on his farm.

Attendance

Sun. March 1st 263
Wed. March 4th 138

Other News

The Lutheran Hour airs on WSAM-1400 from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Next Sunday: "No Command from the Lord" Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Jesus is the only way to God, but there are many adventures with Jesus. Which ones will you pick? 1 Corinthians 7:6-7

St. Lorenz's monthly German worship service will be held today at 11:00 am., where we will begin a new Sermon Series entitled "Open Arms", English sermon by Pastor Bill Hoesman entitled "A Baptism Invitation" based on Matthew 28:19, with scripture lessons read by German teacher Bärbel Stürmer and a number of her 8th-grade students. The service will be

broadcast locally on Spectrum/Charter cable channel 191; St. Lorenz website (Watch – Sanctuary Stream); the St. Lorenz app; and the Frankenmuth-Gunzenhausen Facebook page.

Prayers

Health

Lucas Brown; Michelle DeCoe; Ben Dzioba; Don Duperon; Hope Hecht; Walt Hecht; Faith Heinlein; Ann Houser; Craig Keinath; Carolyn Navarre; Eugene Palmreuter; Rollie Wenzel

Thanksgiving

Arlene Wirth's 90th Birthday; March 12th (1936)

Mission

Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Dominican Republic. In this role, Daniel serves as chaplain for the region's alliance missionaries and as professor at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in Palmar Arriba, Dominican Republic. (Learn more about their mission in the foyer)

Prayer of the Day

"Heavenly Father, You see that of ourselves we have no strength. By Your mighty power defend us from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."

