

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent, Year A



Ringling of Bell

PRELUDE *Give Me Jesus &
Come to the Water of Life* (HYMN INTRO)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures
forever. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin before God, who
removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For seeking worldly delights that deceive
us and dishonor you: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering
for your word: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For failing to recognize your coming reign,
and for hindering the work of the Spirit:
Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For drawing from the well of self-serving
ambition, and for disdaining the living water
Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For disregarding voices from the margin,
and for distrusting signs of your healing and
hope in the world: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth
to life: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us according to your
steadfast love.**

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN

ELW #611

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me
and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I
was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a
resting-place, and he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely
give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down
and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream; my thirst was
quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in
him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark
world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus,
and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that
light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

PRAYER OF THE DAY *We pray together*

L: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

L: Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you
quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us
this water always.

**C: 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.**

PLEASE BE SEATED

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:1-7

Water from the rock in the wilderness.

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 GOD.**

PSALM 95 *We read responsively*

L: Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

C: Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

L: For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

C: In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

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

C: Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

L: 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!

C: "Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

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

C: Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, 'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'

L: Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-11

Reconciled to God by Christ's death

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 GOD.**

◆ GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-30, 39-42

C: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!

The woman at the well

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. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But 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. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” ²⁶Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷Just 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?” ²⁸Then 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?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They 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.”

L: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. C: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!

PLEASE BE SEATED

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON *Rev. D.J. Chatelaine*

HYMN OF THE DAY ACS #955

Come to the Water of Life



1 All who are thirst-y for mer-cy, all who are thirst-y for



love; all who are thirst-y for love, for mer-cy



come: come to the Wa-ter of life.

2 All who are thirsty for healing, all who are thirsty for touch; all who are thirsty- for touch, for healing, come: come to the Water of life. >>

3 All who are thirsty for beauty, all who are thirsty for truth; all who are thirsty for truth, for beauty, come: come to the Water of life.

4 All who are thirsty for justice, all who are thirsty For peace; all who are thirsty for peace, for Justice, come: come to the Water of life.

◆ 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great**

SHARING OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

PLEASE BE SEATED

OFFERING–OFFERTORY–GLOBE OFFERING

Children are invited to bring an offering to the globe at the front of the church

OFFERING SONG

ELW 186

Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

◆ OFFERING PRAYER

P: 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.

C: 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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING *Spoken*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & LORD'S PRAYER

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

PLEASE BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION -&- HYMN ELW 777

Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty

1 **"Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give. If you knew what gift I offer, you would come to me and live."**

Refrain **Jesus, ever flowing fountain, give us water from your well. In the gracious gift you offer there is joy no tongue can tell.**

2 **"Come to me, all trav'lers weary; come that I may give you rest. Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest."** *Refrain*

3 **"Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place. Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face."** *Refrain*

4 **"Come to me, repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame. Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name."** *Refrain*

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*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.

C: 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.

BLESSING

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

◆ SENDING SONG ELW 658

O Jesus Joy of Loving Hearts > >

1 **O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life, the light of all: from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.**

2 **We taste you, ever-living bread, and long to feast upon you still; we drink of you, the fountainhead; our thirsting souls from you we fill.**

3 **For you our restless spirits yearn, where'er our changing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you turn, blest, when by faith we hold you fast.**

4 **O Jesus, ever with us stay! Make all our moments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin away! Shed o'er the world your holy light.**

Ringing of Bell

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Balm in Gilead*

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CCLI SONG #1431 *As the Deer* NYSTROM

OL/SKU #93324 *Create in Me* ELW 168

OL/SKU #36334 *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty* ELW 777

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Jennifer Lerfald, Jim Fountaine, Dax Eggert, Larry Walker, Renee Spidahl-Carmichael, & Tim Emerson.

March Madness Food Drive for Kenyon All Seasons Food Shelf



Congregation members sitting on the right/South side compete with those sitting on the left/North side. Each item donated equals 2 points. A 3 pointer can be earned for large ticket items like paper towels, toilet paper, or diapers...

March 1 Meal-in-itself Soups: tomato, chicken noodle, etc.
No cream condensed items.

March 8 Toiletries: full size shampoos and conditioners, body washes, toothpaste, toothbrushes.

March 15 Canned Meats/Spam, Boxed meals like macaroni and cheese, etc.

March 22 Peanut butter; canned fruits & applesauce.

Bring each Sunday or all-at-once. Your choice.

Email Tanya with questions tanya.short1988@gmail.com

CALENDAR

Sun Mar 8	9 AM WORSHIP - <i>3rd Sun in Lent</i> 10 AM Coffee 10 AM Sunday School Class
Mon Mar 9	2 PM Grief Support
Wed Mar 11	5:30 PM Lenten Supper & Bible Study 6:30 PM Lenten Worship
Thu Mar 12	1 PM Love Day
Sat Mar 14	9 AM – 3:30 pm <i>Council as Leaders</i> <i>@ St Olaf, Austin.</i>
Sun Mar 15	9 AM WORSHIP - <i>4th Sun in Lent</i> 10 AM Coffee 10 AM Sunday School Class- <i>Assemble Caramel Rolls</i>

**Lenten
Suppers
&
Worship**

3/11, 3/18, 3/25

Suppers at 5:30

Worship at 6:30

*Use Sign Up in the Basement
to help*



3 PM - SUNDAY MARCH 29, 2026

"Oh, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"

PALM SUNDAY CONCERT OF SONG & WORD

PRESENTED BY EMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHOIR

Light supper following

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