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## Third Sunday in Lent March 8, 2026



### AS WE GATHER

### Water in the Wilderness

Christ is our rock and He alone gives to us the water of life. The children of Israel journeyed from the Red Sea through the wilderness toward the land of promise. Along the way they complained to the Lord about their lack of bread and meat and water. At every juncture, the Lord revealed His mercy and provided for His people. They did not realize that all of this was but a promise of the eternal care provided in Christ. He is the rock of their salvation, the bread of heaven come down to feed them until they want for nothing more, the Lamb of God who gives Himself as food for His people, and the living water that tastes of everlasting life. Israel's doubts and fears are warnings to us lest we fail to see how Christ answers all our needs even to eternal life.

## PRELUDE

### ✠ PREPARATION ✠

**HYMN** "Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness" #849

*Please stand as you are able.*

### INVOCATION

**Pastor:** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Psalm 84:4-5*

**Pastor:** Blessed are those who dwell in Your house ever singing Your praise!

**People:** **Blessed are those whose strength is in You, in whose hearts are the highways to Zion.**

**Pastor:** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**People:** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**

**Pastor:** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** Amen.

Pastor: May He who began this good work within you bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

## **ANTIPHON**

Pastor: Oh, come, let us worship the Lord.

People: **♪ For He is our maker.**

**VENITE** *hymnal page 220-221*

**♪ O come, let us sing unto the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,  
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.**

**For the LORD is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
In His hand are the deep places of the earth;  
the strength of the hills is His also.**

**The sea is His, and He made it,  
and His hands form-ed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the LORD, our maker.  
For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture  
and the sheep of His hand.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son ✠ and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Let us pray.  
Almighty God, You brought forth water to cover the earth,  
You brought the children of Israel through the Red Sea,  
and You made water to flow from the rock. Continue to  
provide us with water for every need, remind us of our  
Baptism into Christ, and help us to know with confidence  
Christ the rock who alone bestows the water of life;  
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and  
forever.

**People: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Exodus 17:1-7  
*(Moses is commanded to strike the rock from which God will bring forth water.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE** Romans 5:1-8 *(We have peace with God through Jesus Christ.)*

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**VERSE** Ephesians 6:11

**The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will  
worship the Father in spirit and truth.**

**HOLY GOSPEL** John 4:5-26  
*(Jesus shows Himself as the living water to a Samaritan woman at the well.)*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

*The Gospel is read.*

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED** *Found on the last page of your pew hymnal.*

*Please be seated.*

**HYMN** "Baptismal Waters Cover Me" #616

**SERMON** Pr. Mark Croucher

**OFFERING AND OFFERTORY**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**HYMN** "We Give Thee But Thine Own" #781 v1-2

**We give Thee but Thine own,  
What e'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone,  
A trust, O Lord, from Thee,**

**May we Thy bounties thus,  
As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us,  
To Thee our first-fruits give!**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Pastor: Having been led through the wilderness and brought into the light of God's presence, let us not fail to pray for the church, for our nation, for all the needs of the people, and for ourselves.

That we long for the true and living water that is Jesus Christ and build our hopes upon Him who is the rock of our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That our curiosity for the things we are not given to know not distract us from Him whom we do know and that we dwell on Christ—the glory of the Father and the revelation of the Holy Spirit—that we might believe and be saved, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we address all the peoples of every nation with the Word of Christ and that they know with us the blessing of forgiveness, the gift of life, and the joy of everlasting life, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the pastors and church workers serve with faithfulness and that many be called and those preparing for church work blessed in their calling, and that all the schools of our church be blessed as they teach and learn God's Word with joyful hearts, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That the Lord visit with His mercy those of every need, relieving the suffering, giving peace to the dying, and consoling the grieving, especially Liz, Betty, Karla, Dan, Ian, and Luetta, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: That we rejoice at the daily bread supplied to us and remember to be grateful to the Lord who supplies all things needed for this body and life and be generous to those in need, let us pray to the Lord.

**People: Lord, have mercy.**

Pastor: Having known the goodness of the Lord in providing what we neither deserve nor dare ask apart from Christ, let us rejoice in His blessing and follow where He leads to everlasting light, as we look forward to the blessed reunion with those whom we love that have departed this life in faith; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People: Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: ♪ And with thy spirit.**

## **BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION**

**Pastor:** Let us bless the Lord.

**People:** ♪ **Thanks be to God.**

**Pastor:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

**People:** ♪ **Amen.**

**HYMN** “Christ, the Word of God Incarnate” #540 v 1,2,5,6

## **POSTLUDE**

## **THE MESSENGER**

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**WELCOME!** Dear guest, we pray that your worship with us is as spiritually enriching for you as your presence is encouraging to us. We invite you to sign our guest book in the foyer. Please leave your email address if you would like periodic updates from Immanuel. Most importantly, come back and worship with us again next Sunday.

**SERVING US TODAY:** Rev. Mark Croucher  
Linda Rayburn, Organist

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Liz Kraft, Betty Peuster, Karla Kass, Dan and Ian Henggeler, and Luetta Buchholz

**LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE:** 20 total, 5 guests

**THE LUTHERAN HOUR** theme for next Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> is "**No Command from the Lord**" Lutheran Hour Speaker: 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 Listen online at <https://www.lutheranhour.org>.