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**Gathered by God, We Live Our Faith With:
Compassion, Grace, Gratitude, and Joy.**

Welcome to Worship :: March 15, 2026

Today's Worship Ministers

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Check Out Our Welcome Center

Coffee Station: We have a variety of Coffee and Tea options in our Narthex. Feel free to enjoy your beverage throughout the worship service

Giving Station: Our offering Plate and Vision and Purpose Giving Jar are located under the Narthex window

Vision and Purpose: In March we are supporting ELCA World Hunger. ELCA World Hunger supports ministries both domestically and internationally, helping create stable communities and ending food insecurity.

Weekly Newsletters: Print Copies of our weekly newsletter are available under the Narthex Window. The email version will be sent out on Monday. If you wish to receive a copy by email or a hard copy by mail, please let Pastor Jamie know.

In Our Prayers

Ila Roseberry, Kathi Cruce, Janet Lowe, Wes Lovdahl, Pat Clark, Jennie Best, Dee Dee Yez, Charlotte Volz, Richard Schlicher, Tim Greene

Holy Week and Easter Schedule

March 29—Palm Sunday

April 2—Maundy Thursday, 7 PM, Chapel

Apr 3—Good Friday, 7 PM, Chapel

April 5—Easter Morning, 9 AM breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt

Order of Service

Gathering

Announcements,
Mission Statement/Prelude
Confession/Forgiveness
The Peace

Opening Hymn: ELW 327, Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow

The Word/Prayer

Greeting
Kyrie, ELW Setting 3, page 138
“Glory to God”, ELW Setting 3, page 139

Prayer of the Day

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel Acclamation, ELW Setting 3, page 142
John 9:1-41
Sermon

Hymn: ELW 337 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
Apostles' Creed
Prayers of Intercession
Offering Prayer

Offering Hymn: ELW 678, God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending, verse 1

Communion

Dialogue: ELW Setting 3, page 144
Preface
“Holy, Holy, Holy”: ELW Setting 3, page 144
Communion Prayer
Lord's Prayer
“Lamb of God”, ELW Setting 3, page 146
Distribution
Post Communion Prayer

Sending

Benediction
Closing Hymn: ELW 324, In the Cross of Christ I Glory
Dismissal

1 Samuel 16:1-13**David is anointed king**

16 The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." 2 Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.'" 3 Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do, and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." 4 Samuel did what the Lord commanded and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling and said, "Do you come peaceably?" 5 He said, "Peaceably. I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

6 When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely his anointed is now before the Lord." 7 But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him, for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 9 Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." 10 Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." 11 Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here." 12 He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and had beautiful eyes and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him, for this is the one." 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Ephesians 5:8-14**Walk as children of light**

8 for once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, 9 for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. 10 Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. 11 Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. 12 For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, 13 but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, 14 for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

John 9:1-41

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