

Third Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2026

Prelude/ Bell/ Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

L: We thirst for water, O Lord. Fountain of life, soothe our spirits. Let us draw from your water, that we shall never again drink from a shallow well. The hour is coming. C: The hour is here.

L: Worship the Lord in spirit and truth; C: Our God welcomes worship in spirit and truth.

L: The Lord's Messiah is coming among you! All: The one called the Christ will show us all things.

Gathering Hymn *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

ELW 777 vs. 1-4

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses. Gracious God, C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

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

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

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

L: 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.

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

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

L: 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.

L: 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.

L: 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.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day L: Merciful God, C: 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.

Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

Pew Bible Pg. 114

Responsive

Psalm 95

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 ^l 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.'"

L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *As the Deer Runs to the River* ELW 331 vs. 2

Gospel Reading John 4:5-42 Pew Bible pg. 1651

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

L: The Gospel of the Lord. C: Praise to you, O Christ

Children's Welcome Song, "*Jesus loves the little children. All the children of the world. You are loved and you are light. You are precious in God's sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.*"

Children's Message & Sermon Rev. Mindy Czycalla

Hymn of the Day *For all the Faithful Women* ELW 419 vs. 1, 8, last

Offering / Offertory *Fragrant Offering*

Apostles Creed ELW Pg.105 / Screens

Prayers of The People, response: L: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.

The Lord's Prayer

Sharing of the Peace, L: The peace of Christ be with you always. C: And also with you.

The Great Thanksgiving

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

L: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer *Sung*

Communion: All who are hungry for God's love and mercy are welcome to this table of forgiveness.

Holy Communion Distribution / Post Communion Prayer

Blessing One Another, L: Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems you, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, ✠ bless you now and always. C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

Sending Hymn *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* ELW 618

Dismissal L: Go in peace. Believe the good news. C: We will. Thanks be to God.

We Thank

Ushers; Tech Desk

Organist/ Pianist: RaNae Martinson

Reader & Communion: Chad Powers family

Nordland's Week

March 8, 2026

Today	9:30 / 10:30	Education & Fellowship / Worship
Wed.	9:00 am	NLCW & Gather Bible Study
6:15 pm		Soup & Sandwich Supper, freewill donation- Sisters at Heart
7:00 pm		Lenten Service, " <i>Conversations with Jesus</i> "
Thurs.	6:30 pm	Church Council
Sun.	9:30 / 10:30	Education & Fellowship / Worship

Thank You... Jerrod, Aria and I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to the church and congregation for all your love and generous support through Jerrod's accident. It was a very challenging couple months for us, and we will forever be grateful for our Nordland family to have helped us through this difficult time.

Thank you! -Jerrod, Nicole & Aria Quade

Nordland Mission Fest is June 27, 2026, The Fest is an important fundraiser as we commit to send \$5,000 to ELCA Missions each year. We need a committee, contact Becky Thompson or Diane Christle. – NLCW

March is Food Shelf Month; the Nordland shopping cart is available for your donations of non-perishable grocery items and/or monetary. Please specify "Food Shelf" in memo if you are writing a check.

If you are a Thrivent member and have 2025 Thrivent Choice dollars available, you have until March 31 to distribute them. Go online to www.thrivent.com, log into your account and direct them to your favorite (Nordland?) charitable organization.

Notice: Nordland members who will be attending a school of higher education for the 2026-2027 school year are encouraged to apply for a Conrad Sunde Scholarship. Applications are available on the Nordland website, at the ushers' counter, or contact the church office. Applications are due April 15, 2026.