



Sunday March 8, 2026 Third Sunday in Lent

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used

this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

WELCOME! We are glad to have you join us in worship today. Here are a few notes to help you feel more at home participating in our worship.

Worshipping. Today's service is printed in this bulletin. Parts in **bold** indicate responses by everyone in which you are invited to participate.

Communion. *Lutheran Christians believe that the Lord Jesus Christ feeds us with his true body and blood "in, with, and under" the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper. All baptized Christians who receive Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive the sacrament. Please note that the darker wine is non-alcoholic and is available from the Lector. Communion will be distributed continuously, in procession. Please come forward as directed by the ushers.*

Coffee Hour. We hope that you will join us for coffee and conversation in the lobby following the worship service.

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✠ GATHERING ✠

PRELUDE

RINGING OF THE BELL

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who looks upon us in compassion, forgives our sin, and heals our lives.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Pause for silent reflection

P Have mercy, O God, C **against you, you alone, we have sinned. In your compassion, cleanse us from our sin and take away our guilt. Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit. Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit and restore your joy within us. Amen.**

P As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you. As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you. As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you, renewing your life through Jesus Christ. Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.

C **Blessed be God forever.**

ENTER IN SILENCE.

GREETING

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. C **And also with you.**

KYRIE

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray. Merciful God, 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.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus.

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?”

...The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 51 - CREATE IN ME ~ BOB HURD

The congregation will sing the refrain. Verses will be sung by the choir.

Refrain Fine

Cre - ate in me a clean heart.

Verses

1. Have mer - cy on me, God, in your com - pas - sion.
2. O pu - ri - fy my heart and teach me wis - dom;
3. O give me back the joy of your sal - va - tion;

1. Re - move my sin. Wash me _ from my guilt.
2. then I shall be clean - er _ than the snow.
3. a will - ing spir - it & 7 sus - tain in me.

to Refrain

Text based on Psalm 51:12, 3-4, 8-9, 14.

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SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-11

A reading from Romans.

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.

...The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.



Noth-ing in all cre - a - tion can sep-a-rate us from the love of God.

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

P The holy gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.²³ But 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.

²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵ The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he

comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷ Just 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?”

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

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My

food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see

how the fields are ripe for harvesting.³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.³⁷ For here

the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they

asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They 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.”

...The gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: *WHEN WE ARE TESTED* (ACS 922)



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

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APOSTLES' CREED

A With the whole Church, we confess our faith.

C 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

A Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

A O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

C Amen.

PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always. **C And also with you.**

P Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Maxey - March 12th

BIRTHDAY SONG

He who began a good work in you (2x)

Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)

Will be faithful to complete it (Clap 3x)

He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you!

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING SONG: *WILL YOU COME AND FOLLOW ME: THE SUMMONS* (ELW 798)



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

OFFERING PRAYER

P Let us pray. God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring, and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

C **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

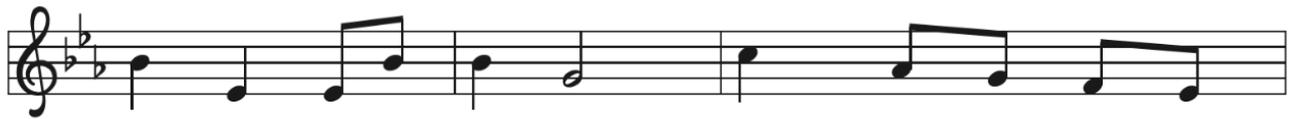
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY HOLY HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the



Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P Holy God, mighty and merciful, your people praise you, saying: Your mercy endures forever. **C** **Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to earth and all its creatures, granting them life and calling them to flourish, setting the sign of your bow in the clouds, the colors of your love and faithfulness. Your mercy endures forever. **C** **Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you bound yourself to your people of old, blessing them with family outnumbering the stars and calling them to be a blessing to others, showing them steadfast love in every generation and calling them to be a light to the nations. Your mercy endures forever. **C** **Your mercy endures forever.**

P By your promise you joined us to Jesus, your Beloved, grafting us into your living Vine, and calling us to bear the fruit of your self-giving love.

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P With this bread and cup we remember his life laid down and lifted up as we proclaim the mystery of faith. **C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Send your Holy Spirit upon us and these gifts of bread and wine. Bless us to be a blessing. Make us a sign of your faithfulness. Send us to tend and cherish the earth and to serve the world with mercy and love.

P With all the saints in light, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, through Christ Jesus, in your Spirit, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. **C Thanks be to God.**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

SONG DURING COMMUNION: *I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE* (ELW 485)

Leader or All

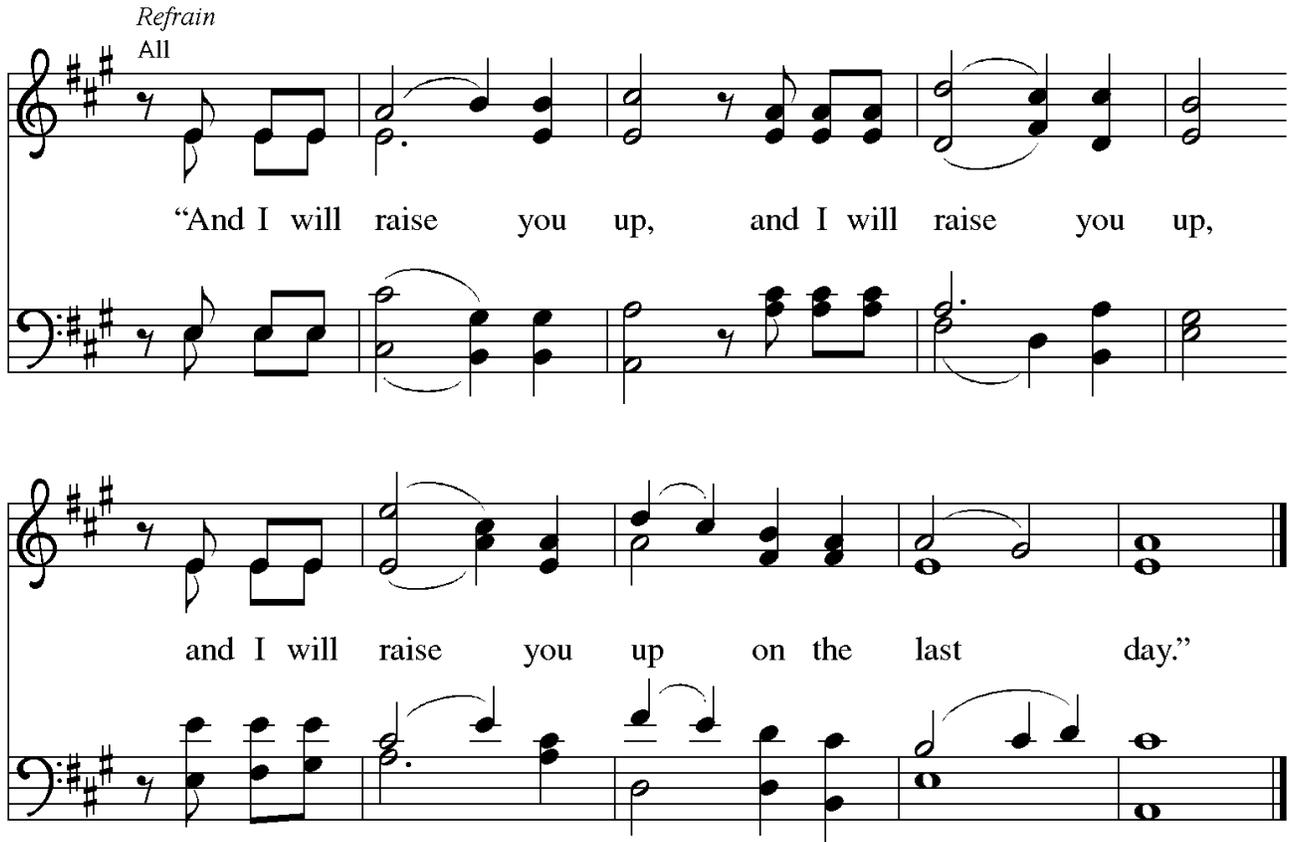
1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less you eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man and
 I am the life. If you be -
 you are the Christ, the

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat of this bread, you shall . . live for -
 drink of his blood, and drink of his
 lieve in me, e - ven . . though you
 Son of God, who have

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to the world.

Refrain
All



“And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.”

Text: Suzanne Toolan, RSM, b. 1927, based on John 6
 Music: I AM THE BREAD, Suzanne Toolan, RSM
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

P The Lord be with you. **C And also with you.**

P The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in ✠ Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

SENDING SONG: *BE THOU MY VISION* (ELW 793)



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

Upcoming Commemorations

Harriet Tubman, died 1913; Sojourner Truth, died 1883; renewers of society Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Harriet Tubman, born into slavery, helped about 300 others to escape slavery until the institution was abolished. Sojourner Truth, whose birth name was Isabella, was freed after slavery was abolished, and discerned a call to be a preacher. Taking the name Sojourner Truth, she set out on an evangelistic journey, where people found her testimony to be deeply moving.

Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, died 604 Thursday, March 12, 2026

Born into wealth and power, Gregory was for a time the chief administrator of the city of Rome. Giving this up for a life in the church, he was elected pope in 590. He influenced public worship through the establishment of a lectionary and prayers to correlate with the readings. Gregorian chant is named in his honor.

**Announcements for the week of
March 8, 2026**

*Sanctuary Lamp Candle for March is given to the glory of God and
in loving memory of Frank O'Brien by Maureen O'Brien*

Happy Birthday

Vicki Maxey - March 12th

Susan & Paul Portz - March 8th

Happy Anniversary

 **Special Guest Visitor!!**

Pastor Avila, the Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Life and Evangelism, will be joining us for worship on March 22nd. I encourage everyone to attend worship that day and stay to welcome her. We are looking for volunteers to provide baked goods - **there is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex.**

 **Easter Plants Available Now - FORMS DUE 3-15!!**

It's once again time to get your Easter plant offering and dedications in. A form with complete instructions can be found in the at the end of these announcements or on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 516.931.0710.

 **You Can Do It - Canned Food Drive!**



Throughout the month of February *and extended through March 15th*, we invite you to help support our neighbors in need by *bringing a can each Sunday to worship*. All donations will go directly to the Lutheran Social Services, helping provide nourishment and care to those they serve in our community. Thank you for sharing God's love, one can at a time!!

Fellowship Discussion



“The Chosen” takes an intimate look at the real and authentic lives of Jesus and all those around him through this historical drama. “The Chosen” brings the Bible to life. At each meeting we’ll present one episode followed by a discussion about the scripture that inspired that episode. **Meeting Today: Sunday March 8th.** *Please note that meetings have been changed to Sundays following worship to accommodate people’s schedules.*

2026 Lutheran Bible Study

Join us for our first study of the new year! Based on the choice of the group, we will be studying the Creeds of the Christian Church. This study will take place at 7 PM over seven weeks. The dates are: January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2 and March 16 – no class on March 9.

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85408257080?pwd=6SumDamoh9bd6daYFykf4i89evobl7.1>
Meeting ID: 854 0825 7080 | Passcode: 666464

Serving at Worship Today - Sunday, 9:00 AM

Assisting Minister.....Laureen Aiello **Ushers**.....Tyler LaVorgna & Rich Humann
Lector.....Jaclyn Shurman **Greeter**.....Lynn Browning
Acolyte.....Kiko Reyes **Audio/Visual**.....Tyler LaVorgna
Music Director.....Mason Griffin **Altar Guild**.....Lauren & Bill Artus

Parish Calendar This Week (March 8th - March 15th)

Day	Event	Time
Sunday, March 8th	3rd Sunday in Lent	Holy Communion 9:00 am
	HSS Yoga	10:00 am
	The Chosen Viewing	Following Worship
Tuesday, March 10 th	Back to Basics	7:00 pm
Wednesday, March 11 th	N.A.	7:00 pm
Sunday, March 15th	4th Sunday in Lent	Holy Communion 9:00 am

Parish Prayer List

If you would like to have your name or your friend or family member's name added to the Prayer List, please call the office. Please remember to keep the office updated.

Pray For Our Congregation

Bill Artus
Dottie Eberhardt
Richard Engert
John Feeney
John Langbehn
Jan Mosebach
Rick Mosebach
Ilona Riggers
Joe Shurman
Ilse Zeeck

Pray For Our Families

Fred Barrell (brother-in-law of Paul and Susan Portz)
Peter Denning (son-in-law of Lois Angstadt)
James Ebersberger (brother of Jane Ebersberger)
Mrs. Feeney (Mother of John Feeney)
Jim Fritz (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)
Andrew Ojeda (son of Pastor Moira Ahearne)
Friends and Family of John Parrett (husband of Claire Parrett)
Bernd Pfeiffer (brother of Christel LaVorgna)
Laura Panaro (mother of Lauren Aiello)
Eddie Piazza (brother-in-law of John Musi)
Linda Pisano (cousin of Lauren Artus & John Langbehn)
Jean Riolo (mother of Christine Carlson)
Steve Scala (cousin of Lauren Aiello)
Family & Friends of Tommy Ulmschneider (cousin of Kate Ahlers)
Deacon Fred von Voigt (uncle of Muller/Shurman family)

For Our Friends

Jennifer Amiruddin (friend of Maureen O'Brien)

Alice Brahs (friend of Maureen O'Brien)

Ellen Grace (high school friend of Joan Hagner)

John Judge (friend of Jane Ebersberger)

Mark Kravitz (friend of John Langbehn)

Jenn Logan and her Mother (friends of Janet Muller)

Ellen Motoi (friend of Maureen O'Brien)

Betty, John & Mary Beth Ott (friends of Jane Ebersberger)

Bill Schlatter (friend of the Hesse Family)

Martina Schmid (former member of the congregation)

Liz Weiser (friend of Barbara Barcavage)

Help us *Bloom* this Easter!

Easter is just around the corner, and the Altar Guild is preparing to fill the Sanctuary with beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers as we celebrate the Resurrection. You're invited to take part in this joyful tradition by helping sponsor our Easter plants. Contributions may be made as an expression of thanksgiving, or in memory or honor of a loved one. Your gift helps create a worship space that reflects the hope of Easter morning.

To participate, please make checks payable to *St. Stephen's Lutheran Church* and return them with this completed form **by Sunday, March 15th**. If using the offering plate, please use a Memorial envelope and mark "OTHER: Easter Plant." Forms may also be mailed or dropped off to Kate Lenzo, Parish Administrator.

Easter plants may be taken home after the 9:00 a.m. Easter Sunday service, or left to continue beautifying our worship space throughout the Easter season. Thank you for helping us share the joy and hope of Easter!



Please place in offering plate or return to the Church Office by: **Sunday, March 15th**

\$12.00 per Easter Plant



1. In Memory of In Honor of In Thanksgiving for

Given by: _____

2. In Memory of In Honor of In Thanksgiving for

Given by: _____

3. In Memory of In Honor of In Thanksgiving for

Given by: _____

4. In Memory of In Honor of In Thanksgiving for

Given by: _____

Name: _____ Envelope #: _____

Your phone #: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Please indicate if you would like to take your plant(s) home: Yes, please. No, thank you.