



Welcome to Grace Lutheran Church! We are brothers and sisters in Christ who are about **“Proclaiming God’s grace through faith and love.”**

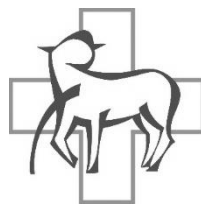
If you are a visitor, please make yourself at home and don’t hesitate to ask a question. There will be the celebration of Holy Communion in the **8:00a.m. service** today. If you are not a member of Grace and desire to commune, please speak with the pastor **before the service**. If you are physically unable to commune at the altar, the pastor would be happy to serve you in your pew. Please, notify an usher before the service begins.

## THE 3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026

### Today in Worship

- 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.



### Ringing of the Bells

**Announcements** (10:30am Service)

**Welcome**

### Opening Hymn

Lutheran Service Book #540  
“Christ the Word of God Incarnate”

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Confession & Absolution

Psalm 84:4-5

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

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

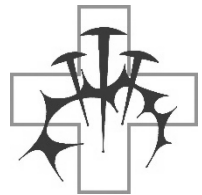
*Silence for meditation and reflection.*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** 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.

**P** 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.

**C** Amen.



## Kyrie

**P** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

**C** Lord, have mercy.

**P** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Psalm 95:1-9



**P** Oh come, let us sing | to the Lord; \*

**C** **let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal- | vation!**

**P** Let us come into his presence with thanks- | giving; \*

**C** **let us make a joyful noise to him with | songs of praise!**

**P** For the Lord is a | great God, \*

**C** **and a great King a- | bove all gods.**

**P** In his hand are the depths | of the earth; \*

**C** **the heights of the mountains are his | also.**

**P** The sea is his, for he | made it, \*

**C** **and his hands formed the | dry land.**

**P** Oh come, let us worship and | bow down; \*

**C** **let us kneel before the Lord, our | Maker!**

**P** For he | is our God, \*

**C** **and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep | of his hand.**

**C** **Glory be to the Father and | to the Son \***

**and to the Holy | Spirit;**

**as it was in the be- | ginning, \***

**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

## Salutation and Prayer of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** And also with you.

**P** 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.

**G** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

*“Moses is commanded to strike the rock from which God will bring forth water.”*

**L** The Old Testament Reading for the Third Sunday in Lent is from Exodus, chapter seven.

<sup>1</sup> All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the Lord, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> And the Lord said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go.

<sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the Lord by saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Choir Anthem** (10:30am)

“Jesus Messiah”

## **Epistle Reading**

Romans 5:1-8

*“We have peace with God through Jesus Christ.”*

**L** The Epistle Reading is from Romans, chapter five.

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Verse**

John 4:23a

**P** The hour is coming, and is now here,

**C** **when the true worshippers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth.**

## **Holy Gospel**

John 4:5-30, 39-42

*“Jesus shows Himself as the living water to a Samaritan woman at the well.”*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4th chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> 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." <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.

<sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship

the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?” <sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?” <sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him.

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.” <sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. <sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word. <sup>42</sup> 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 indeed the Savior of the world.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**The Apostles Creed** *8:00am service*

**The Nicene Creed** *10:30am service*

**Message for Children from God’s Word**

**Hymn of the Day**

*Lutheran Service Book #824*

*“May God Bestow On Us His Grace”*

**Sermon**

**Offertory ~ “Create in Me”**

*Lutheran Service Book #192-193*





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| <b>Sanctus</b> <i>“Holy, Holy, Holy”</i>         | LSB p. 195 |
| <b>Lord’s Prayer</b> <i>Spoken</i>               | LSB p. 196 |
| <b>The Words of our Lord</b> <i>Spoken</i>       | LSB p. 197 |
| <b>Pax Domini</b> <i>“The Peace of Our Lord”</i> | LSB p. 197 |
| <b>Agnus Dei</b> <i>“Lamb of God”</i>            | LSB p. 198 |

## Distribution Hymns

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| <i>“Drawn to the Cross, Which Thou Hast Blessed”</i> | LSB # 560 |
| <i>“All Christians Who Have Been Baptized”</i>       | LSB # 596 |
| <i>“Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good”</i>        | LSB # 819 |

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| <b>Nunc Dimittis</b> <i>“Song of Simeon”</i> | LSB p. 199-200 |
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| <b>Thanksgiving</b> | LSB p. 200 |
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## The Closing Prayer

**P** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, the beginning and the end, the bright morning star, the rock from whom springs living water, and the tree of life for the healing of the nations, grant that Your people may ever rejoice in Your grace and live within the favor of Your love around the Word and Sacraments that alone nourishes us to everlasting life; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

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| <b>Benediction</b> | Numbers 6:24-26 |
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**P** The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen.

## Greeting of Peace

## Closing Hymn

*Lutheran Service Book #435*  
*“Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain”*

