

# Third Sunday in Lent

March 8 and 9, 2026



Exactly What I Need: Water



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## Welcome to Worship

Thank you for joining us for worship today! We are honored that you are with us. We pray that the Word of God you hear will strengthen your faith and increase your love for the Lord! Please fill out a “Welcome to Worship” card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in an offering plate, located near the sanctuary doors, as you leave worship. If you are a guest, know that we are thankful you have joined us and hope that you will join us again soon.

## Prepare for Worship

To prepare for worship, read through the service focus and the Scripture readings. Ponder the words of the Psalm of the Day. Spend time in prayer, using the prayers on the inside cover of the hymnal or on pages 255-258. For those intending to receive the Lord’s Supper, read through the “Christian Questions” on pages 295-296. Consider reading through portions of the Small Catechism on pages 286-293.

## Seasonal Theme for Lent – Exactly What I Need

Lent is the season of the Church Year when I recognize my greatest needs. During Lent, I realize that in Christ all my greatest needs are met. God knows what I need even when I don’t have any idea. The Holy Spirit makes it clear, week after week, that if I lack Christ, I have nothing. But if I have Christ, I have exactly what I need.

## Today’s Focus for Worship – Exactly What I Need: Water

I recognize my deep spiritual thirst. I long for a good relationship with God and for everlasting life. I am tempted to satisfy that deep thirst with worldly things, a strategy doomed to failure. I realize that my thirst is satisfied only by the one who said, “Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.” Jesus meets my greatest need.

## Serving at Worship

Presiding Minister: Pastor Kirk Lahmann

Preacher: Pastor Kenneth Rodrigue

Accompanist: Pastor Kenneth Rodrigue

Communion Assistants: Tim Schubkegel (8:00 am); Gabe Malliet (10:30 am)

## Acknowledgments

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# The Service, Setting 8

## *Corporate Confession and Absolution*



### Opening Hymn

Come Away from Rush and Hurry | 913  
*Please stand to sing the final stanza.*

### Invocation

*Matthew 18:20; 28:19-20*

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we may love you and praise your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

*Psalm 124:8; 1 John 1:8-9; Ephesians 2:4-5*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

**Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved others as you command. For this I deserve your punishment now and forever. I am sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy.**

*Silence for reflection*

Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

**Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.**

Jesus says to his people, “If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven.” Do you believe this?

**Yes, I believe.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins.

**Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ has forgiven us, has reconciled us to God, and has promised us the power to forgive and love one another. Relying on his promise, therefore, be reconciled with one another.

**Brothers and sisters, may the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, in our words, and in our actions.**

Let us pray.

God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world to yourself. We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness. Refresh us with the joy of our salvation, that we may walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your word of peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Lenten Response**

Answer Me, O LORD | Psalm 69-B

*During the season of Lent, we replace the jubilant “Gloria in Excelsis” with a more reflective Lenten response. The congregation sings the Lenten response three times.*



An - swer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;  
in your great com - pas - sion, turn to me.

# The Word

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



## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Be seated*

## First Reading

Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup>perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup>And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup>You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm of the Day

Come, Let Us Praise the LORD | 95-C



1 Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God ac -  
2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be - yond com -  
3 In wor - ship bow the knee, our glo - rious God con -  
4 Come, hear his voice to - day, re - ceive what love im -



claim, his great - ness tell a - broad and bless his  
pare, the deep - est bounds of earth, the hills, are  
fess; the great Cre - a - tor, he, the LORD our  
parts; his ho - ly will o - bey and hard - en



sav - ing name. Lift high your songs be -  
in his care. He all de - crees, who  
Right - eous - ness. He reigns un - seen: his  
not your hearts. His ways are best and



fore his throne to whom a - lone all praise be - longs.  
by his hand pre - pared the land and formed the seas.  
flock he feeds and gent - ly leads in pas - tures green.  
lead at last, all trou - bles past, to per - fect rest.

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*Stand*

## Gospel

John 4:5-26

<sup>5</sup>So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” <sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

<sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

<sup>10</sup> Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

<sup>11</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

<sup>13</sup> Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them 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 won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup> He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

<sup>17</sup> “I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. <sup>18</sup> The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

<sup>19</sup> “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

<sup>21</sup> “Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <sup>22</sup> You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

<sup>25</sup> The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

<sup>26</sup> Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

**Hymn of the Day**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say | 703

## Sermon Text

Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup>The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

<sup>3</sup>But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

<sup>4</sup>Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

<sup>5</sup>The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take 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>I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

## Sermon

Exodus 17:1-7

By the Rock

*Stand*

**Nicene Creed** *Credo*

*Matthew 16:15; Luke 12:8; 2 Corinthians 4:13*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

## **Prayer of the Church**

*Psalm 95:7*

O Lord, Rock of our salvation, pour out your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that we may be assured in the hope of your glory.

**We are the people of your pasture. We are the flock under your care.**

Open our eyes to the many blessings you give us day after day. Give us grateful hearts that without doubt and without grumbling we may praise you for your goodness.

**We are the people of your pasture. We are the flock under your care.**

As your Son shared the living water of the gospel with the Samaritan woman, move us to share your living water with those who thirst, that they may see Jesus as their Messiah.

**We are the people of your pasture. We are the flock under your care.**

Look on all the schools of our land and bless those who teach and those who learn, that they may grow in true knowledge, wisdom and skill as they learn about the wonders of your world.

**We are the people of your pasture. We are the flock under your care.**

Bless the proclamation of your Word in this place that it may remain the foundation for our faith and life, and that we may continue to worship you in Spirit and in truth.

**We are the people of your pasture. We are the flock under your care.**

When we were still powerless, Christ died for us. In your mercy, help those who are weak, hurting or in need. Bring peace to their hearts with the message of your grace in Christ, and let their sufferings yield the fruits of perseverance, character and hope.

**We are the people of your pasture. We are the flock under your care.**

O Lord, refresh us with the living water of the Word of Jesus. Pour out your Spirit on us and on those who hear the Word from our lips. Make us grow in wisdom, knowledge and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## Offering

2 Corinthians 9:7

Offerings given in thanks to the Lord are brought to the Lord's altar. We ask all worshipers to fill out a "Welcome to Worship" card (found in the hymnal racks) and place it in the offering plates at the sanctuary doors following the service.

## The Sacrament

Stand



## Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; Colossians 3:1; Psalm 136:1

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

Tune: ELLACOMBE



- 1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
- 2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Matthew 26:26*

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer *Pater Noster*

*Matthew 6:9-13*

**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.**

## Words of Institution *Verba*

*Matthew 26:26-28; 1 Corinthians 11:23-25*

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my + body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my + blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**Amen.**

## O Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

*John 1:29*

*Tune: GOTTLOB, ES GEHT NUNMEHR ZU ENDE*



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

*Be seated*

## Holy Communion Distribution

*St. John's Lutheran Church practices Close Communion. We ask that only members of St. John's, or members of a church in fellowship with St. John's, come forward for Communion. Our pastoral staff would be happy to set up a time to discuss this, and any teaching of Scripture, with you.*

## Distribution Hymns (Sunday)

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain | 394

Lamb of God | 403

What Grace Is This! | 395

*Stand*

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
**his mercy endures forever.**

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

Lord Jesus, give us the living water of your Word that we may drink and never go thirsty. Let your Word remain in our hearts as a living spring, welling up to eternal life, and also bringing life and healing to those we share it with; for you, Lord Jesus, are the true Water of Life, and you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Blessing** *Aaronic Benediction*

*Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and † give you peace.  
**Amen.**

*Be seated*

**Closing Hymn**

Preserve Your Word, O Savior | 874

# Exactly What I Need

*Ash Wednesday and Sundays in Lent 2026*

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Ash Wednesday – February 18

First Sunday in Lent – February 22 & 23

Second Sunday in Lent – March 1 & 2

Third Sunday in Lent – March 8 & 9

Fourth Sunday in Lent – March 15 & 16

Fifth Sunday in Lent – March 22 & 23

Palm Sunday – March 29 & 30

Even when  
we don't  
know what  
we need,  
Jesus does.

  
exactly  
what i need

A Lent Series

Exactly What I Need: Forgiveness

Exactly What I Need: A Champion

Exactly What I Need: Faith

Exactly What I Need: Water

Exactly What I Need: Sight

Exactly What I Need: Life

Exactly What I Need: A King

# It Is Finished

*The Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah*

*Wednesdays in Lent 2026*



*The prophet Zechariah records several profound and specific prophecies regarding Jesus' Holy Week activity, including his triumphal entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal, and his suffering and death, culminating in his cry from the cross, "It is finished!" This midweek Lenten series explores those prophecies and connects them to their Holy Week fulfillment. Join us for worship these Wednesdays in Lent at 3:30pm or 6:30pm as we see our Kingly Priest (Zech 6) sold (Zech 11), pierced (Zech 12), and struck for us, his scattered sheep (Zech 13).*

February 25 – Pastor Kirk Lahmann  
*St. John's Lutheran, Burlington*

Look at the One Who Was Pierced  
*Zechariah 12:10-13*

March 4 – Pastor Kenneth Rodrigue  
*St. John's Lutheran, Burlington*

Scattered Sheep  
*Zechariah 13:7-9*

March 11 – Pastor Mike Kuschel  
*First Lutheran, Elkhorn*

The Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth  
*Zechariah 8:14-17*

March 18 – Pastor Ken Frey  
*Retired; First Lutheran, Lake Geneva*

What's He Worth to You?  
*Zechariah 11:7-13*

March 25 – Pastor Derek Bartelt  
*First Lutheran, Lake Geneva*

The Kingly Priest  
*Zechariah 6:9-13*