

PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 8, 2026

WELCOME!

We love that you are here today! Our service can be found in the blue hymnal beneath the chair in front of you. Projections are also provided on the front wall.

Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you exit the worship space, as well as across the hall as you enter into the school.

Quiet room Parents may use the library in the back of this worship space which still enables you to hear/see the service.

A **Connection Card** and pen are found in the pocket of the chair in front of you. Time will be provided to fill it out during the service. You may drop it in the wicker basket along the wall after the service.

THEME: LENT 3 HEED THE GOSPEL CALL: THE CALL TO DRINK DEEPLY OF CHRIST

Jesus said, "When I am lifted up [on the cross] I will draw all men to myself" (Jn 12:32). How does He draw us to himself? Through the Gospel Call. The Gospel is the good news of salvation that comes to us from Jesus. This good news calls out to us. It makes its appeal. It wants to be heard and believed. The Holy Spirit uses the Gospel to bring us to faith in Jesus. Since Lent is a time of renewal in our faith, we are encouraged once again to heed the Gospel Call. In particular today, the Gospel calls us to drink deeply of Christ. Our minds and hearts are parched with guilt. We thirst for meaning, hope and fulfillment. Like an ever-flowing stream Christ quenches our thirst with forgiveness, grace and salvation.

PLEASE RESPECT OUR PRACTICE OF "CLOSE COMMUNION"

Christ says the Sacrament is an expression of unity (1 Co 10:16-17). We WANT to be unified with you on the basis of Christ and His doctrine! Honesty compels us to ask you to WAIT before communing with us: 1) until you've had a chance to find out what we teach; 2) until you make your unity with us evident by membership at Peace. Regular classes are conducted for this purpose (837-5346).

WELS & ELS guests please sign a Connection Card and give it to an usher before communing. Thank you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Hymns

Opening Hymn	631	<i>Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening</i>
Psalm of the Day	Psalm 95	page 95 in the blue hymnal
Hymn of the Day	401	<i>There Is a Fountain</i>
Distribution Hymns	394	<i>Come to Calvary’s Holy Mountain</i>
	661	<i>Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord</i>
Closing Hymn	692	<i>All Who Believe and Are Baptized</i>

Scripture Lessons

First Lesson	Exodus 17:1-7
Second Lesson	Romans 5:1-8
Gospel Lesson	John 4:5-26

Sermon

John 4:5-26
Give Me this Water

SERVING IN WORSHIP

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Sermon..... Rev. Jordan Ertl
Keyboard Mrs. Jennifer Werre
Projection Slides Brittany Kuehl

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FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

¹The entire Israelite community set out on their journey from the Wilderness of Sin as the LORD had commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink.

²So the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink."

Moses said to them, "Why are you quarreling with me? Why are you testing the LORD?"

³But the people were thirsty for water there, so they grumbled against Moses. They said, "Why did you ever bring us up out of Egypt to let us, our children, and our livestock die of thirst?"

⁴Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me!"

⁵The LORD said to Moses, "Go in front of the people, and take the elders of Israel with you. Also take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Watch me. I will stand there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. You are to strike the rock. Water will come out of it, and the people will drink." Moses did that in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He named the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled, and because they tested the LORD by saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 95

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God.

³Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, ⁴and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. ⁵And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us.

⁶For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. ⁸But God shows 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.

Please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 4:13,14



Refrain



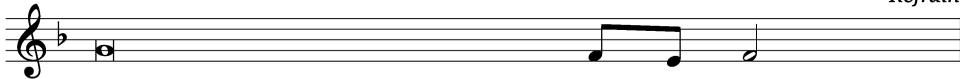
Glo - ry, praise, and hon - or to you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Tone



Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirst - y a - gain,

Refrain



but whoever drinks the water I give them will nev - er thirst."

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GOSPEL

John 4:5-26

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the piece of land Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there. Then Jesus, being tired from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(His disciples had gone into town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus 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"Sir," she said, "you don't even have a bucket, and the well is deep. So where do you get this living water? ¹²You are not greater than our father Jacob, are you? He gave us this well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his animals."

¹³Jesus answered her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I will give him will never be thirsty ever again. Rather, the water I will give him will become in him a spring of water, bubbling up to eternal life."

¹⁵"Sir, give me this water," the woman said to him, "so I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus told her, "Go, call your husband, and come back here."

¹⁷"I have no husband," the woman answered.

Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say, 'I have no husband.' ¹⁸In fact, you have had five husbands, and the man you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true."

¹⁹"Sir," the woman replied, "I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, but you Jews insist that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem."

²¹Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will not worship the Father on this mountain or in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews. ²³But a time is coming and now is here when the real worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth, for those are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth."

²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (the one called Christ). "When he comes, he will explain everything to us."

²⁶Jesus said to her, "I, the one speaking to you, am he."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

There Is a Fountain | CW 401

THE MEANING TO THE THIRD ARTICLE

I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him.

But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH¹

We praise you, Lord, for everything you have ever taken away or refused to give us,
for we trust you to remove whatever might stand between us and our Savior.

Thank you, God, for every trouble or sorrow you allow into our lives,

For by so doing you give us divine gifts like perseverance, character and hope which does not disappoint.

Father, we laud you for the loved ones you have called to yourself, for through their death you not only rescue your children from the sorrows of this life,

you also remind us to prepare for eternity.

Savior, we express our sincere appreciation for never having enough money.

For with every penny you withhold, you turn us to the one thing needful and also lead us to pray for daily bread.

We exalt you, King of Creation, for the tornadoes, earthquakes, blizzards, floods and every natural disaster you allowed in the past year,

for by these, you warn the wicked of your impending judgment and provide us channels for charity.

Jesus, Head of the Church, thank you for not revealing how you will rescue your people in the face of seemingly impossible problems.

For by withholding your answer, you lead us not to rely on human wisdom but to trust your promises.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow

At every turn in life, give us hearts of true repentance and sincere thanksgiving,

so when you say, "All things work together for good," we come to trust that you really mean "all things." Amen.

(Lord's Prayer, hymnal, page 168)

¹ This prayer is derived from today's Scripture reading from Romans 5.