

**Apostle's Creed, Psalter Reading, and Scripture Reading  
For March 8, 2026**

**THE APOSTLE'S CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**  
Maker of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ,** his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there 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,  
and the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**PSALTER READING: Psalm 97**

The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad;

**let the distant shores rejoice.**

Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

**Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.**

His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

**The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.**

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols – worship him, all you gods!**

Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments, O Lord.

**For you, O Lord, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.**

Let those who love the Lord hate evil,

**for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.**

### **SCRIPTURE READING:**

Genesis 6:9-22 (NIV)

#### **Noah and the Flood**

<sup>9</sup>This is the account of Noah and his family.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. <sup>10</sup>Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

<sup>11</sup>Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. <sup>12</sup>God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. <sup>13</sup>So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. <sup>14</sup>So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. <sup>15</sup>This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. <sup>16</sup>Make a roof for it,

leaving below the roof an opening one cubit<sup>[c]</sup> high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. <sup>17</sup> I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. <sup>18</sup> But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. <sup>19</sup> You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. <sup>20</sup> Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. <sup>21</sup> You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.”

<sup>22</sup> Noah did everything just as God commanded him.