

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8th, 2026

"We are rooted in God's love, united in connecting people to Jesus"

PRELUDE MUSIC

WELCOME and INVOCATION

OPENING PRAISE: "When Peace like a River" (763)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN HYMN: "Stricken, Smitten, Afflicted" (451)

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

P: Beloved in the Lord, let us draw near to God in faith and repentance, confessing our sins. We confess together:

C: Heavenly Father, I confess all my sins to You, the sins that I know of and I acknowledge that there are others that are unknown to me. Your Word teaches that I will be held accountable for my sins. But, Your Word also teaches me about Jesus and that He is the Savior of the world. Lord, I ask that You forgive me of my sins, that my sins not stay with me. "God, have mercy on me, a sinner" (Luke 18.13b).

P: Friends of God, heaven rejoices when we acknowledge our sins for God desires to shower His mercy and love upon us. Know, therefore, that your sins, your known and unknown sins, are removed from you as far as the east is from the west (Psalm 103.12). The words I speak, I now speak for God: You are forgiven of your sins! They are no longer with you!

C: Amen! Thanks be to God!

KYRIE PRAYER (Spoken)

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.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you!

P: Let us pray together:

C: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring us all to You with repentant hearts. Forgive us our sins as we trust that You have proven Your love for us, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30)

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Our Epistle reading is **Romans 5.1-8**. In this reading, we hear the great benefits of God's love for us all.

Today's Gospel is **John 4:5-26**. The Apostle John recounts Jesus' encounter with a Samaritan woman.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

L: These are the Words of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

CONFESSION OF OUR FAITH

NICENE CREED (Screens)

SERMON HYMN: "What Wondrous Love is This" (543)

SERMON: Romans 5.1-8

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Congregational response to each petition is: "**Lord, have mercy**"*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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 Him thanks and praise.

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should . . . evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS (p. 161)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION & DISTRIBUTION HYMNS:

“Your Table I Approach” (628), “Rock of Ages” (761),

“Let Us Break Bread Together” (Screens)

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AFFIRMATION OF HOPE

P: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, in
Your holy Church forever and ever. Amen!

**C (Loudly): CHRIST HAS COME! CHRIST IS RISEN! CHRIST SHALL
COME AGAIN!**

THE BENEDICTION

C: Amen!

CLOSING HYMN: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (805)

Pastor: We have gathered this morning to worship the Lord, to be renewed
and strengthened in God’s love and the forgiveness of sins. As we go, let
us remember who we are and what we do:

**C: “We are rooted in God’s love, united in connecting people to
Jesus.”**

Pastor: You are dearly loved and treasured by God, planted and growing
in God’s love. As God’s beloved children, go in peace! Love one another!
Be a blessing! Share the faith! Serve the Lord with gladness!

C: Thanks be to God!

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