

March 8, 2026

Worship with Holy Communion

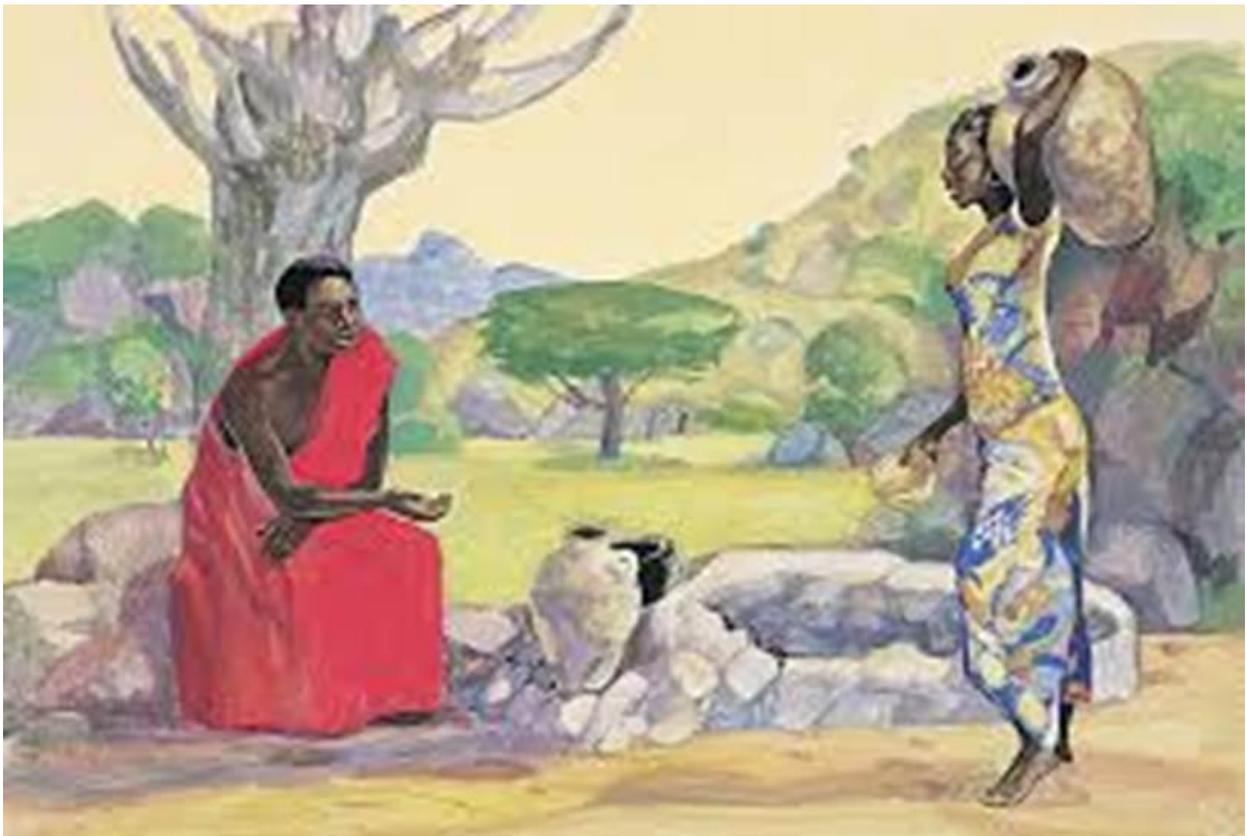
Third Sunday of Lent

ELW setting 3

St. Paul Lutheran Church

9844 SW Greenville Road

Greenville, Michigan



Worship Plan for Sunday, March 8, 2026
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ELW Holy Communion Setting Three
With Two Baptisms and One Member Welcome

MUSIC BEFORE WORSHIP

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Quiet time to center ourselves in preparation for worship



GATHERING SONG ELW #324 IN THE CROSS OF CHRIST / GLORY



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the
 love up - on my way, from the cross the
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that



sa - cred sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 cross for - sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 knows no mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you. (hands out)

KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

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

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.





HOLY BAPTISM

***As the candidates for baptism, sponsors and parents gather at the font, the congregation will sing*

BAPTISM HYMN ELW #456 BAPTIZED IN WATER



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
 2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
 3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
 tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
 sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Candidates for baptism, sponsors, and parents gather with the ministers at the font.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors for each candidate, in turn, present the candidates:

*Nora's sponsors: **I present Nora for baptism.***

*Candace's sponsors: **I present Candace for baptism.***

The presiding minister addresses candidates who are able to answer for themselves:

Candace, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to be baptized into Christ?

*Candace responds: **I do.***

The presiding minister addresses parents or others who bring for baptism children who are not able to answer for themselves:

Candace and Chelsea, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

*Candace and Chelsea Response: **We do.***

As you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

*Candace and Chelsea Response: **We do.***

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture these persons in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

*All sponsors for Nora and Chelsea response: **We do.***

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Nora and Candace and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

The assembly stands.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses candidates for baptism as well as the parents and sponsors of young children. The assembly may join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

*Response: **I renounce them.***

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

***he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.***

**The word "catholic" beginning with a small letter "c" means all Christians.*

THANKSGIVING AT THE FONT

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

The presiding minister baptizes each candidate. Water is poured on the candidate's head, as the presiding minister says:

*Nora, I baptize you in the name of the Father, **
head a second time:
and of the Son,
head a third time:
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

*Candace, I baptize you in the name of the Father, **
head a second time:
and of the Son,
head a third time:
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

***Blessed be God, the source of all life,
the word of salvation,
the spirit of mercy.***

Nora first or however it happens comfortably:

Clothed with Christ in baptism, the newly baptized may receive a baptismal garment.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays for each:

Sustain Nora with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.
Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of each of the baptized. Oil prepared for this purpose may be used. As the sign of the cross is made, the minister says:

Nora, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Candace second or however it comes comfortably:

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WELCOME

A lighted candle may be given to each of the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child)

Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me

will have the light of life.

*The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly.
Let us welcome the newly baptized.*

***We welcome you, Nora and Candace,
into the body of Christ and
into the mission we share.
Join us in giving thanks and praise to God
and bearing God's creative and redeeming word
to all the world.***

*Those who have gathered at the font may return to their places.
**except for Chelsea who will be welcomed in as a new member:*

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS TO THE CONGREGATION

PRESENTATION OF NEW MEMBERS

The presiding minister addresses the assembly in these or similar words.

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for this woman, one with us in the body of Christ, whom we welcome as a new member into the life and ministry of this congregation.

A representative of the congregation or the presiding minister may introduce each new member or household.

Kevand: Chelsea Megan Winters desires to become a member of our congregation.

ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS

The presiding minister addresses those being welcomed.

*In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.
Sister in Christ,*

do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

CHELSEA RESPONDS:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*People of God,
do you promise to support and pray
for Chelsea in her life in Christ?*

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

WELCOME

Those being welcomed face the assembly.

Let us welcome this sister, Chelsea, in Christ to this community of faith.

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17:1-7

A reading from Exodus. (pause)

17 From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

(pause) The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95

- ¹ O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
- ² **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**
- ³ For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴ **In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
- ⁶ **O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**
- ⁷ For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture
and the sheep of his hand.
O that today you would listen to his voice!
- ⁸ **Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,**
- ⁹ when your ancestors tested me
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
- ¹⁰ **For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they do not regard my ways."**
- ¹¹ Therefore in my anger I swore,
"They shall not enter my rest."

SECOND READING: ROMANS 5:1-11

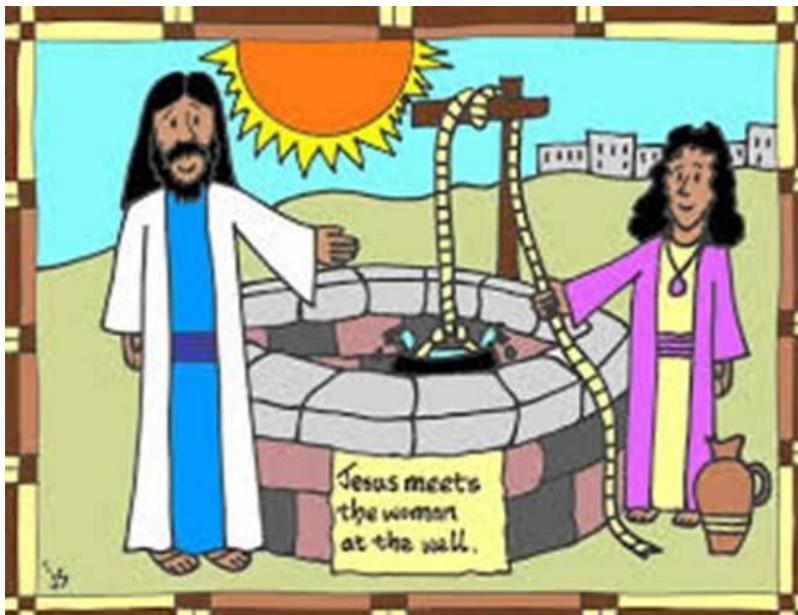
A reading from Romans. (pause)

5 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

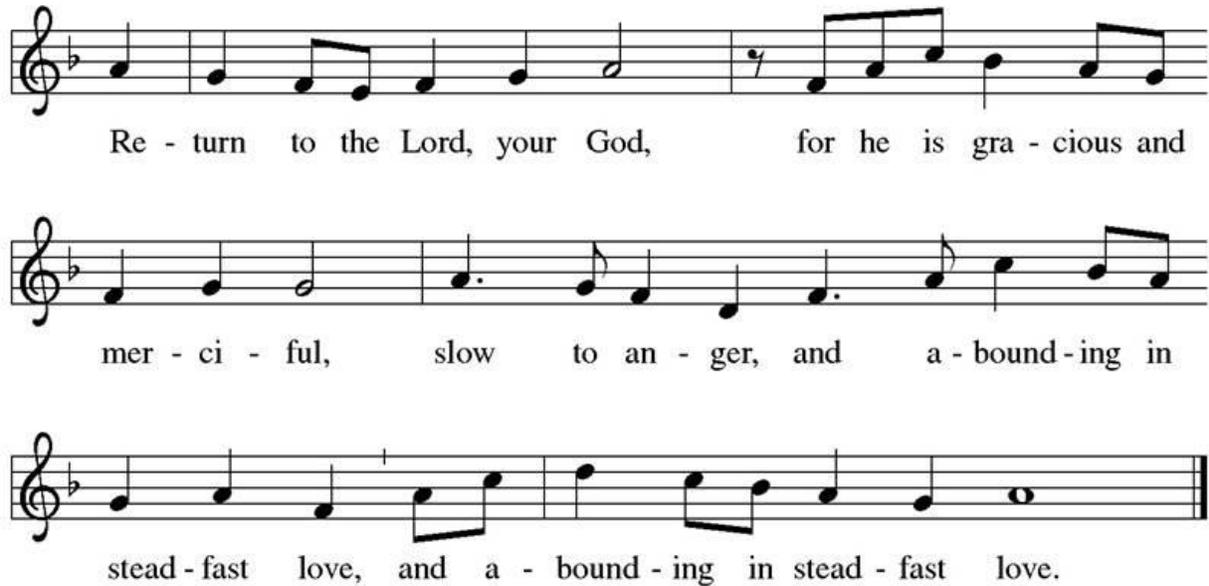
(pause) The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The assembly stands to welcome the gospel.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: JOHN 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵ So Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. ⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal

life.”¹⁵ The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.”¹⁷ The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband,’¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!”¹⁹ The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet.”²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.”²¹ Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.”²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.”²³ But the hour is coming and is now here when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.”²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”²⁵ The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.”²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

²⁷ Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?”²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people,²⁹ “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?”³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.”³² But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.”³³ So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?”³⁴ Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work.”³⁵ Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting.”³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.”³⁷ For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

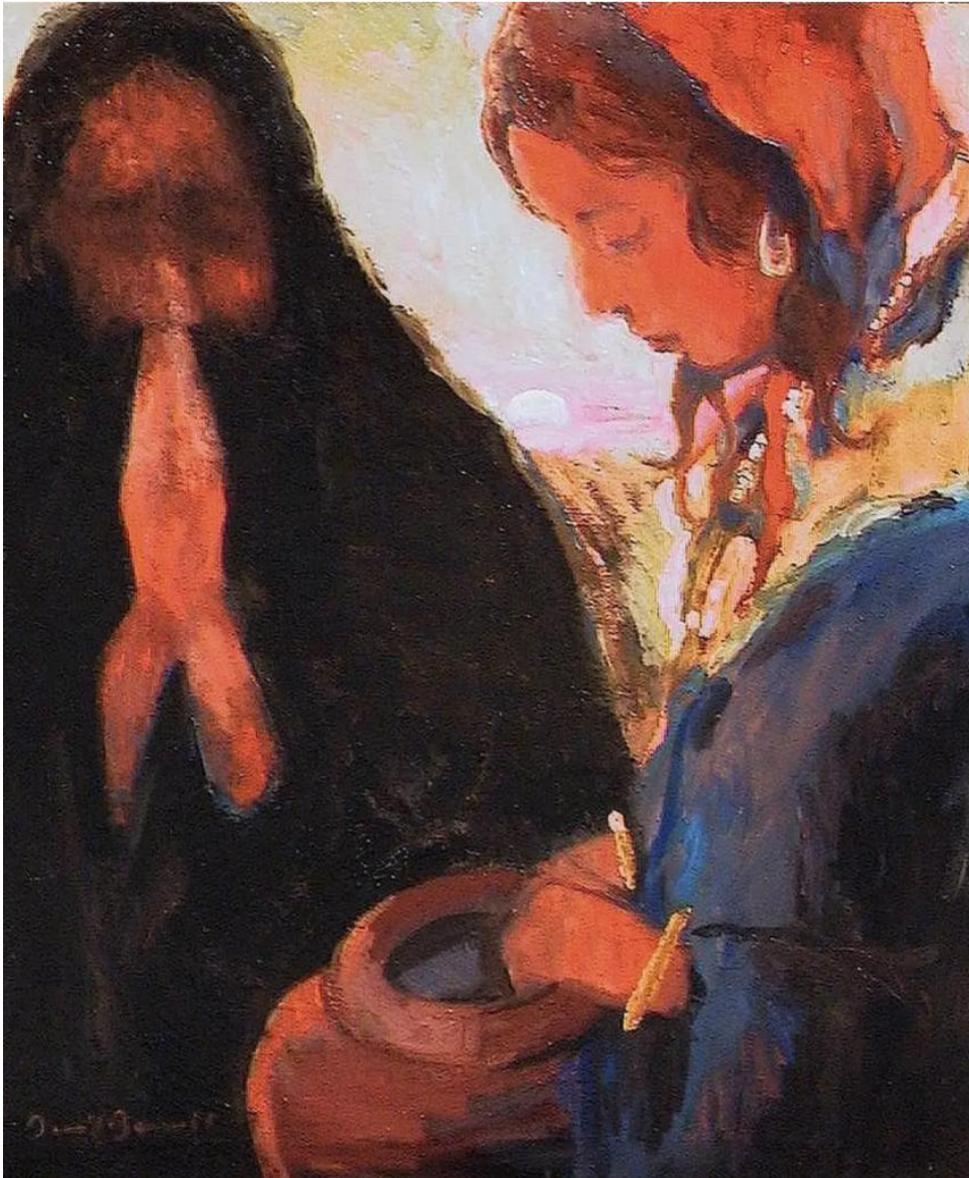
³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.”⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.⁴¹ And many more believed because of his word.⁴² They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we

believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.



**HYMN OF THE DAY ELW #332 I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY
(KINGSFOLD TUNE)**

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting-place,
and he has made me glad.

- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one;
stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray
for the world and its needs.

A brief silence.

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for our new members, Nora, Candace, and Chelsea whom you have drawn to yourself by the love of Jesus Christ and whom we have welcomed into this household of faith.

Keep us close together in your Spirit in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need *especially we lift prayers for...*

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you. (hands out)

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

The assembly is seated.

OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

OFFERING SONG ELW #188 CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART O GOD

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -
store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. (pause)

O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
You call your people to cleanse their hearts
and prepare with joy for the paschal feast,
that, renewed in the gift of baptism,
we may come to the fullness of your grace.
And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

The assembly may be seated.

COMMUNION

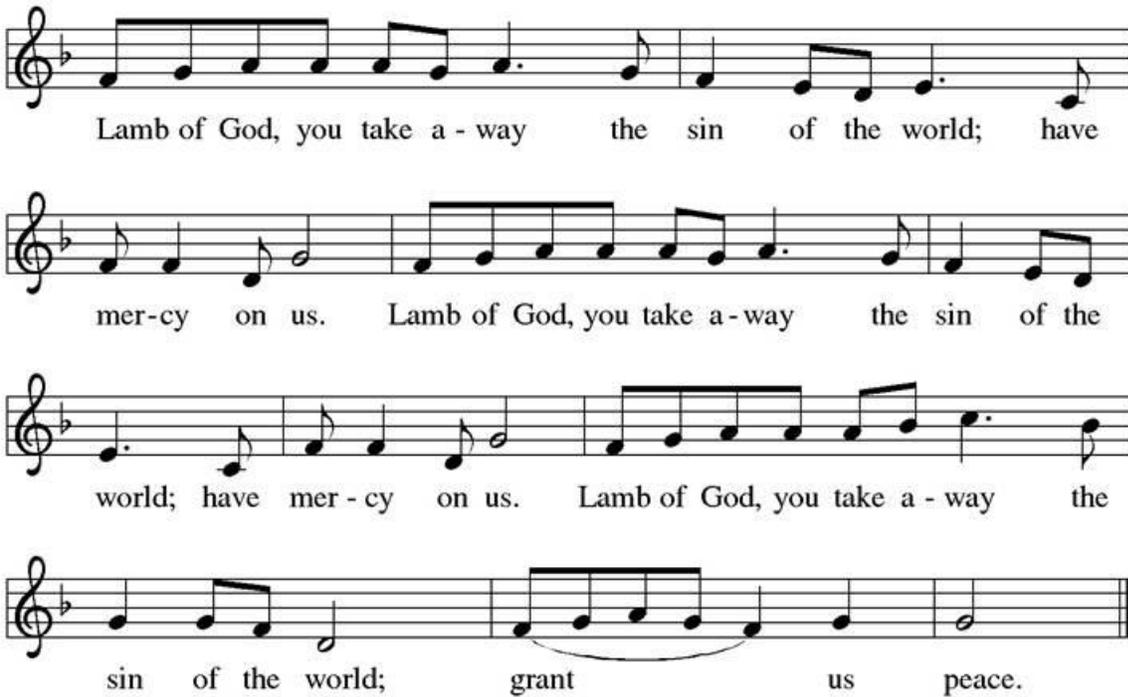
Before coming to receive Holy Communion, please pause and silently confess your sin, trusting that indeed God will forgive you.

**If it is difficult for you to physically come to the table, please let an usher know and Pastor Nan will be delighted to deliver it to you.*

*When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond
Amen.*

COMMUNION SONG

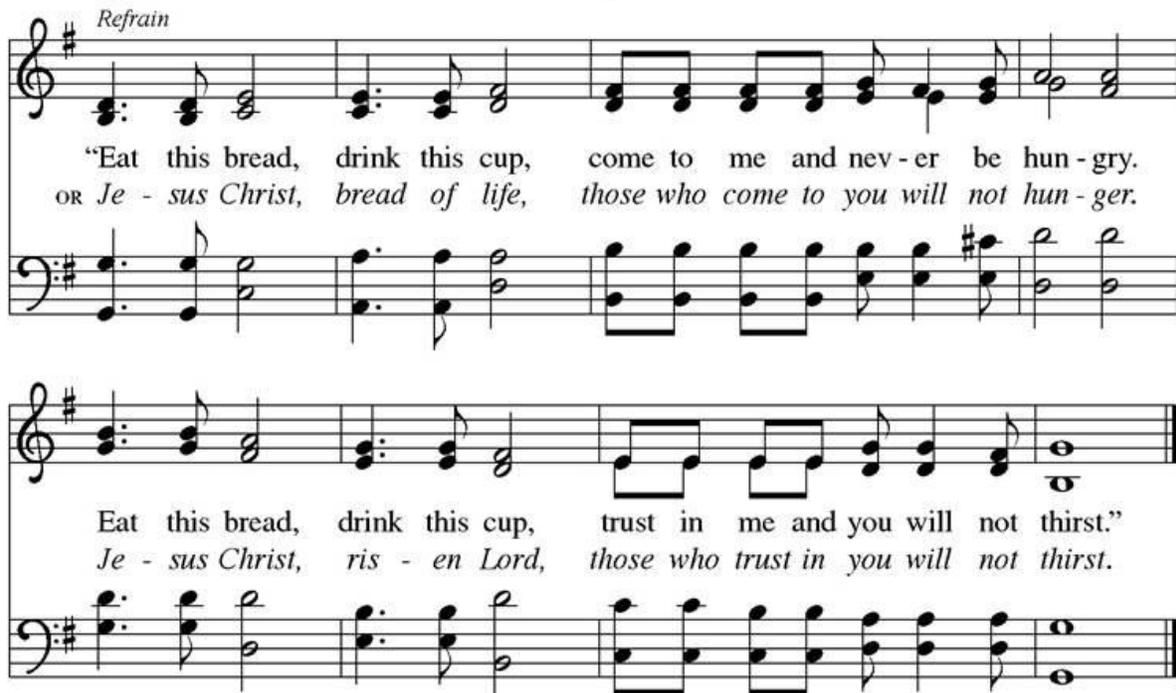
Music may accompany the communion and may begin with:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING HOLY COMMUNION

ELW #472 EAT THIS BREAD **sing three times



Refrain
"Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst."
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

ELW #623 ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

FINAL TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. (pause)

God of our salvation,
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,
reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey.
Through the body and blood of your Son,
may we become Christ's body in the world,
bearing witness to your love for all creation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

GOOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:
God, who calls all things into existence,
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW #618 *GUIDE ME EVER, GREAT REDEEMER*



1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me



with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



ST. PAUL HEALING PRAYER LIST

Bob Kamphuis, **Carol** Rasmussen, **Dennis** Dombkowski, **Fleet** Wulf, **Gert** Schleben, **Joan** Chadwick, **Joanne** Bryer, **Father Jim** Wyse, **Leroy** Hansen, **Lois** Davis, **Mary Jean** Mallo, **Ray** Jensen, **Ron** Billmeier, **Shirley** Hansen, **Shirley** Sly, **Tom** Hagedorn.

****If you want to have someone added, please email the main office, leave a voicemail on the main church phone number or text Pastor Nan*

MILITARY

Brian Blomstrom, **Chris** Miller, **Hanah** MacMillen, **JD** Johansen, **Marcus** Roy, **Ryan** Treynor, **Steve** Kowalewicz, **Troy** Thornburg, **Tyler** Markum, **Vaughn** Misner, **Victor** Rivera, **Vinnie** Baza.

PRAYER CHAIN FOR ST. PAUL

If you would like to join the prayer chain, please contact Lynn Cooper at 616-754-5579.

**Thank you to the
four women who
deep cleaned our
commercial kitchen
and floor.**

Way to go!



-This Week-

- March 8, Sunday Holy Communion Worship 930 am with
Two Baptisms & One New Member Welcome
Coffee/cake reception
AOF class – large classroom
Easter flowers orders
- March 9, Monday Al-anon 5pm
Pastor Sabbath
- March 10, Tuesday Food Mission 10 am
Bells 6 pm
Pastor Zooming ELCA required class
- March 11, Wednesday No Bible/Book study
Food Mission 530 pm
Lent Worship 6 pm – Lent: Purple & Pretzels
Pastor Zooming ELCA required class
Mark Sabbath
- March 12, Thursday Mark at Joint Synod Mtg
Worship and Music Mtg. 4 pm
- March 13, Friday Shalom Meditation 130 pm
- March 14, Saturday Read with Pastor 10 -12 noon
- March 15, Sunday Worship with Holy Communion 930 am
Loose Change Offering
LAST DAY TO ORDER EASTER FLOWERS
AOB class in large classroom

MARCH SERVING CALENDAR

| St Paul Service Calendar March 2026 | Assisting | Proclaimer | Sound | Lead Ushe | Nursery | Counters |
|--|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Mar 1 | Rocky H | Kevand S | Lee H Diane C Karen H | Curt B | Donny M | Joy S Karen H |
| Mar 8 | Alicia D | Lynn C | Diane C Paul R Connie T | John C | Shirley H | John C Lisa B |
| Mar 15 | Connie T | Rocky H | Lee H Diane C Lisa B | Bob K | Amy S | Shirley H Connie T |
| Mar 22 | Dorinda K | Sandy C | Paul R Lee H Tara C | Kevand S | Volunteer | Kevand S Diane C |
| Mar 29 | Janet W-M | Amy S | Lee H Diane C Lisa B | Bob K | Amy S | John C Lisa B |

Dates, and names are Subject to change.

If you are going to miss the Sunday that you are scheduled, please get a sub.