

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8th Anno Domini (The Year of Our LORD)
2026

✠ Preparation ✠

Welcome and Connection Cards

Stand

Opening Hymn - You Are My All In All

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we

have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy Name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

Introit

Psalm 84:1-4; antiphon: v. 5

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.
How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!

My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the
LORD;

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a
nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at

your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have mercy.**
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have mercy.**
- A** 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.**
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
- C** **LORD, have mercy.**
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious LORD.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P** The LORD be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen**

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17: 1 - 7

After the reading:

- L** This is the Word of the LORD.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Hebrews 12: 2

Epistle Reading

Romans 5: 1 - 8

After the reading:

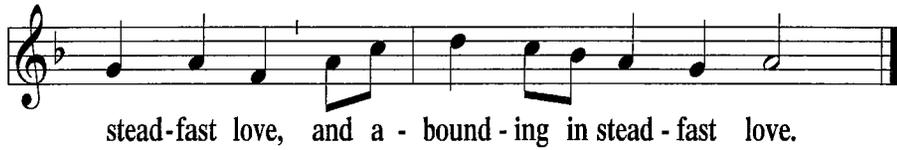
- L** This is the Word of the LORD.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

Verse for Lent



C Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for He is gra-cious and



Holy Gospel

John 4: 5 –

26

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.



C Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

After the reading:

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.



C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sit

Hymn of the Day - Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Sermon - "Living Water" *John 4: 5 - 26*

MEMORY VERSE:

John 4: 25 - 26

"The woman said to him 'I know that the Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you, am he.'"

Stand

Nicene Creed

**All: I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one LORD Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came
down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the
virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried.

**And the third day He rose again according to
the Scriptures**

and ascended into heaven

and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to judge both
the living and**

the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the LORD and giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who with the Father and the Son together is
 worshiped and
 glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
 And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
 Church,
 I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of
 sins,
 and I look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

The congregation now greets one another in the Name of the LORD, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the LORD be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Offering and Offertory



C What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal



va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my



vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the



courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

Benediction

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you.
 The LORD make His face shine on you and be
 gracious to you.
 The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give
 you peace.
- C** Amen.

Sit

Announcements

*Children are invited to come forward and assist in leading the
 Closing Song with percussion instruments*

Stand

Closing Hymn - Sent Forth By God's Blessing