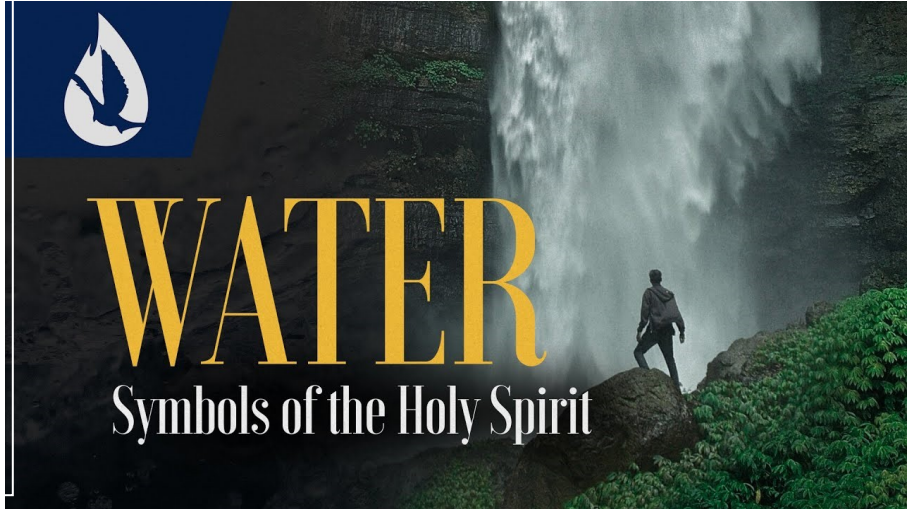




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**9:00 - Traditional**

***March 8, 2026***

# ***Welcome***

to St. John Lutheran Church and our Traditional Worship Service. We are so glad you have chosen to join us today and we pray your time with us will fill you with the love our Lord has for you.

May God bless your worship with us today,

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**Third Sunday in Lent**

**Divine Service One** (pp 151ff)

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Sharing of the Peace**

**Opening Song**      **"Glorious Things of You Are Spoken"** LSB 648

Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
He whose word cannot be broken Formed you for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
You may smile at all your foes.

See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love,  
Well supply your sons and daughters And all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river Ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,  
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna  
Which God gives them on their way.

Savior, since of Zion's city I through grace a member am,  
Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in Your name.  
Fading are the world's vain pleasures, All their boasted pomp and show;  
Solid joys and lasting treasures  
None but Zion's children know.

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**Invocation**

LSB 151

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

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

## Confession and Forgiveness

- L** 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.**
- L** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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

- L** Most merciful God,
- C** **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.**
- L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

## Service of the Word

### Introit (Entrance)

- L** Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
- C** **in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**
- L** How lovely is your dwelling place,
- C** **O Lord of hosts!**
- L** My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the Lord;
- C** **my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.**
- L** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
- C** **at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.**
- L** Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,
- C** **ever singing your praise!**

**C** **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.**

**Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)** *(Sung)*

*LSB 152*

**L** In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**L** 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.**

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

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

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

**C** **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

**L** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**L** 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 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. Amen.**

**First Reading**

Exodus 17:1-7

<sup>1</sup> All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup> Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." And Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" <sup>3</sup> But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready

to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup> Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup> And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

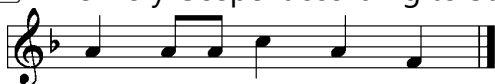
**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

John 4:5-26

**L** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.



**C** Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup> So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup> (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup> 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.” <sup>11</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.” <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <sup>17</sup> The woman answered him, “I have no husband.” Jesus said to her, “You are right in saying, ‘I have no husband’; <sup>18</sup> for you have had five husbands, and the one you



Fill us with the light of day.

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living, Ocean-depth of happy rest!

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

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## Message

## “Water Testing”

## Offering

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## Offering Song - Sung

LSB 159

- ☞ What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits to me? I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving and will call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of salvation and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the presence of all His people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.**

## Prayer of the Church

## Lord's Prayer

LSB 162

- ☞ 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.**

## Benediction (Blessing)

LSB 166

- ☐ 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.



☐ A - men.

## Closing Song

## “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” LSB 770

What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;  
Oh, what needless pain we bear—  
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!  
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge— Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.  
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