

March 15, 2026

Welcome

Opening Hymn

584 Faith and Truth and Life Bestowing

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| 1 Faith and truth and life bestowing,
Open now the Scriptures, Lord,
Seed to life eternal sowing,
Scattered on the wind abroad.
Let not hearts, Your Word receiving,
Like a barren field be found,
Choked with thorns and unbelieving,
Shallow earth or stony ground. | 2 May the Spirit's pow'r unceasing
Bring to life the hidden grain,
Daily in our hearts increasing,
Bearing fruit that shall remain.
So in Scripture, song, and story,
Savior, may Your voice be heard.
Till our eyes behold Your glory
Give us ears to hear Your Word. |
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Invocation and Confession of Sins.....(pg. 151 Lutheran Service Book)

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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

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.)

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

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.

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 the Word I therefore announce the forgiveness of all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Kyrie.....sung to tune: *Jesus Refuge of the Weary*

**For your peace and for salvation Lord have mercy, hear our pray'r.
For the health of Church, world, nation, Lord have mercy, hear our pray'r.
For all here who bend to render Hymns of worship, shouts of praise,
Hear our pray'r, O great Defender; Unto you our voices raise.**

Let us pray: Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Old Testament

Isaiah 55:8-11

The Lord declares: "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

John 5:24

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Object Lesson

Hymn of the Day

973 Thy Word Is a Lamp

- ref Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet
And a light unto my path.
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And a light unto my path.
- 1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
Still You're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.
Please be near me to the end. Refrain
- 2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet
My heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;
And I will love You to the end. Refrain

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Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Our offerings help to support:

Operation Christmas Child

Offertory

.....sung to tune: O Sacred Head
What language shall I borrow To thank You, dearest Friend.
For all Your dying sorrow, Your pity without end?
Oh, make me Yours forever; And should I fainting prove,
Lord, let me never, never Outlive Your dying love!

The Prayers

[If you would like to send a card or call to someone for whom we prayed, please contact Pastor John.]

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus
And for all people according to their needs.

(After each portion of the prayers:)

Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

The 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.

Preface:

.....sung to tune: O Sacred Head
The Lord is with His people;
Now may He be with you.
**The Lord is with His servants;
May He be with you, too.**
Now lift your hearts to praise him
**To God we lift them high
'Tis right to praise and thank Him
Who to His world draws nigh.**

It is truly good, right, and salutary...evermore praising you and singing:

Sanctus.....sung to tune: *Dearest Jesus We are Here*

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
Heav'n and earth proclaim the story
Of Your majesty adored,
Of Your kingdom, pow'r and glory.
With hosannas now we meet You;
With our palms and praises greet You.

Hail! Hosanna! Blest is He
Who in God's own name draws near us!
Hail! Hosanna! Blest are we
Since we have God's love to cheer us:
Blood outpoured and body broken,
Of eternal love the token.

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on us children of men and given your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. We give you thanks for the redemption you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Send your Holy Spirit into our hearts that he may establish in us a living faith and prepare us joyfully to remember our Redeemer and receive him who comes to us in his body and blood.

Jesus' Direction for Holy Communion

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Agnus Dei.....sung to tune: *O Sacred Head*

O Lamb of God, once lifted upon the cursed tree;
O Lamb of God, once offered in sacrifice for me;
O Lamb of God, my Savior in my place crucified;
Your peace and mercy grant me. My Savior will provide.

Distribution Hymns

579 The Law of God Is Good and Wise

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| <p>1 The Law of God is good and wise
And sets His will before our eyes,
Shows us the way of righteousness,
And dooms to death when we transgress.</p> <p>2 Its light of holiness imparts
The knowledge of our sinful hearts
That we may see our lost estate
And turn from sin before too late.</p> <p>3 To those who help in Christ have found
And would in works of love abound
It shows what deeds are His delight
And should be done as good and right.</p> | <p>4 But those who scornfully disdain
God's Law shall then in sin remain;
Its terror in their ear resounds
And keeps their wickedness in bounds.</p> <p>5 The Law is good; but since the fall
Its holiness condemns us all;
It dooms us for our sin to die
And has no pow'r to justify.</p> <p>6 To Jesus we for refuge flee,
Who from the curse has set us free,
And humbly worship at His throne,
Saved by His grace through faith alone.</p> |
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580 The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace

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| 1 The Gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent His Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified. | 4 It is the pow'r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings. |
| 2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made the atoning sacrifice,
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed
To come and find eternal rest. | 5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears. |
| 3 It brings the Savior's righteousness
To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace. | 6 May we in faith its message learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness. |

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The body and blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the faith to life everlasting. Go in peace.

Amen.

Thanksgivingsung to tune: *Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain*

**Christ, himself for us abasing Gave his life upon the cross;
Ever humble, all-effacing, For us counted all things loss;
Unto death God's will obeyed, For our sakes a servant made.**

**Thus to glory God did raise him, Granted him the highest name,
That all creatures now may praise him, Call him "Lord" and tell his fame.
At the name of Jesus now Let all knees in worship bow.**

We give thanks to you, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through this good gift, and we implore you that of your mercy you would strengthen us through the same in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benediction

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.

Amen.

Closing Hymn

921 On What Has Now Been Sown

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| 1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise! | 3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come! |
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Server Schedule

	3/15	3/22	3/29
Altar Flowers	Rehmes	Davis	Ehlers
Altar Guild	Ron/Barb	Williams/Koob	Royce/Paula
Counters	Adria/Michelle	John Da/Vicki	John Di/Wayne
	8:30	8:30	8:30
Elder	Gordon	Erik	Gordon
Reader	Edwin	Nanette	Amy
PowerPoint	Wanda	Gordon	Lisa
Organ	Linda	Linda	Linda
Audio	Steve	Steve	Steve
Visuals	Benjamin	Greg	Preston
	10:30	10:30	10:30
Elder	Greg	Edwin	Herold
Reader	Christi	Delka	Royce
PowerPoint	Vicki	Cole	Christi
Audio	Preston	Hayden	Preston
Visuals	Conor	Donovan	Vicki

Altar flowers this week are donated by Edwin and Linda Rehme in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary on the 22nd .

Birthdays this Week

03/15 Susan Hallstead
 03/15 Isabelle Steffen
 03/16 Jamine Pierce
 03/16 Adam Stamp
 03/16 Susan Waldvogel
 03/17 Crystal Dyer
 03/17 Vin Pierce
 03/18 Jim Durham
 03/18 Shirley Bullinger
 03/19 Judy Mohrman

Anniversaries this Week

03/20 David & Julie Bruce