



Immanuel Lutheran Church

March 8, 2026

Third Sunday in Lent

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Gathering Bell (stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

O come, let us worship and bow down;

Let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker.

The hour is coming and is now here.

In spirit and truth, let us worship God.

Invocation

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

Amen.

Prayer of Confession

God's love has been poured into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Trusting in God's overflowing grace, let us confess our sin.

(silence is kept for reflection)

Lord, you know who we are. You know everything we have done.

We thirst for things that will never satisfy us. We commit ourselves to things that will never last. We worship things that will never bring salvation. Still, you offer us the gift of living water. Still, you offer us the gift of eternal life. Forgive us, O Lord, and give us this living water, so that we may never thirst again.

Amen.

Declaration of Forgiveness

This is the good news of God's grace: Though we were sinners, Christ died for us. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

Gathering Hymn

"God Is Here" ELW 526
v1-all; v2-men; v3-women; v4-all

Greeting

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, the Great I Am, you are living water.

**As we worship you this day, show us who we are:
channels of your love and vessels of your grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Holy Word of God

A reading from Exodus 17:1-7

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. 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?" 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?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." 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. 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. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the

Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

A reading from Romans 5:1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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.

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

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

"Come, Be Baptized"

Children's Sermon

Gospel Lesson (stand as you are able)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

A reading from John 4:5-15

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.) 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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." 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."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty" **ELW 777**
Verses 1-4

An Invitation to Our Offering

God is already gathering fruit for eternal life. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

The Gathering of Our Offering

Offertory(stand as you are able)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with your free Spirit.**

Offertory Prayer

O Lord, you are our God;

**We are the people of your pasture, the sheep of your
hand. As you have fed us by your mercy, may it be
our daily bread to do your will; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Distribution of Elements

*Following the direction of our ushers all who wish to receive
holy communion or a blessing are invited forward.*

Post Communion Prayer (stand)

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.

Blessing

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, springing up like living water, fill your heart, and flow through your life. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn *"Guide Me Ever, Great Jehovah"* **ELW 618**

Sending Bell

Dismissal

Go forth to serve the Lord in spirit and in truth.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude