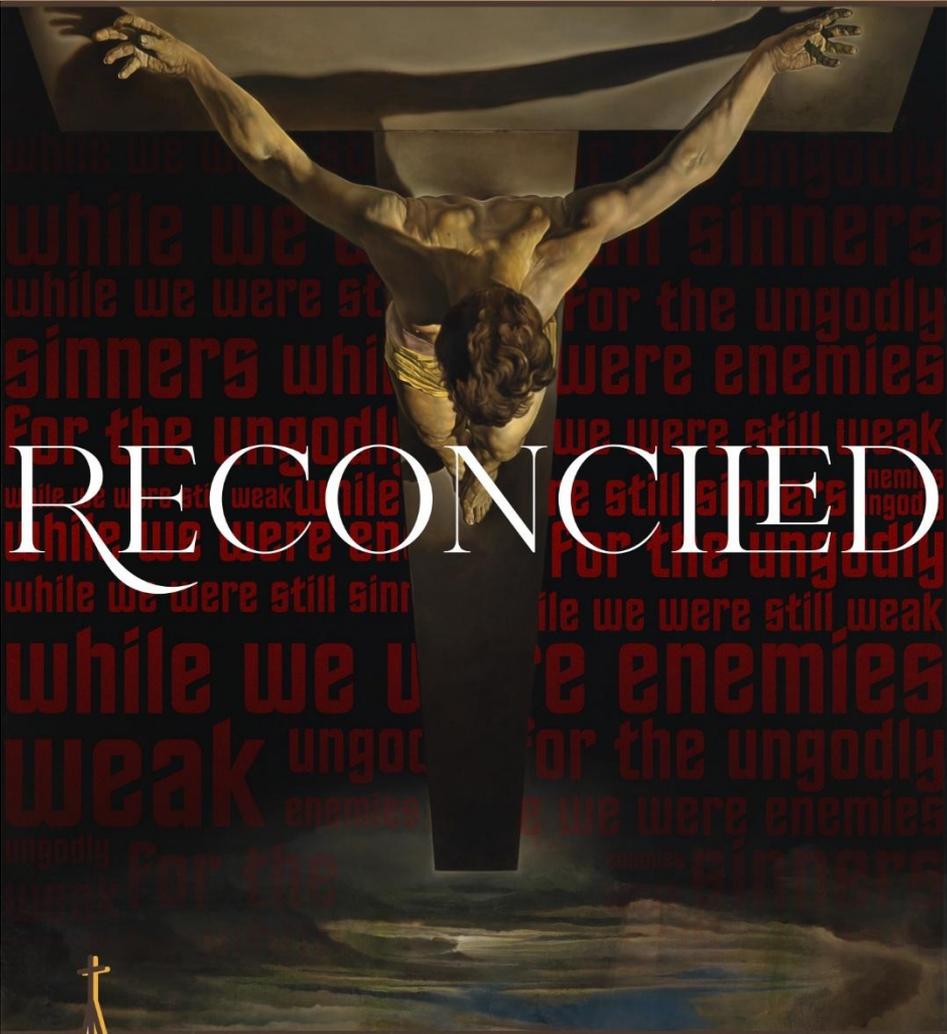


3rd Sunday of Lent

March 8, 2026

Liturgy: WS p. 12

Organist: Lana Strike



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## ✠ Opening Prayer ✠

Hymn: WS #723

“What Wondrous Love is This”

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

**C** Amen.

**P** Pastor

### Confession of Our Sins

**C** Congregation

*We come before God recognizing that we are sinful & need His forgiveness.*

**P** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.

**C** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

Have mercy  
on me, *O God,*  
according to your  
steadfast *love.*

**P** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will!

**C** Amen!

### The Kyrie & The Gloria Patri

*Latin for “Lord, Have Mercy” and “Glory be to the Father”*





C: 1 Glo - ry to God, we give You thanks and praise;  
 2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,  
 3 A - lone, O Christ, You on - ly are the Lord,



Of heav'n - ly joy and peace on earth we sing.  
 You bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
 At God's right hand in maj - es - ty most high:



We wor - ship You, to You our hearts we raise,  
 O Lamb of God, Your glo - rious vic - t'ry won,  
 Who, with the Spir - it wor - shipped and a - dored,



Lord God, al - might - y Fa - ther, heav'n - ly King.  
 Re - ceive our prayer, grant us Your peace with - in.  
 With all the heav'n - ly host we glo - ri - fy.

### Collect Prayer of the Day

**P** 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.

**G** Amen.



### Exodus 17:1-7

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?"



### **John 4:5-26**

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 now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup> You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. <sup>23</sup> But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup> God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." <sup>25</sup> The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am he."

**P** Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

**C** *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*These words are written that we may believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

### **Confession of Faith**

*The Apostles' Creed*

**C** I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there 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.

**Choir**

*"O Come and Mourn with Me"*



## Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die-- <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### God Wants Us to Brag

- I. Because we have peace with God
- II. Because we have suffering

### The Offertory

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

✠ The Offering of Thankful Hearts ✠

## The Benediction

Numbers 6:24-26

*The blessing given by God for His people.*

**P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace. **G Amen!**

**Hymn: TLH #277**

*"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"*



**Tour Choir** – Students of Immanuel High School, College, and Seminary will be visiting our congregation on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> so that we may hear them use their gifts in a 6:30 pm choir concert. There are 29 students and 3 directors/chaperons that will need housing. The choir will be served a meal before the concert, and a finger food potluck will follow. All that is needed from you are beds for the night and rides to and from church. If you are able to host a few people, please do!

**Lent Continues** on Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm, with a finger food potluck to follow. Pastor Sippert will be visiting from Sleepy Eye, preaching on Jesus' Final Words: "Woman, behold your son... Behold your mother!"

**CLC Call News** – Pastor Johnathan Schnose of Bethel Ev. Lutheran Church, Morris, MN, has **returned** the call to Messiah Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, WI. <> Pastor Stefan Sonnenfeld of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, MI, has **returned** the call to Living Hope Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI. <> Dr. Daniel Sullivan has **received** the call from the CLC Call Committee for Educational Institutions to serve as a professor at Immanuel Lutheran High School, College, and Seminary in Eau Claire, WI.

<b>Ushers</b>	3/8	Phil S, Nathan V, Anthony F, Daniel R.
	3/15	Trevor B, Tim Z, Josh E, Christian K, David R.
	3/22	Kendall B, Larry B.
<b>Cleaning</b>	This Week – The Voits (wk. 1)	
	Up Next – The Ruthenbecks	

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Devotions

March 9<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026

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**Mon Luke 11:14-28** When Jesus drives out a demon, some are amazed. Others credit Beelzebul, or demand more signs. Jesus answers His detractors, and warns of the danger of worse things than one demon.

**Tues Ephesians 5:1-9** God made us His children so that like dear children we might imitate Him, not walking in the immorality, impurity, and greed of this world. May we ever walk as children of light (v8).

**Wed 2 Samuel 22:1-7** David praises the Lord, his rock and refuge in the face of all his enemies. In great distress (v5-6) he called to the Lord, who heard and answered his cry for help.

**Thurs Psalm 86:1-10** The servant of the Lord calls to his good and forgiving God, confident that there is no one like the true God, who is great and does marvelous deeds.

**Fri Psalm 86:11-17** The Lord's servant seeks the Lord's truth in order to walk in it, even when ruthless men seek his life. The Lord's help and comfort remain with him, for the Lord remains a gracious God.

**Sat Psalm 43** Oppressed by his enemy, the psalmist looks to God to show him the way to His dwelling. Surely His light and truth will guide to His holy mountain, to joy and gladness, to God's salvation!

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