



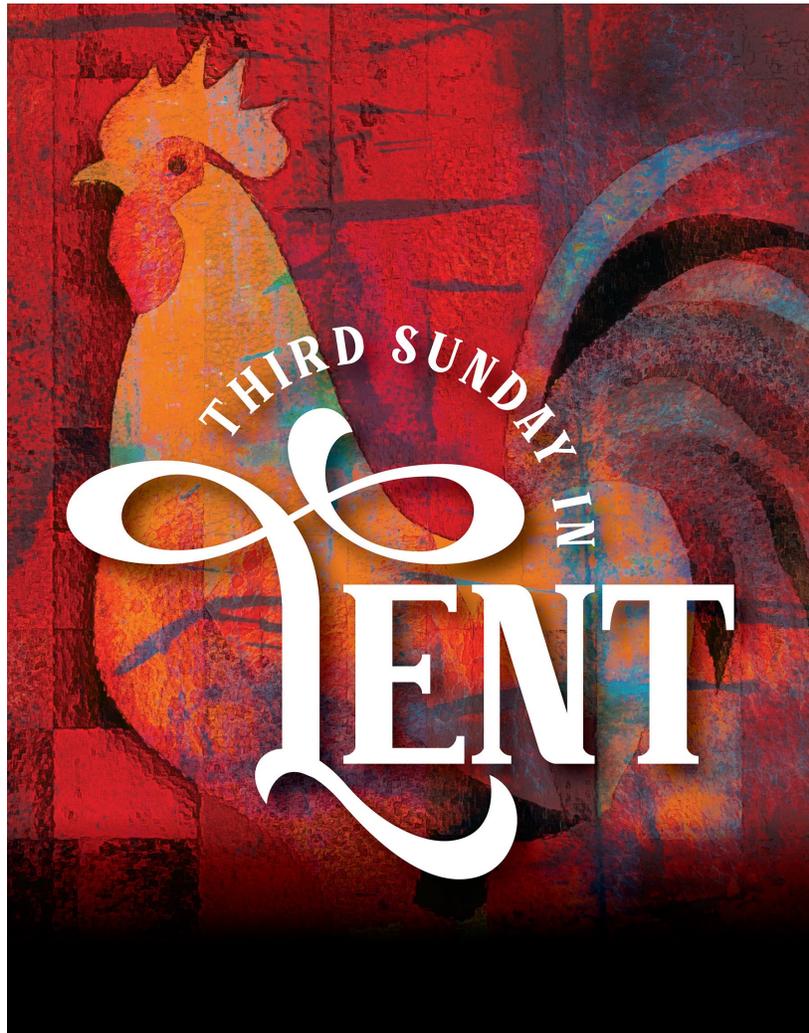
Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

Putting Jesus' Way of Life into Practice by...

**Encountering God, Loving One Another,
& Reaching the World.**

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026



Welcome to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church

PRELUDE

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt
and blots out all offenses.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdaining the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For disregarding voices from the margin,

and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,

and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

Through faith, the free gift of God, you have been clothed in the
righteousness of Christ.

In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

The Spirit of the One who raised Christ from the dead

dwells in you, pours God's love into your hearts,
and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN - Reckless Love

*Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me Before I took a breath
You breathed Your life in me You have been so, so kind to me*

*O, the overwhelming never-ending Reckless love of God
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found Leaves the ninety-nine*

*I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it Still you give Yourself away
O, the overwhelming never-ending Reckless love of God, yeah
(interlude)*

*When I was Your foe Still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me When I felt no worth
You paid it all for me You have been so, so kind to me*

*O, the overwhelming never-ending Reckless love of God
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found Leaves the ninety-nine*

*I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it Still, you give Yourself away
O, the overwhelming never-ending Reckless love of God, yeah
(interlude)*

*There's no shadow You won't light up Mountain you won't climb up
Coming after me There's no wall you won't kick down
Lie you won't tear down Coming after me (x4)*

*O, the overwhelming never-ending Reckless love of God
O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found Leaves the ninety-nine*

*I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it Still, you give Yourself away
O, the overwhelming never-ending Reckless love of God*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING - Psalm 17:1-7 (*Read responsively*)

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

² **From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.**

³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

⁴ **As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.**

⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

⁶ **I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.**

⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

GOSPEL - John 18:12-27

The holy Gospel according to John, the eighteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹² So the soldiers, their officer, and the Jewish police arrested Jesus and bound him. ¹³ First they took him to Annas, who was the father-in-law of Caiaphas, the high priest that year. ¹⁴ Caiaphas was the one who had advised the Jews that it was better to have one person die for the people.

¹⁵ Simon Peter and another disciple followed Jesus. Since that disciple was known to the high priest, he went with Jesus into the courtyard of the high priest, ¹⁶ but Peter was standing outside at the gate. So the other disciple, who was known to the high priest, went out, spoke to the woman who guarded the gate, and brought Peter in. ¹⁷ The woman said to Peter, "You are not also one of this man's disciples, are you?" He said, "I am not." ¹⁸ Now the slaves and the police had made a charcoal fire because it was cold, and they were

standing around it and warming themselves. Peter also was standing with them and warming himself.

¹⁹ Then the high priest questioned Jesus about his disciples and about his teaching. ²⁰ Jesus answered, "I have spoken openly to the world; I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all the Jews come together. I have said nothing in secret. ²¹ Why do you ask me? Ask those who heard what I said to them; they know what I said." ²² When he had said this, one of the police standing nearby struck Jesus on the face, saying, "Is that how you answer the high priest?" ²³ Jesus answered, "If I have spoken wrongly, testify to the wrong. But if I have spoken rightly, why do you strike me?" ²⁴ Then Annas sent him bound to Caiaphas the high priest.

²⁵ Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They asked him, "You are not also one of his disciples, are you?" He denied it and said, "I am not." ²⁶ One of the slaves of the high priest, a relative of the man whose ear Peter had cut off, asked, "Did I not see you in the garden with him?" ²⁷ Again Peter denied it, and at that moment the cock crowed.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY - *Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost but now I'm found, was blind but now I see.

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears
relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first
believed.*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my savior has
ransomed me. And like a flood, his mercy rains unending love,
amazing grace.*

*The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures. He
will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my savior has
ransomed me. And like a flood, his mercy rains unending love,
amazing grace. (x2)*

*The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below will be forever mine, will be
forever mine. You are forever mine.*

APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - RESPONSE: Your mercy is great.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERING HYMN - Give Thanks

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son. (repeat)*

*And now, let the weak say, "I am strong!"
Let the poor say, "I am rich
because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks.
Give thanks.*

OFFERING PRAYER

**O God, maker of heaven and earth,
your steadfast love embraces all creation.
You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth
and bring forth its bounty.
Through these gifts of bread and wine,
draw us into the death and life of your Son,
who calls us to bear witness to his saving work.
We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN - To the Table

*I will feast at the table of the Lord
I will feast at the table of the Lord
I won't hunger anymore at His table (x2)*

*Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore At the table of the Lord*

*There is peace at the table of the Lord
There is peace at the table of the Lord
I won't worry anymore at His table
There is healing at the table of the L -- o -- rd
There is healing at the table of the Lord
Oh and I won't suffer anymore at His table*

*Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore At the table of the Lord
I know He has a place for me Oh, what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around The mercy seat of God*

*Come all you weary come and find
His yoke is easy His burden is light
He is able He will restore At the table of the Lord
At the table of the Lord*

*I'm invited to the table of the Lord
I'm invited to the table of the Lord
He says come just as you are to His table*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**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.**

COMMUNITY LIFE ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN - For the Lord Our God Reigns

*Let the earth and heaven rejoice
For the Lord, our God, reigns
Ev'ry child of God, lift your voice
For the Lord, our God, reigns
Jesus, Emmanuel He has set us free
Hopeless souls redeemed to tell
For the Lord, our God, reigns
For the Lord, our God, reigns
Ev'ry heart be filled with His light
For the Lord, our God, reigns
All the hopeless, dance with delight
For the Lord, our God, reigns
Jesus, Emmanuel He has set us free
Hopeless souls redeemed to tell
For the Lord, our God, reigns
For the Lord, our God, reigns
Let the earth and heaven rejoice
For the Lord, our God, reigns
Every child of God, lift your voice
For the Lord, our God, reigns
Jesus, Emmanuel He has set us free
Hopeless souls redeemed to tell
For the Lord, our God, reigns
For the Lord, our God, reigns
For the Lord, our God, reigns
For the Lord, our God, reigns*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Statistics

The attendance on Sunday, March 1 was xx. xx attended online. This week's offerings to General Fund: \$3,270

Be part of the 2026 St. Paul Area Synod Assembly

Do you have an interest in learning more about our church leadership at large? Consider being a delegate for CSLC at the St. Paul Area Synod Assembly - May 15 & 16 at St. Andrew's Lutheran Church in Mahtomedi. This year's assembly is particularly important as the SPAS is electing a new bishop. Speak with Pastor Jon if you are interested.

Red Cross Blood Drive March 23

CSLC will host a Red Cross blood drive on Monday, March 23. YOUR lifesaving blood donation is needed! Each pint of blood can help up to 3 people in need of a lifesaving transfusion. Sign up online at redcross.org and search by zip code 55127 for our drive.

Lenten Worship at CSLC

Join us the remaining Wednesdays during Lent for a contemplative service at 7:00 PM as we explore *The Palm Sunday Path*.

Easter Flowers

It is again time to place orders for flowers to beautify the Sanctuary for Easter. Plants may be given in honor or memory of friends or loved ones and taken home after worship on April 5. Order forms are on the welcome desk in the Narthex. Orders must be placed by **Sunday, March 15.**

Save the Date for Rummage Sale

Mark your calendars for the annual rummage sale, on Saturday, April 25! As you do your spring cleaning remember that making donations of items you no longer use is a great way to free up space while being waste conscious. Stay tuned for details about when drop off begins.

UPCOMING DATES:

March 23 Red Cross Blood Drive - 11:00-5:00

March 29 Palm Sunday Worship - 9:00 AM

April 2 Maundy Thursday Worship - 7:00 PM (At CSLC)

April 3 Good Friday Worship - 7:00 PM (At Lakeview)

April 5 Easter Sunday Worship - 9:00 & 10:30

April 25 Rummage Sale

Scan the QR code below to make a secure online donation.



THIS WEEK AT CHRIST THE SERVANT

Today: Sunday, March 8 - Third Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 AM - Bible Study
- 9:00 AM - Worship
- 10:00 AM - Fellowship
- 11:30 AM - EFLC Worship
- 11:40 AM - EFLC Sunday School
- 1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

Monday, March 9

- 9:00 AM - Package Bread and Delivery
- 12:00 PM - Piecemakers (FH)

Tuesday, March 10

- 7:00 AM - Bread Preparation (FH)
- 8:30 AM - Bread Distribution (FH)
- 6:30 PM - AA (FH)

Wednesday, March 11

- 10:00 AM - Bible Study
- 11:30 AM - Senior Hi-Lites
- 6:00 PM - Youth
- 7:00 PM - Lenten Worship
- 7:00 PM - AA Meeting (Class A)

Friday, March 13

- 5:30 PM - EF Choir Rehearsal (Class A)
- 6:00 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

Saturday, March 14

- 10:00 AM - Private Baby Shower
- 11:00 AM - Revelation Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 3:00 PM - UCG Church (S/K/FH)

Sunday, March 15 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 8:00 AM - Bible Study
- 9:00 AM - Worship
- 10:00 AM - Care of Creation Team
- 10:00 AM - Fellowship
- 11:30 AM - EFLC Worship
- 11:40 AM - EFLC Sunday School
- 1:45 PM - EF Board Meeting (SS Room)

THIS WEEK AT LAKEVIEW

Today: Sunday, March 8 - Third Sunday in Lent

- 10:00 AM - Fellowship
- 10:45 AM - Worship
- 12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

Monday, March 9

- 7:00 AM - AA

Sunday, March 15 - Fourth Sunday in Lent

- 10:00 AM - Fellowship
- 10:45 AM - Worship
- 12:00 - 5:00 PM - Eternity Karen Baptist Church

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS TODAY! THANK YOU!

Greeter: Katie Wright
Ushers: Johnson Family
Reader: Carol Lee
Sound Booth: Tim & Peter
Communion Assistants: OPEN
Musicians: Revelation
Coffee Servers: Mike & Deb Gennow
Bread Pickup: Gary Splittstoesser
Counters: Ron Hawkinson & Glen Johnson

PRAYER REQUESTS...

We pray for those in need of healing and mercy:
Pastor Jon and family, Audrey R., Mark (brother of Sarah K.)
Michelle, (Sister of Linda W.), Eileen S., Emily B., Mary-Kay L.,
Pastor Dick M. and caregiver Barb, Laiden S., Karen R., Norma
(Mother of Leila H.), Sharon G., Deb C., Brian I, Katie W., Steve,
Paul S., Brian, Tony L., Roger K., Gary C., Sarah K., Carol L.,
Salomie (sister-in-law of Peter), Patty W. (sister of Mike W.)

(Please call the church office with prayer concerns or updates.)

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