



St. Peter's Lutheran Church & School

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March 8, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

Rev. Danny Eggold, Senior Pastor
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Tim Degen, Director of Music & Organist
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THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026 – 8:00am & 10:30am

PRELUDE

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

arr. Robert Lind

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN

“Come Unto Me, Ye Weary”

#684

(We rise.)

INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

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

C Amen.

P This is the day which the Lord has made;

C Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C The name of the Lord is to be praised.

P Return to the Lord, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil.

P Jesus said: If any man would come after Me,

C Let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me.

P Christ was wounded for our transgressions.

C He was bruised for our iniquities.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C The name of the Lord is to be praised.

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.

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1 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.
2 Christ, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have mer - cy.
3 Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy.



Lord, _____ have mer - - - - cy.
Christ, _____ have mer - - - - cy.
Lord, _____ have mer - - - - cy.

Text and tune: Public domain

(We are seated.)

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 17:1-7

¹All 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. ²Therefore 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?” ³But 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?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And 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. ⁶Behold, 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. ⁷And 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?”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

Psalm 95:1-9

P Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

C Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

P For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

C In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.

P The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

C Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

P For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

C Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on
the day at Massah in the wilderness, when your fathers put me to the test and
put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

C as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE READING

Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through 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. ³Not only that, but we rejoice in our

sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ 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. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(We rise.)

HOLY GOSPEL READING

John 4:5-26

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

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵ So he came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶ 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. ⁷ A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹ 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.) ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ 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?" ¹² Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ 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." ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹ The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when

neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ 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. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” ²⁵ 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.” ²⁶ Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

RESPONSORY FOR LENT

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

P We have an advocate with the Father; Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered for the sins of the people.

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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.

(We rise.)

SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P 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.

PRAYERS

P Heavenly Father, strengthen Your Church to share the water of life with all who thirst for justice and truth. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Almighty Father, grant peace and reconciliation among all nations and peoples who are estranged from one another. Be especially with the people in Iran. We ask for your peace to calm the storm of conflict and your justice to prevail. Protect the vulnerable, strengthen the persecuted, and turn the hearts of leaders toward righteousness. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Merciful Father, refresh with Your healing waters all who are discouraged, fearful, hospitalized, or ill. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Loving Father, satisfy the spiritual thirst of all who long for a deeper sense of Your presence in their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

P Wise Father, guide and uphold Pastor Nate as he deliberates a call to serve at Zion Lutheran Church. Grant him clarity, peace, and confidence in Your will, and bless all those affected by this decision. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P O God our Father, we thank You for the faithful service of our staff members whom we recognize for their years of dedication among us. Strengthen them with Your Holy Spirit, grant them joy in their service, and bless their work in Your Church and the care of our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

(Here other intercessions may be offered.)

P Eternal Father, bring us with all martyrs and saints to the river of life in our eternal home. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **Hear our prayer.**

P Hear our prayers, O merciful Father, as we eagerly await the day of resurrection and rebirth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **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.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

BENEDICTION and DISMISSAL

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit bless and preserve You.

C Amen.

P Goodness and mercy shall follow You all the days of Your life.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(We are seated.)

CLOSING HYMN **“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”** **#699**

(This hymn will be sung to a different tune than what is in the hymnal.)

POSTLUDE

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

arr. Donald Johns