

Welcome to Worship for  
Third Sunday in Lent



Sunday, March 8, 2026

*All Saints Lutheran Church*

722 Rockbridge Road | Lilburn, GA 30047

Rev. Ashton Roberts, Pastor  
John Womack, Director of Music



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## GATHERING

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

### PRELUDE

*John Womack*

### WELCOME

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

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.**

## As the Deer Runs to the River



- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.  
 Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.  
 God's for - give - ness, like a foun-tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."  
 Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.



*Refrain*  
 Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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**GREETING**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

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**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

*Let us pray.*

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.**

*The assembly is seated.*

## Word

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7**

*Mary Kay Kates*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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?" <sup>3</sup> 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?" <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 95 (Read Responsively)**

*Mary Kay Kates*

<sup>1</sup> Come, let us sing | to the LORD;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.  
<sup>2</sup> **Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the | LORD with psalms.**  
<sup>3</sup> For you, LORD, | are a great God,  
and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.  
<sup>4</sup> **In your hand are the caverns | of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are | also yours.**  
<sup>5</sup> The sea is yours, | for you made it,  
and your hands have molded | the dry land.  
<sup>6</sup> **Come, let us worship | and bow down,  
let us kneel before the | LORD our maker.**  
<sup>7</sup> For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand.  
Oh, that today you would | hear God's voice!  
<sup>8</sup> **"Harden | not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah | in the desert.**  
<sup>9</sup> There your ancestors | tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had | seen my works.  
<sup>10</sup> **Forty years I loathed that gener- | ation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not | know my  
ways.'**

<sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore <sup>1</sup> in my anger,  
‘They shall never come <sup>1</sup> to my rest.’”

## **SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11**

*Mary Kay Kates*

<sup>1</sup>Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction 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 that 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>Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup>But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup>Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The assembly stands.*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



## **GOSPEL: John 4:5-42**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup>A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>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.) <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 no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" <sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> 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." <sup>15</sup> 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."

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." <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 have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <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 seeks such as these 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" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." <sup>33</sup> So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's

testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done."<sup>40</sup> So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days.<sup>41</sup> And many more believed because of his word.<sup>42</sup> They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The assembly is seated.*

**SERMON**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

*The assembly stands.*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 332**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Mary Kay Kates*

*The assembly is seated or kneels for prayer.*

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need

We offer to you now the concerns of our hearts, either silently or aloud.

**Additional Intercessions**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

*A brief silence*

- *We pray for Robin and Cathy; June; Jim; K. Phillip.*
- *We pray for Carter and her family and for Keren and her family.*
- *We pray for Roger and the Boyer family.*
- *We pray for Jeff; Kathryn; Alex; John.*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

- *We pray for all people of the world impacted by ongoing war, conflict, and uncertainty, especially those in Iran; those caught between Ukraine and Russia; between Israel and Hamas; in South Sudan; in Venezuela.*
- *We pray for schools everywhere, that all students and those who care for them may feel safe and free from fear.*
- *We pray for justice around the world and here at home, that God may delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion, and peace.*

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles, especially John Womack and our Handbell and Chancel Choirs. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

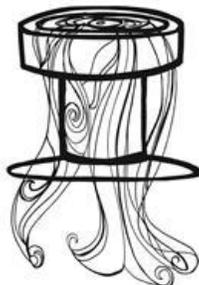
O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

*The assembly stands in body or spirit.*



## PEACE

Rev. Ashton Roberts

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

I invite you to share a sign of peace with one another.

*If you are joining us online, reach out by phone, text, email, or social media this week to share the Peace of Christ.*

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## OFFERING

Rev. Ashton Roberts

*We have several ways to receive your offering. There is a basket on the table by the sanctuary doors, or you can utilize the QR code on the front of your bulletin to submit your offering online. Mailing your offering to the church is also an option.*

## OFFERING RESPONSE

ELW 182

### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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# OFFERING PRAYER

Mary Kay Kates

Let us pray.

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.**

## DIALOGUE

Rev. Ashton Roberts

G C D D/C Bmin Emin C Amin F

The Lord be with you! And al-so with you! Lift up your hearts! We lift them to the Lord!

Bb/D Bb F/A Gmin C7sus4 C

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

Cmin Eb Fsus4 Fmin Db Cmin Ab

On the night He was be-trayed, He took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:

Ab Ab Cmin Bbsus4 Bb Eb Ab

"Take and eat. This is my bo-dy, gi-ven for you. Take and eat. This is my body,

Cmin Ab Eb Fsus4 Fmin C

gi-ven for you. Do this for the re-mem - brance of me."

Cmin Eb Fsus4 Fmin Db Cmin Ab

On the night He was be-trayed He took the cup gave thanks, and raised it up:

Ab Ab Cmin Bbsus4 Bb Eb Ab

"Take and drink. This is my blood, poured out for you. Take and drink. This is my blood,

Cmin Ab Eb Fsus4 Fmin F

poured out for you. Do this for the re-mem - brance of me."

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-lo-wed be Thy name. Thy  
king-dom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this  
day our dai-ly bread, and for - give us as we for-give our debt-ors; and  
lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion, but de - li-ver us from e - vil; for  
Thine is the king-dom and the po - wer and the glo - ry, for - e - ver. A - men.

Chords: B $\flat$ sus4 B $\flat$ , E $\flat$ , F $\flat$ sus4 F, B $\flat$ , C, B $\flat$ /D E $\flat$ , F $\flat$ sus4 F, B $\flat$ , B $\flat$ /A, G $\flat$ min, C7, C $\flat$ min, F, B $\flat$ , C, D $\flat$ min, E $\flat$ , B $\flat$ , F, F/G G $\flat$ min, F/E $\flat$ , D7, D/F $\sharp$ , G $\flat$ min, G $\flat$ min/F, E $\flat$ , F, B $\flat$ .

## COMMUNION SONG

Lamb of God, You take a - way the sin  
of the world. Have mer - cy on us.  
Grant us peace. Grant us peace. Grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Chords: B $\flat$ , B $\flat$ /D, E $\flat$ , F, B $\flat$ , B $\flat$ /D, E $\flat$ , F7sus4, B $\flat$ , B $\flat$ /D, E $\flat$ , F7sus4, B $\flat$ .

Tune: John Tirro

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## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the table.  
Feast on God's goodness and mercy.

*The assembly is seated.*

## **MUSIC FOR COMMUNION**

*The assembly stands in body or spirit.*

## **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

*Mary Kay Kates*

*Let us pray.*

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.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **BLESSING**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

*The assembly stands in body or spirit.*

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✠ bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

*Blessed*

## Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778  
 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

**DISMISSAL**

*Rev. Ashton Roberts*

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

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