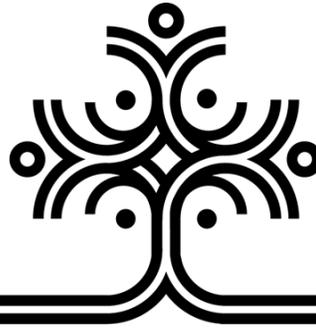


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**together, the impossible  
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**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**MARCH 8, 2026 ✉ 9:30 AM**

**PREACHING TODAY:  
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# **3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**

## **MUSIC FOR GATHERING**

**MARCH 8, 2026**

*Aria for Flute* - G.F. Handel

*Canzona* – Gordon Young

Joanne Vasey, organ

## **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

*Air* – Alessandro Scarlatti

Joanne Vasey, organ

### **\* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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

**C** **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

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

Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For failing to recognize your coming reign,

and for hindering the work of the Spirit: Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

**P** For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition,

and for disdain the living water Christ offers: Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world:  
Gracious God,  
C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:  
Gracious God,  
C **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

P 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.  
C **Amen.**

**\* GATHERING HYMN**

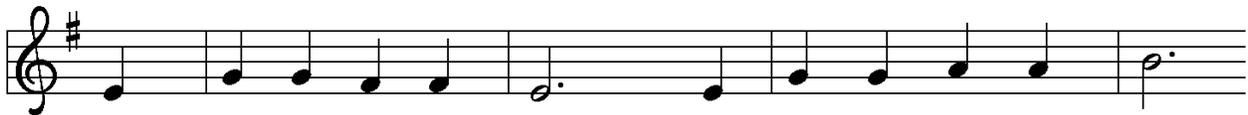
*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer - ELW # 618*

**\* GREETING**

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

**\* KYRIE**

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1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Holy God, we could press our ear to the page, hoping to hear you more clearly. We could silence all the alarms and notifications, hoping to catch a murmur of your voice. We could still our beating hearts, and still we might miss your voice. So we pray: open up space in our hearts, in our spirits, in our minds, to feel your presence among us. With you, anything is possible. We believe. Help our unbelief through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

## FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

<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?"

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-11

<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.

L The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

### \* LENTEN ACCLAMATION

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We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

**\* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:32-44**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the sixth chapter:

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

<sup>32</sup> And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup> Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup> As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he began to teach them many things. <sup>35</sup> When it grew late, his disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now very late; <sup>36</sup> send them away so that they may go into the surrounding country and villages and buy something for themselves to eat.” <sup>37</sup> But he answered them, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “Are we to go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup> And he said to them, “How many loaves have you? Go and see.” When they had found out, they said, “Five, and two fish.”

<sup>39</sup> Then he ordered them to get all the people to sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup> So they sat down in groups of hundreds and of fifties. <sup>41</sup> Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to his disciples to set before the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup> And all ate and were filled, <sup>43</sup> and they took up twelve baskets full of broken pieces and of the fish. <sup>44</sup> Those who had eaten the loaves numbered five thousand men.

**P** The Gospel of our Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**CHILDREN’S SERMON**

**SERMON**

The Rev. Katy Moran

\* HYMN OF THE DAY

*Human Minds Just Can't Imagine*

Hu - man minds just can't i - ma - gine all that God can bring to bear  
God, ex - pand our dreams and vi - sion when we think our gifts too small  
Like the grains of wheat are ga - thered from the vast and roll - ing fields

5

Through our small and sep - arate be - ings, e - ven when we join to share  
Help us trust your great pro - vis - ion and to an - swer when you call  
Like the grapes from vi - ny bran - ches whose small fruit the wine will yield

9

Still we fol - low where Christ leads us, ma - ny pie - ces of one whole  
You who gave us time and ta - lents will up - hold and see us through  
We re - mem - ber as one bo - dy, each of us a cru - cial part

13

That we might al - low our dream - ing to trans - form our bro - ken world  
As we join to - geth - er in the work you've gi - ven us to do  
In the glo - bal church pro - fess - ing: we be - long to God's own heart

## **\* THE NICENE CREED**

**P** Living together in trust and hope with believers around the world, we confess our common faith:

**C** **We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## \* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*A brief silence.*

P 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

A 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 especially those we name aloud or in our hearts (*brief pause*). Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

P 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. Hear us, O God.

**C Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

A 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.

**C Your mercy is great.**

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

**C Amen.**

## \* SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
C **And also with you.**

*(Worshippers are encouraged to share the greeting "Peace be with you" with one another.)*

## OFFERTORY INTERLUDE

*Feed Us, Jesus* – John Folkening  
Joanne Vasey, organ

*You are invited to place your offering in one of the plates as they are passed or to make use of our online offering plate through Vanco by scanning the QR code to the right. You may also place your offering in the wooden offering boxes located in the back of the sanctuary.*



\* **DOXOLOGY**                      *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* - ELW # 803    Stanza 4

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

## \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

A 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 the good news of his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name.  
C **Amen.**

## \* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

P Lift up your hearts.  
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

\* SANCTUS

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Jesus was always the guest. In the homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha and Mary, Joanna and Susanna, he was always the guest. At the meal tables of the wealthy where he pled the case of the poor, he was always the guest. Upsetting polite company, befriending isolated people, welcoming the stranger, he was always the guest.

P But here, at this table, he is the host. Those who wish to serve him must first be served by him. Those who want to follow him must first be fed by him. For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished. This is the table where we who are broken are made whole. So, come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world. Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.

P In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P So now we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and wine, the produce of the earth  
and fruit of human labor. In these, Jesus has promised to be present; through these,  
Christ can make us whole. We ask, merciful God, that you send, in kindness, your  
Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.  
Let that same Spirit rest on us, call us from the folly of this world, until in wisdom,  
we conform to the shape of him whose food we now share.

P All this we ask through your son, Jesus Christ. By him, with him, and in him, in the  
unity of the Holy Spirit, All honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and  
forever.

C **Amen.**

### **\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us saying:

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.**

### **\* INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

C **Thanks be to God.**



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
 you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
 e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**COMMUNION ANTHEM**

*Bread of Life from Heaven*

Text: Susan R. Briehl      Music: Marty Haugen  
 Brandy Aguirre, vocals      Joanne Vasey, piano

**COMMUNION HYMN**

*Break Now the Bread of Life - ELW # 515*

**\* POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C** **Amen.**

**\* POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A** Let us pray.  
 God of 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 you good news for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

**\* BENEDICTION**

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

**\* SENDING HYMN**

*O Living Bread from Heaven - ELW # 542*

**\* DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**\* POSTLUDE**

*Prelude in G Minor – J. S. Bach*  
Joanne Vasey, organ

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Our last **LENTEN DINNER** on March 25<sup>th</sup> will be a **Pot Luck dinner** with Congregation Life providing the meat. Everyone is asked to bring a dessert or covered dish to share.

## March 8–15, 2026

<b>Sunday, March 8</b> <b>3 Lent</b> Pastor Katy preaching Daylight Savings ends	8:30am Congregational Life Meeting 9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Sunday School 1:00pm –4:00pm SVSWG - LCH/Room 202 2:00pm –4:00pm Youth Talent Show @ MLC
<b>Monday, March 9</b>	1:00pm –2:30pm Transitions -LCH 5:30pm A&P - Parlor 6:00pm –9:00pm Trout Unlimited – LCH 6:30pm Parish Peal Handbell Ensemble 7:00pm –8:00pm Al-Anon-YR 7:15pm Parish Choir
<b>Tuesday, March 10</b>	6:30pm Lenten Study – UIC 6:30pm Worship & Music - parlor
<b>Wednesday, March 11</b>	Raise the Region for CML 9:00am Holy Sew 'N' Sews-LCH 12:00pm Soup & Scripture - Presbyterian Church Lwbg. 5:00pm Spiritual Growth 6:00pm Lenten Dinner/Holden Prayer Service
<b>Thursday, March 12</b>	Raise the Region for CML 11:00am Lent Reflections Brunch @ Silvermoon
<b>Friday, March 13</b>	
<b>Saturday, March 14</b>	
<b>Sunday, March 15</b> <b>4 Lent</b> Pastor Katy preaching WC for Lois Diehl	9:30am Holy Communion 10:45am Sunday School 4:30pm –6:30pm Faith Lab - UIC

**ATTENDANCE:** March 1, 2026: 9:30am: 88

**OFFERINGS:** Feb. 15, 2026 & Feb. 22, 2026: \$5,782.50