

WELCOME TO WORSHIP
MARCH 8, 2026
OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:00 A.M.
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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.

Hear the good news:
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 Song Hymn #331: As the Deer Runs to the River

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.

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

² **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to
the LORD with psalms.**

³ For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

⁷ 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!

⁸ **“Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹ **There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.**

¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, ‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’**

¹¹ **Indeed I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’ ”**

**Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11
Gospel Acclamation ACS #15**

Thanks be to God

Gospel: John 3:1-17
The Gospel of Our Lord.

**Glory to you, O Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Vickie Ripley, LPA

Hymn of the Day #804: Come Down O Love Divine

Apostles’ Creed

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 THE PEOPLE

PEACE

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

Please greet one another with Christ’s peace

Offertory Hymn #814: Take, O, Take Me As I Am

Offertory 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 Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, Holy, Holy: ACS #20

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: ACS #25: Lamb of God

Communion Hymn #480: O Bread of Life from Heaven

Post Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep and unite us in God's grace.

Prayer after communion

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.

Benediction

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.

Sending Hymn #618: Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.
Thanks be to God.

Announcements			
Tuesday	3/10	11:00 a.m.	Silver Crowns
Sunday	3/15	10:00 a.m.	Sunday Worship

Every **Monday at 1:00** we would like to invite anyone interested to come tie quilts for Lu-
ther World Relief.

The Men's Lenten Breakfast will take place **at First Congregational Church this**
Wednesday, Mar.11th @ 6:30am. All other dates and locations are listed on the calen-
dar in the Narthex.

This Wednesday, **Mar.11th @5:30pm**, Lent service will be held at Our Savior's joined by
the Methodist Church with soup/supper and service to follow. All other dates are listed
on the calendar in the Narthex as well as a Soup/Dessert sign-up sheet.