believed because of his word. 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."

(After the reading, P: The Gospel of the Lord. ***C: Praise to you, O Christ.)***

Children's Message Pastor Josh Schunk

Sermon Pastor Josh Schunk

Hymn of the Day: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* ELW #802

Apostle's 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 Intercession

Offering

Offering Hymn: *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* ELW #608

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray.

C: 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. Out of your generosity, you share this bounty with us. Help us to use these gifts that have been gathered to do your work in the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

The 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.

Blessing

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: (Sung) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: *Rock of Ages Cleft for Me* ELW #623

Dismissal: P: Go in peace. Believe the Good News.
C: Thanks be to God

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Welcome! We are glad you are with us today!

"If you do not have a church home, you are welcome here. If you would like to Become a member, contact any member, or the church office."

Sunday, March 8th, 2026; 9:30 am Third Sunday in Lent

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

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 turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

(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 disdaining 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.

Amen.

Opening Hymn: *Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty* ELW #777 vs 1-4

Call to Worship — Psalm 95

P: O 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 the dry land, which his hands have formed.
C: O 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. O that today you would listen to his voice!
C: Do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
P: When your ancestors tested me and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.
C: For forty years, I loathed that generation and said, "They are a people whose hearts go astray, and they do not regard my ways."
P: Therefore, in my anger, I swore, "They shall not enter my rest."

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray.
C: Enduring Presence, goal and guide, you go before and await our coming. Only our thirst compels us beyond complaint to conversation, beyond rejection to relationship. Pour your love into our hearts, that, refreshed and renewed, we may invite others to the living water given to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Special Music — *Time for Turning* — BVLC Adult Choir

First Reading: Exodus 17:1-7 — Jennie Dede

(Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—"Is the LORD among us or not?"—received a very positive answer.)

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

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-11

(Though we often hear that God helps those who help themselves, here Paul tells us that through Jesus' death God helps utterly helpless sinners. Since we who had been enemies are reconciled to God in the cross, we now live in hope for our final salvation.)

1 Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 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. 3 And not
only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction 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 that has been given to us. 6 For while we were still weak, at
the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though perhaps
for a good person someone might actually dare to die. 8 But God proves his love for us in that while we still were
sinners Christ died for us. 9 Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we
be saved through him from the wrath of God. 10 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. 11 But more than
that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation: *Change My Heart, O God* — *ELW #801*

Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42

*(After the reading is announced: **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**)*

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) 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.) 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." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, 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." 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." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. 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. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." 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." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." 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?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. 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. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. And many more