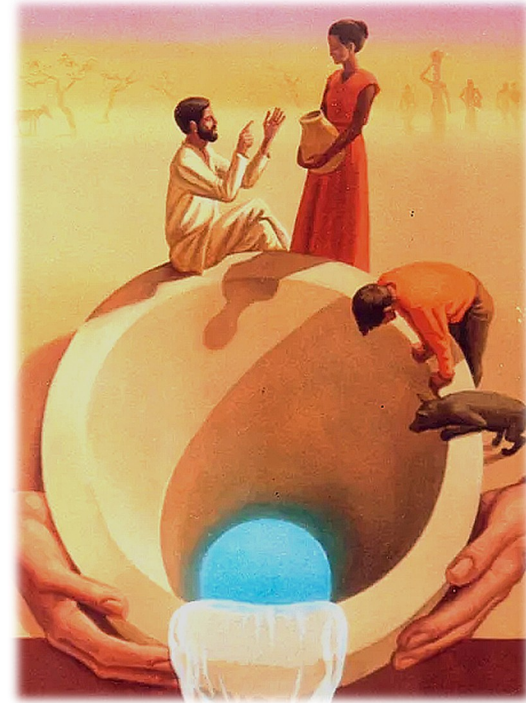


Sunday, March 8, 2026  
3rd Sunday of Lent



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**"To Save the Lost"**

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Help celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus  
this Easter Sunday April 5th. by adorning our  
sanctuary  
with lilies, tulips or hyacinths dedicated to loved  
ones.

Forms are located on the glass topped table in back  
of sanctuary.

Completed forms will need to be returned by March  
22nd along with  
payment. Forms may be placed in offering plate,  
or given to Marty Cropper.

Easter Lilies....\$14.00

Hyacinths.....\$10.00

Tulips.....\$10.00

All are in 6" pots. and are yours to take home after  
Easter morning service.

If dedications are same as last year, no need to  
complete another form, just let Marty know.

"WOW will meet on Tuesday, March 17 at 11:00  
am. There will be a bible study, meeting, and  
"bring your own lunch" after. All women of the  
church are encouraged to attend."

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# Order of Worship: Sunday, March 8, 2026

## 3rd Sunday of Lent

### We Prepare Our Hearts and Minds:

While walking in the desert, 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?"

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?"

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. 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. (Exodus 17:2-3, 5-6)

### Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

### Call to Worship:

**Elder Mabel Rogers**

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!**

One: Come into God's presence with thanksgiving.

**All: Let us sing our songs of deepest praise.**

One: In God's hands are the depths of the earth.

**All: Even the mountains belong to God.**

One: God shaped the earth and formed the oceans.

**All: Sing praises to the Lord!**

### Choral Introit "Living for Jesus"

### Current Prayer Concerns:

Virginia Miller

Lydia Frasca

Bob & Dee Lebo

William Steger

Christine Ruskin-*friend of Marty*

Joe Nasatka-*friend of Marty*

Amy Etheridge- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Mark Payne- *Friend of Beth Fisher*

Larry Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Pat and Ben Steele — *Family of Dee Lebo*

Beth Miller — *Friend of the Hales*

Chuck Shorley — *Friend of the Hales*

Scott Blank — *Friend of the Hales*

Chris Hazard — *Brother of Ann Hales*

Carol Reese

Sarah & Cliff Dypsky

Maria Kontoyianni— *Friend of Carol Scott*

Gene Peavley - *friend of the Hales*

Brooke Cannell - *relative of the Hales.*

Janet Bischler - *sister-in-law of Rich and Nancy Wright*

Jonelle Jones

Rich Wright

Bob Reese

Patti Seaman—*sister of Jonelle Jones*

### Fellowship Hosts Coming Up:

Mar 8 Barbara & Betsy Kipila

Mar 15 Nancy Wright (or Lisa)

Mar 22 Marci Russell

Mar 29 Jan Owens

April 5 Easter NO FELLOWSHIP

April 12 Mabel Rogers

Charge  
Benediction  
Response "Gospel Amen"  
Postlude

*Music license: CCLI-#1650329.*

## Calendar, Birthdays, and More ...

Wed	Mar	11	Bells Practice	5:00 PM
Wed	Mar	11	Choir Practice	6:00 PM
Fri	Mar	13	Narcotics Anonymous	7:00 PM

**Birthdays:** *Jackie Bates (3/9)*

## Flowers: Flowers in the chancel vases are given:

~ By Donna, Chris and Jamie to glorify God and in memory of Husband and Father, Bill Greenwood and the celebration of his birthday March 12th with our Savior. As a husband, Bill loved his family, as a Christian, he loved God and this church.

## Chancel vases open for dedications March 2026

March 15, 2026 ...two(2)  
March 22, 2026 ...one (1)  
March 29, 2026.. two (2)

**I am so thankful that God answered my prayers this week for an OC year round rental. I want to thank my church family for your prayers and support.**

**~ Dawn Butler**

\* Hymn: "Jesus Calls Us" # 375  
(Red Hymnal)

\* **Passing the Peace** - *Please turn to your neighbor and pass the peace of Christ*

## Call to Confession:

God has given us water to drink. God has given us the water of life. But too often we seek water that is convenient, water that quenches our thirst for a moment, or water that we will not share. We see God's gift of the most plentiful and healthy nutrition, but we choose what is fleeting. We do this throughout our lives, favoring choices that satisfy in the moment instead of doing the greatest good for all of God's people. In the company of these saints, we confess our own shortcomings.

## Prayer of Confession: (unison)

O God, we pray to you in confession that we have ignored your gifts and replaced them with what won't last. We have thought of our own needs and ignored the needs of all the earth. We have refused to share with all your people and your creation, simply to satisfy our desire of the moment. For all these things, we ask for your forgiveness.

## A time for silent meditation:

## Assurance of Pardon:

God has seen our failings, when we misuse God's gifts. But God keeps giving. God provides us with good gifts, enough for ourselves and enough for

the world. Even when we refuse the best gifts, even when we fail to share, God keeps giving. God, in grace and forgiveness, keeps blessing us with gifts sufficient to overcome our mistakes. Rest in this assurance of scripture: God sets us free from our sins, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, God has forgiven our sins, and God's provision continues forever in Spirit and in truth. **Hallelujah! Amen.**

\* **Gloria Patri** (unison) **#622**

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**

\* **Doxology** (unison) **#625**

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Choral Anthem: "The Nail-Scarred Hands"**

**Prayer for Illumination:** (unison)

O God, open our ears to your teaching, so that our mouths can learn to sing your praise, our feet can learn to follow your steps, and our hands can do your work in this world.

**1st Scripture reading: Romans 5:6-11**

(p. 1116 in pew Bible)

**Elder Vicky Cairns**

**2nd Reading: John 4:1-14**

(p. 1050 in pew Bible)

**Pastor Jon Berquist**

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Time with Children & Youth**

**Pastor Jon Berquist**

**Sermon "To Save the Lost"**

**Pastor Jon Berquist**

\* **Hymn: "Fill My Cup, Lord" # 398**

(Red Hymnal)

**Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed) (Unison)**  
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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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 and the Lord's Prayer**

\* **Hymn: "Seek Ye First" #42**

(Red Hymnal)