

# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

Jackson, Minnesota

*“Bringing Jesus to Jackson”*

The Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026



Welcome to this Divine Service. We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Please sign the attendance card in pew and place in offering plate.



## Prelude and Ringing of the Bell

Hymn “O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace” 693

Confession and Absolution 151

Introit Ps. 84:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 84:5

**P** Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

**C** in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

**P** How lovely is your dwelling place,

**C** O LORD of hosts!

**P** My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;

**C** my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

**P** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,

**C** at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

**P** Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,

**C** ever singing your praise!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**P** Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

**C** in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Kyrie 152-3

Salutation and Collect of the Day 156

**P** The Lord be with you. **C** (*sung*) And also with you.

**P** Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus

Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** (*sung*) Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7 ESV

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And 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 grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

**P** O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

**C** the founder and perfecter of our faith,

**P** who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**C** and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

## Epistle

Romans 5:1–8 ESV

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering 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 who 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>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

**Verse**

**Ephesians 6:11**

*spoken together:* **The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth.**

**Holy Gospel**

**St. John 4:5–30, 39–42** **ESV**

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fourth chapter.

**C** (*sung*) **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob’s well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

<sup>7</sup>A woman from Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?” (For Jews have no dealings 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 nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock.” <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”

<sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come here.” <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 now have is not your husband. What you have said is

true.”<sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet.  
<sup>20</sup> Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship.”<sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father.<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 is seeking such people 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 (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.”<sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

<sup>27</sup> Just then his disciples came back. They marveled that he was talking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you seek?” or, “Why are you talking with her?”<sup>28</sup> So the woman left her water jar and went away into town and said to the people,<sup>29</sup> “Come, see a man who told me all that I ever did. Can this be the Christ?”<sup>30</sup> They went out of the town and were coming to him. . . .

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me all that I ever did.”<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 indeed the Savior of the world.”

**¶** This is the Gospel of the Lord. **■** (*sung*) **Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Apostles’ Creed**

**159**

**Hymn**

“Jesus Sinners Doth Receive”

**609 vv. 1-4**

**Sermon**

“Stay Hydrated!”

**St. John 4:5–30, 39–42**

**Prayer of the Church**

*Ruth Polz, Chad Kuehl (Don and Diana Kuehl’s nephew), Leo Taylor (Don and Diana Kuehl’s nephew’s grandson), Irene Montgomery, Lorraine Adkins, Gen Rehnelt, Linda Shiets, Mary Grantz, Ken Temple, Joann Neuenschwander, Helen Mekosch, Monica Gee, Vern Hansen, Ann Olson, Richard Hample, Lynn Propp (Dee Kloos’s brother), Warren Schaefer (Mary Muir’s cousin), Neil Miller, Karen Temple, Bonnie Temple (Ken and Karen Temple’s daughter-in-law), Matt Nielsen (Karilyn Richard’s son), Ron Sinn,*

*Travus Mekosch. We remember in our prayers the family of Mary Allen.*

*Petitions conclude:*

**P** . . . let us pray to the Lord:      **C** **Lord, have mercy.**

*Final petition:*

**P** These and whatever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

**Offering and Offertory** **159-160**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn**                    "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive"      **609 vv. 5-7**

**Collect**

**Benediction** **166**

**Hymn**                    "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"      **575**

**Postlude**

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