

# Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

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We welcome you into the worship of Salem Lutheran Church where the Rev. Jeffrey Iacobazzi presides over this service of scripture, prayer, music and Holy Communion.

Holy Communion is served at the rail. (You may kneel or stand). Let Pastor Jeff know if you require a gluten-free wafer. The tray includes wine (the dark color) or white grape juice (the amber color).

There is a basket for your tithes and offerings. You may also give through our web site or by using the U. S. mail (addresses listed at the top of this page). [Click here for the link to the online page.](#)



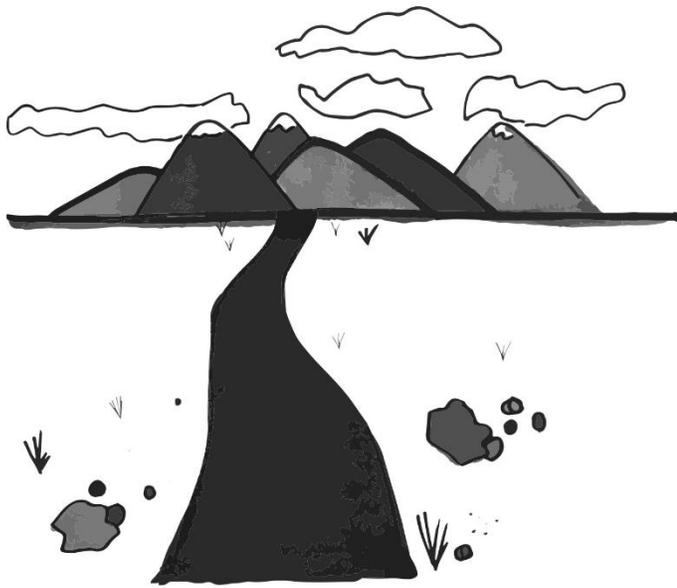
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**P Presiding Minister    A Worship Assistant    All Congregation**



## Gathering

*The bell is rung to announce the beginning of the service.*

*We light the candles.*

## **PRELUDE**

*Sola Gratia Sole Fide*  
*Namibia, Africa*

**Pastor James M. Capers**

Recorded March 19, 2021

## **WORDS OF WELCOME**

**Tatenda Kunaka**



## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**All Amen**

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

*(Silence for Reflection)*

**P** Gracious God,

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

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

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

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

**All 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,

**All 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,

**All 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,

**All 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,

**All 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.

**All Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN

### *Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*

ELW 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";  
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;  
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt. Music: J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

PUBLIC DOMAIN

## GREETING

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

**All** And also with you.

## KYRIE



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.



**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son:      **C** Christ, have mer - cy.



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son:      **C** Lord, have mer - cy.

With One Voice, Setting 5 *Bread of Life*

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

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.

**All** **Amen.**

## Word

### **FIRST READING:**

Exodus 17:1-7

**A** The word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM 95**

**A** <sup>1</sup>Come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

**All** <sup>2</sup>**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

**A** <sup>3</sup>For you, Lord, are a great God,  
and a great ruler above all gods.

**All** <sup>4</sup>**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;  
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

**A** <sup>5</sup>The sea is yours, for you made it,  
and your hands have molded the dry land.

**All** <sup>6</sup>**Come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

**A** <sup>7</sup>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!

**All** <sup>8</sup>**"Harden not your hearts,  
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

**A** <sup>9</sup>There your ancestors tested me,  
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

**All** <sup>10</sup>**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,  
'The heart of this people goes astray;  
they do not know my ways.'**

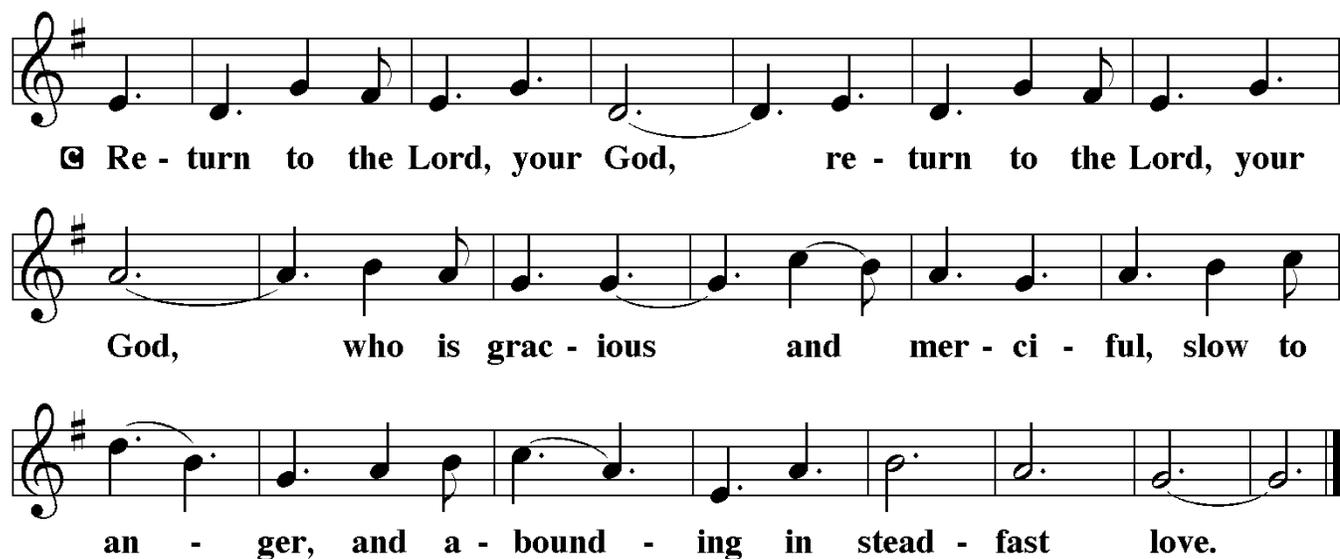
**A** <sup>11</sup>Indeed I swore in my anger,  
'They shall never come to my rest.'”.

## **SECOND READING:** Romans 5:1-11

**A** The word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



**☞** Re - turn to the Lord, your God, re - turn to the Lord, your  
God, who is grac - ious and mer - ci - ful, slow to  
an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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**P** The holy gospel according to John, the third chapter.

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

**The GOSPEL:** John 4:5-42

**P** The gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON** Pastor Jeff Iacobazzi

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

ELW 611



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;  
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give  
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."  
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."  
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;  
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;  
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing - place, and he has made me glad.  
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.  
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889

Music: English folk tune

## **THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again 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**

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

*Responses after each petition.*

**A** Hear us, O God.

**All** **Your mercy is great.**

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

**All** **Amen.**

# Meal

## PEACE

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

**All** And also with you.

## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY SONG



**☩** Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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## **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 his saving work.  
We ask this in Jesus' name.

**All Amen.**

## **THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

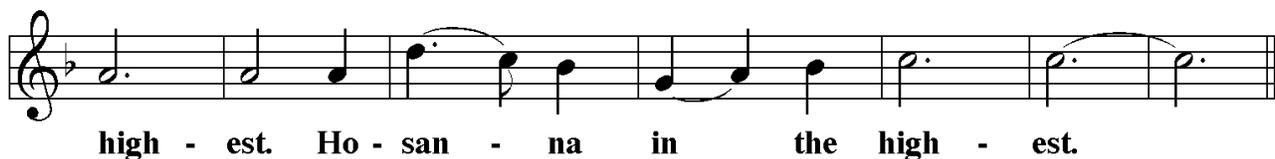
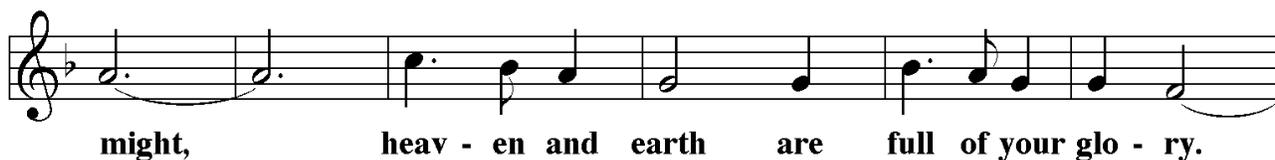
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

**P** It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. You bid your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



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## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**P** Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,  
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out your Holy Spirit,  
that by this Holy Communion we may know  
the unity we share with all your people  
in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

**All Amen**

**All 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.



  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on

  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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# THE COMMUNION

## COMMUNION BLESSING

### POST COMUNION CANTICLE



☞ Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -  
one what God has done. Let all who seek the  
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.  
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and  
lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -  
giv - ing. A - men, a - men.

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**A** Let us pray.  
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.

**All Amen.**

## **Sending**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The congregation council meets today at 12:45.

March 29 – 10:30 a.m. SUNDAY OF THE PASSION / PALM SUNDAY

April 2 – 7:00 p.m. MAUNDAY THURSDAY worship

April 3 – 7:00 p.m. GOOD FRIDAY worship

## **BLESSING**

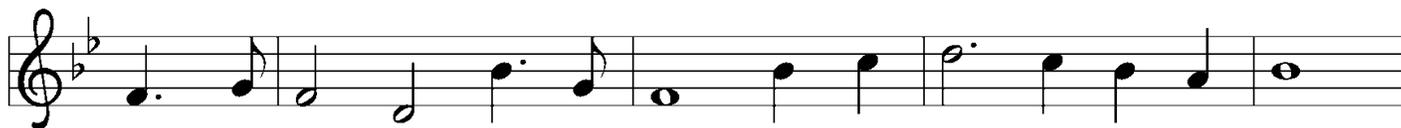
**P** Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
God, who calls all things into existence,  
Jesus Christ, who redeems us,  
and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation,  
✚ bless you now and always.

**All Amen.**

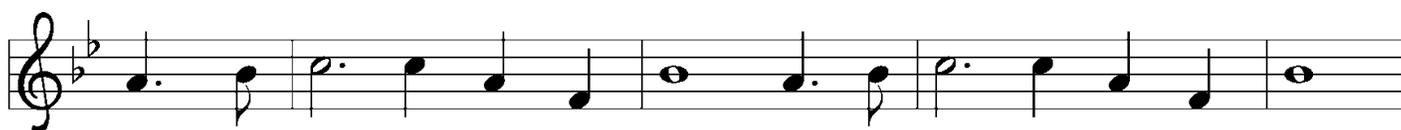
## SENDING SONG

### *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

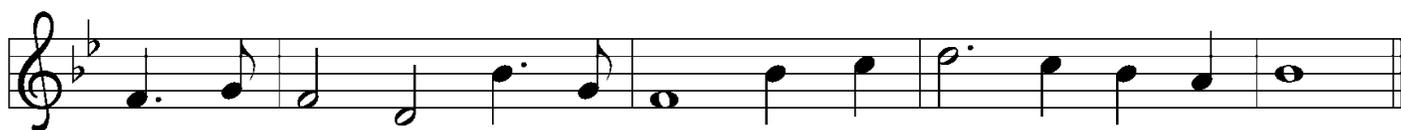
ELW 623



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;  
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,  
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;  
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.  
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.  
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.  
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

PUBLIC DOMAIN

Text: Augustus M Toplady, 1740-1778

Music: Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

## DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God

**March 8, 2026**

**Rev. Jeffrey M. Iacobazzi, Presiding Minister**

**Rosemary Rader, Music Director**

**Tatenda Kunaka, Worship Assistant**

**Racheal and Divine Adolphe, Acolytes**

**Kalamo Adolphe, Media Assistant**

**Devoe Slisher, Media Director**

**Laura Morgan, Altar Guild**