



# Third SUNDAY IN LENT

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**First Sunday of Lent  
March 8, 2026**

*Thank you for being the Body of Christ  
gathered here this morning.*

*Welcome to Worship!*

**It is good to be together. Your presence  
here is a gift to God and to others this  
morning.**

*We have committed as a church to pray for all those in our community who are living in the darkness of addiction. We have lit a candle in the front of the sanctuary as we pray for the light of Christ to break into their lives. Before worship begins, you are invited to light a candle for a friend or family member for whom you are praying.*

**Prelude  
Welcome  
Announcements**

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, the sower, the seed, the fruit;  
our lifeboat, our treasure, our leaven. Blessed be God forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence is kept for reflection.)*

**God of heaven and earth, we name before you the sin that enslaves us, the sin that wounds us and others, the sin that scars our world. Forgive us and heal us. Guard us from all evil. Give to us and the whole creation the freedom of the glory of the children of God. Amen.**

**Come, all who are weary, all who carry heavy burdens. As tender as a parent to child, so gentle is God to us.**

**As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for us. As far as east is from west, so far God removes our sin from, us, renewing our lives in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**Kyrie  
Gloria**

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### 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**

**Choir**

**Exodus 17: 1-7****Reader: Elaine Peterson**

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.

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?"

So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me."

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.

He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel: John 4: 5-42**

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 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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

**"Come to Me All Pilgrims Thirsty"**

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**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**

Each petition will end with "Lord, in your mercy," the congregation responds with "hear our prayer."

**Offering**

*You may put your offerings in the basket on the table in the back of the sanctuary - or you are invited to make your offerings online on our website – [americanlutheranchurch.net](http://americanlutheranchurch.net) -- or mail them to American Lutheran Church at PO Box 653- Newport, WA 99156*

**Great Thanksgiving  
"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

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**The Words of Institution**

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.**

**Lord's Prayer -See call and response on screens**

**Invitation to Communion - All are welcome at the Lord's Table. This is God's gift, God's grace, God's life – given freely in love for you. Grape juice and gluten, soy, dairy and corn-free wafers are available. If you need communion brought to you at your seat, please let the usher know.**

**Lamb of God**

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**Communion Hymns: 324, 336, 484**

**Blessing  
Prayer  
Benediction**

Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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A gentle reminder: Please show care for one another and wear a mask if you are feeling under the weather at all.

### This Week

Monday	10 am	Bible Study
	Noon	Al-anon
Tuesday	10 am	Anna Circle
Tuesday	7pm	Council Meeting
Wednesday	5:45pm	Lenten Soup Supper
Wednesday	6:30pm	Lenten Service
Wednesday	7pm	Choir (after service)
Saturday	3pm	Addiction Support Group
Sunday	10 am	Worship

**Remember in Prayer:** Lucy Anderson (at the request of Mary Bug Smith), Anita (at the request of Terry Zakar), Cyndy Akre Grady, Scone Bender, Rudy Bergen, Roger Brandt, Annika Britton, Julie Brown and family, Barbara Campbell, Justin Carnie (Ruth and Mitch Carnie), Ellie, Bobbie Joe (at the request of Carlene Connelly), Shae Courtney (son-in-law of the Lewis'), Susan Fox, Dorothy Funden, Gladys Gerow, Larry Gerow, Ed and Lynda Heckman, Gary Heckathorn, Marva Heckathorn, Annika Hughes, Kurt Johnson, Imo Jones, Kapple family, Leroy Leland, Moses (at the request of Sark Ratliff), Steve Morey (Phyllis and Wilson's grandfather), friends and family of Carl Pitts, Sark Ratliff, Jeanette Reiter, Paul (Julie Brown's brother), Joel Robertson, Carol Rock, Sandy Rock (Joy Peralta's sister-in-law), Val Samson, Cheryl Schoesler, Judy Schoesler, Bill Stewart (at the request of the Graffs), Sara Rogers (at the request of Christian Britton), Chris Vullo (at the request of Judy Bell), Wayland VanZant, Audrey Wilbur (Marva's great niece), Jason (at the request of Terry Zakar).

**\*Please note:** Prayer requests will normally be kept on the list for one month unless requested for longer.

### Announcements:

**Lent:** Lenten Soup Suppers: Soup Supper served at 5:45 (Please sign up on the form in the Narthex), followed by a short service at 6:30. Choir practice will follow. There will be a Maundy Thursday and Good Friday service as well.

**Addiction Support Group:** Christian Britton and Sark Ratliff are hosting a support group for all addictions. They meet on Saturdays at 3pm.

If you would like to be on our church email list for announcements and prayer concerns, please send your email address to [alc.churchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:alc.churchoffice@gmail.com).

**Reminder:** Please don't forget to set the alarm before leaving the church. If you do not have a code please text/call Laretta 509-447-3440

