

St. Luke Lutheran Church

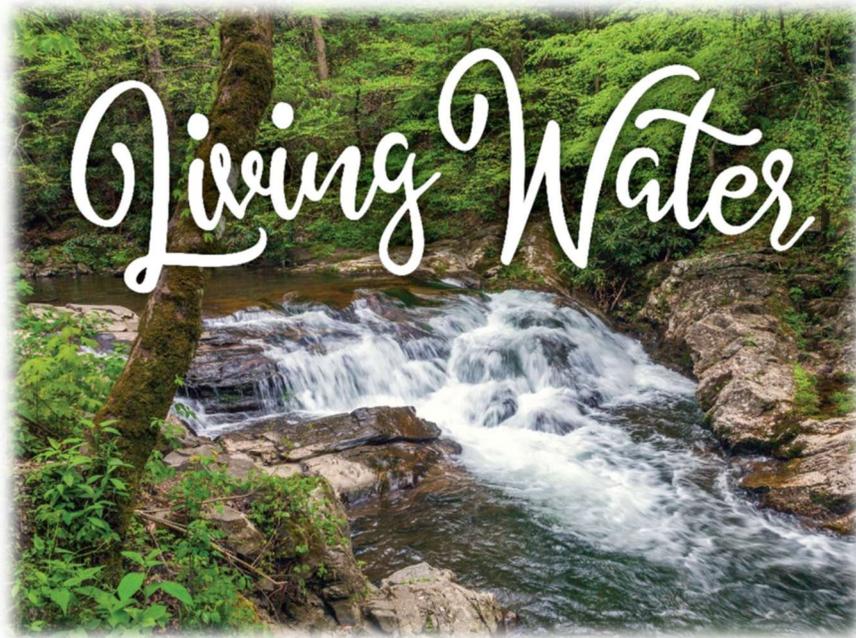
"Energized by God's Love"

Dynamisé par l'amour de Dieu

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The Rev. Daniel Tisdel

Evangelical Lutheran Worship
3rd Sunday in Lent

Setting III
March 8, 2026



Dear Members & Guests - Welcome to Worship!
God has greatly blessed us with your presence today.
Thank you for responding to his invitation.

If you have a prayer request, please send it by email or voicemail to Letty in the church office.



Sunnyvale Community Services
Preventing Homelessness and Hunger in Our Local Community

SERVING US THIS MORNING

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Background Worship: Beth Stauter

Organist: Beth Stauter

Choir Director: Chris Frye

Bell Choir Director: Wil Mandac

Tech Team: Andy Wadsworth, Alan Martinez, Ethan ElAmir, Jordan Mandac, Madeleine Gan, Scarlett Marquez, Tim Ambrose, Tim and Denise Tsang

Prayer Chain Coordinator: Marlene Custer

Hearing Assistance devices are available in the Library/AV Room.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Beth Stauter

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 confess our sin before God, who removes our guilt and blots out all offenses.

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:

[P] Gracious God,

[C] **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

[P] For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word:

[P] 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:

[P] Gracious God,

[C] **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

[P] For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and for disdain the living water Christ offers:

[P] 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:

[P] 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:

[P] Gracious God,

[C] **have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

[P] God's steadfast love, grace, and forgiveness abound.

[P] 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.

[C] **Amen.**

INVOCATION

(music found on page 138)

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

[C] **And also with you.**

KYRIE

[A] In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

[C] **Lord, have mercy.**

[A] Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

[C] **Amen.**

HYMN:

"LET MY PRAYER RISE UP"

ELW #232

PRAYER OF THE DAY

[A] Let us pray...

[C] **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.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE WITH KIRK AUTSEN

GOD ENCOUNTERS HIS PEOPLE THROUGH HIS WORD

1st Reading – Exodus 17:1-7

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.

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 for 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?”

Psalm 95

OT => Old Testament windows (right) side of sanctuary

NT => New Testament windows (left) side of sanctuary

[NT] Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

[OT] Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.

[NT] For you, LORD, are a great God, and a great ruler above all gods.

[OT] In your hand are the caverns of the earth; the heights of the hills are also yours.

[NT] The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land.

[OT] Come, let us worship¹ and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD our maker.

[NT] For the LORD is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand.

[OT] Oh, that today you would hear God’s voice!

[NT] “Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

[OT] There your ancestors tested me, they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

[NT] Forty years I loathed that generation, saying, ‘The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.’

[C] Indeed I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’”

CHOIR ANTHEM

“A PRAYER FOR LENT”

St. Luke Choir

(Written & Conducted By William Polzin,
Accompanied by Margaret Steen on Flute)

2nd 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.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 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. And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 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.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. 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. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(music found on page 142)

Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and abounding in steadfast love.

[P] This is the Holy Gospel according to John ...

[C] **Glory to you, O Lord.** (spoken)

Gospel – John 4:5--42

Read by Pastor Dan Tisdell

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

[Jesus] 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."

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

[C] Praise to you, O Christ.

MESSAGE

“UNEXPECTED PROPHETS”

Pastor Dan

Tisdell

HYMN OF THE DAY *“I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY”*

ELW #611

GATHERING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Prayer requests collected in the offering plates will be brought forward for the Prayers of the People.

OFFERING MUSIC

Beth Stauter

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

[A] Let us pray...

[C] Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

[C] 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.

(*universal)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[P & A] Hear us, O God,

[C] Your Mercy is great.

PEACE OF CHRIST

TRANSITIONAL PRAYER

[A] Let us pray...

[C] Oh God, each time I worship and take communion, I want to recommit my life, my heart, my thoughts, my everything to You. Fill me today with Your

powerful Spirit and help me grow closer to you and to my neighbor. Amen.

MEAL

Sung by Pastor Dan Tisdell

The Great Thanksgiving

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] **And also with you.**

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] **We lift them to the Lord.**

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

[P] It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . .

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND BLESSING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

[C] **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.**

"LAMB OF GOD"

(music found on page 146)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION - THE EUCHARIST (be seated)

Our Lord Jesus is the host of his table. He invites all to come to him. Everyone is welcome to commune with communion fellowship cups or by intinction with bread and your choice of wine or grape juice. If you are not communing, please come up to receive a blessing of the day.

COMMUNION MUSIC

"ALL WHO ARE THIRSTY"

Led by Andy Wadsworth

(By Brenton Town & Glenn Robertson)

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

[P] 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.

[C] **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

“ROCK OF AGES, CLEFT FOR ME”
(vs. 1-2 & 4)

ELW #623

BENEDICTION

[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] **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

[A] Our worship continues; our service is just begun. Go in peace to love and serve The Lord.

[C] **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

POSTLUDE:

“I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY”
(Arr. By Albin C. Whitworth)

Beth Stauter