

3RD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 8, 2026



St. Luke Evangelical Lutheran Church
2695 Luther Drive | Chambersburg, Pennsylvania | 17202

"SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Lord, Jesus, Think on Me* Christopher Uehlein

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

OPENING HYMN *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* ELW 533

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

ELW 152

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Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

*Let us pray. **A brief silence is kept before the prayer.***

FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Response after the reading: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95 (Spoken Responsively)

- ¹ Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
- ² **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**
- ³ For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.
- ⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**
- ⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.
- ⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**
- ⁷ 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!
- ⁸ **"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the
desert.**
- ⁹ There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.
- ¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray;
they do not know my ways.'**
- ¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.'"

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

***Response after the reading:* Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Spoken in unison; please stand.)

Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me this living water that I may never thirst again. (*John 4:42, 15*)

GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

*The Holy Gospel according to John: **Glory to you, O Lord.***
*The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

SERMON

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

HYMN OF THE DAY *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* ELW 611

APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

*The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.***

ANTHEM

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross* Alison Prestwood

OFFERTORY HYMN

ELW 678:1

God, whose giving knows no ending, / From your rich and endless
store: / Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, / Costly cross, grave's
shattered door, / Gifted by you, we turn to you, / Off'ring up
ourselves in praise; / Thankful song shall rise forever, / Gracious
donor of our days.

OFFERING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The presiding minister continues: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

ELW 190

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome at the table! Please join us by coming up the center aisle and receiving the bread from the Pastor (Gluten-free wafers are available). Then you may choose to receive the wine from the common cup, or by picking up an empty cup and receiving the wine from one of the two pouring chalices. Filled cups of grape juice are available alongside the empty cups.

COMMUNION HYMNS ELW 479, 542, 773, 856, 616

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST COMMUNION SONG *Now, Lord* ELW 201

PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN *O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts* ELW 658

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Go Forth in Faith* Christopher Gale

Today's Worship Support

Presiding Minister: Rev. Christopher Frye

Assisting Minister: Bob Huss

Lector: Janet Lundblad

Communion Assistants: Beth Keener & Jodi Forrester

Acolyte: Reece Chestnut

Greeters: Anita Walter

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Weekly Worship Schedule

Sundays

10:00 am Holy Communion

8:45 am Faith Formation/Christian Education

Wednesdays

11:00 am Holy Communion & Healing

7:00 pm Prayer & Share via Zoom



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