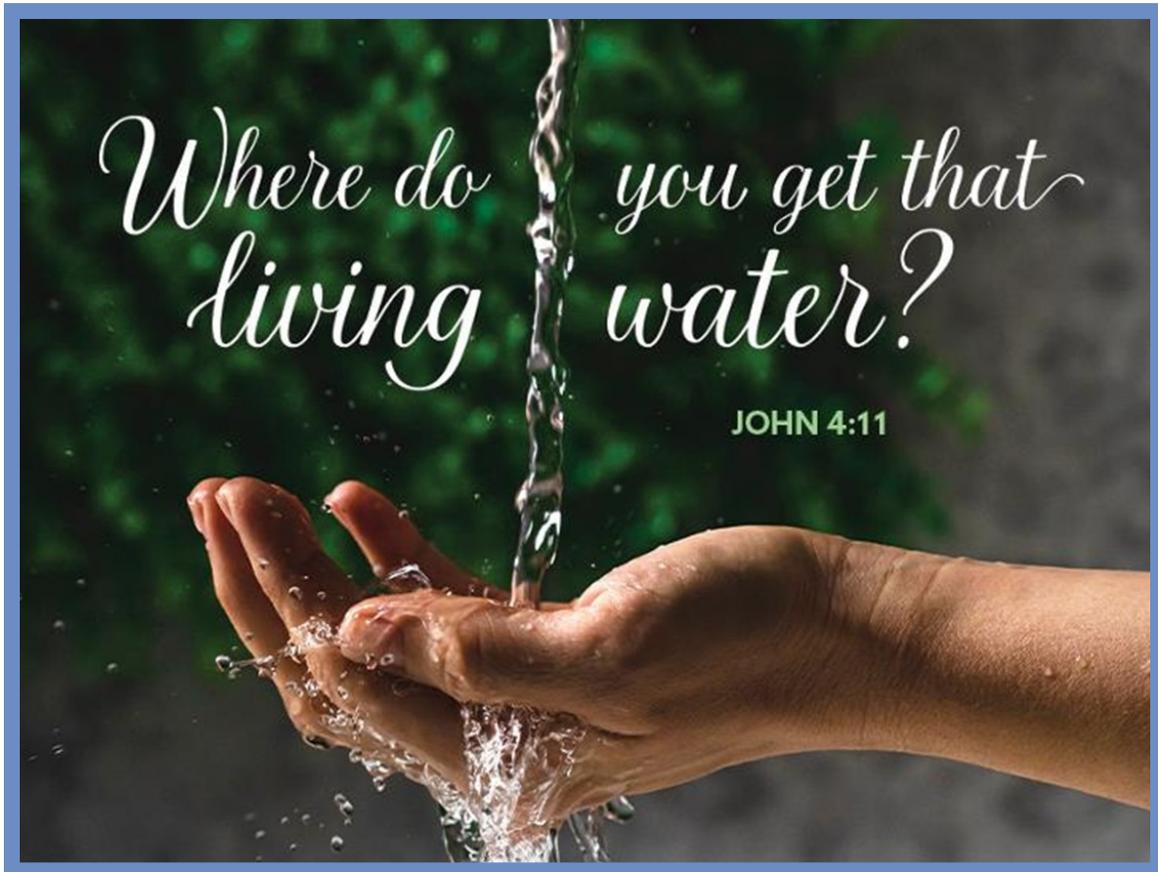


## Third Sunday In Lent



Morning Worship

March 8, 2026

## **WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW**

**Welcome** to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to the faith.

**Welcome** to all who have no church home, want to follow Jesus, have doubts, or do not believe.

**Welcome** to new visitors and old friends.

**Welcome** especially to all who have ever felt unwelcome in the church.

**Welcome** to believers, questioners, and questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and grieve, to rejoice and recover.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. This is a place where lives are made new.

## **HOW WE WORSHIP**

When we gather for worship, we rejoice in God's grace through songs, prayers, scriptures, and the sacraments. The history of Christian worship is rich with traditions and rituals formed by generations which help to connect our lives with Christ.

By its very nature, Lutheran worship is participatory. The Holy Spirit joins our hearts and voices through songs and prayers that are both ancient and modern, biblical and relevant. Worship leaders guide us through the service and our responses are printed in **bold type**.

We are sent from this gathering into the world where we live on mission for Christ in our daily lives, loving and serving our neighbors and sharing the good news of Jesus with a world in need.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL

*Please stand as you are able.*

GATHERING HYMN “All Who Are Thirsty”

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All who are thirsty  
All who are weak  
Come to the fountain  
Dip your heart in the stream of life  
Let the pain and the sorrow  
Be washed away  
In the waves of His mercy  
As deep cries out to deep  
(We sing)

Chorus 1  
Come Lord Jesus come  
Come Lord Jesus come  
(REPEAT)

Chorus 2  
Holy Spirit come  
Holy Spirit come  
(REPEAT)

Interlude  
As deep cries out to deep  
As deep cries out to deep  
As deep cries out to deep we sing (Chorus 1)

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVNESS

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

## GREETING

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

**And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE “Lord I Lift Your Name on High” Hymn #857

Verse

Lord I lift Your name on high  
Lord I love to sing Your praises  
I'm so glad You're in my life  
I'm so glad You came to save us

Chorus

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the way  
From the earth to the cross  
My debt to pay  
From the cross to the grave  
From the grave to the sky  
Lord I lift Your name on high

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## WORD

### FIRST 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.*

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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?” <sup>3</sup> 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?” <sup>4</sup> So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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.**

PSALM

PSALM 42 "As The Deer"

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As The Deer

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VERSE

♩ = 74      D      A/C#      A      Bm      D/A      G      A7sus A7 D2sus      D

1. As the deer pant - eth for the wa - ter, so my soul long - eth af - ter Thee.  
 2. You're my friend and You are my broth - er e - ven though You are a King.  
 3. I want You more than gold or sil - ver. On - ly You can sat - is - fy.

5      A/C#      A      Bm      D/A      G      A      G/A      D      D/C#

You a - lone are my heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor - ship Thee.  
 I love You more than an - y oth - er, so much more than an - y - thing.  
 You a - lone are the real joy - giv - er and the ap - ple of my eye.

CHORUS

Bm      Bm/A      G      A/G D/F#      G      Bm/F#      Em      Em7      F#sus      F# F#/E

You a - lone are my strength, my shield; to You a - lone may my spir - it yield.

14      D      A/C#      A      Bm      D/A      G      A      G/A      D

You a - lone are my heart's de - si - re, and I long to wor - ship Thee.

SECOND 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.*

<sup>1</sup> Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction 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 that 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> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Much more surely, therefore, since we have now been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> 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. <sup>11</sup> But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

*Pastor Chris Steubing*

*Please remain seated for the gospel reading.*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

The holy gospel according to John.

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

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

<sup>5</sup> [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.<sup>6</sup> Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

<sup>7</sup> A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."<sup>8</sup> (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)<sup>9</sup> 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.)<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 no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"<sup>12</sup> Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his

flocks drank from it?” <sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> 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.” <sup>15</sup> 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.”

<sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, “Go, call your husband, and come back.” <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 have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!” <sup>19</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, I see that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup> Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.” <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to her, “Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. <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 seeks such as these 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” (who is called Christ). “When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.” <sup>26</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking to you.”

<sup>27</sup> 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?” <sup>28</sup> Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, <sup>29</sup> “Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” <sup>30</sup> They left the city and were on their way to him.

<sup>31</sup> Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” <sup>32</sup> But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” <sup>33</sup>

So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. <sup>35</sup> 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. <sup>36</sup> The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. <sup>37</sup> For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ <sup>38</sup> I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

<sup>39</sup> Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” <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 truly the Savior of the world.”

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*Pastor Chris Steubing*

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Cornerstone”

*Please stand as you are able.*

## "Cornerstone"

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### VERSE 1



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less,



than Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness. I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,



but whol - ly trust in Je - sus' Name. sus' Name. Christ a -



lone. Corn - er - stone. Weak made strong in the Sav - iour's love. Through the storm, He is



Lord. Lord of all.

### VERSE 2 & 3

2. When darkness seems to hide His face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace.  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the vale,  
My anchor holds within the vale.  
CHORUS, INTERLUDE, CHORUS

3. When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found.  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless stand before the throne,  
Faultless stand before the throne.

### INTERLUDE



He is Lord. Lord of all. Christ a -

## THE PRAYERS

...Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

## SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

Let us share the peace with one another.

# OFFERING

## OFFERING MUSIC

### "This I Believe"

1. Our Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, the all cre - at - ing One, God Al - might  
2. Our judge and our de - fend - er, suf - fered and cru - ci - fied, for - give - ness is in

y. Through Your Ho - ly Spir - it, con - ceiv - ing Christ the Son,  
You. De - scend - ed in - to dark - ness, You rose in glo - rious life,

**CHORUS 1**

Je - sus our Sav - iour. I be - lieve in God our Fa - ther,  
for - ev - er seat - ed high.

I be - lieve in Christ the Son. I be - lieve in the Ho - ly Spir - it, our God is three in One.

I be - lieve in the res - ur - rec - tion, that we will rise a - gain. For I be - lieve in the

1  
Name of Je - sus.

**BRIDGE**

2  
I be - lieve in You, I be - lieve You rose a - gain.

1  
I be - lieve that Je - sus Christ is Lord. **2nd time to Chorus 1 & 2** I be

### Chorus 2

I believe in life eternal, I believe in the virgin birth  
I believe in the saints' communion, And in Your holy Church  
I believe in the resurrection, When Jesus comes again  
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

*Please stand as you are able at the offering is brought forward.*

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Lord's Prayer (Sung)*

***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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.***

## BENEDICTION

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.

A musical score for the word 'Amen'. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. The lyrics 'A - men, A - men, A - - - men.' are written below the treble staff, with the first two 'Amen's' having a short note and the third being a long note with a dash. The bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

SENDING HYMN

“May The God of Hope Go With Us”

May the God of Hope Go with Us  
*Dios de la esperanza*



*¡Dios de la es - pe - ran - za, da - nos go - zo y paz!*  
May the God of hope go with us ev - 'ry day,



*Al mun - do en cri - sis, ha - bla tu ver - dad.*  
to a world in need with news of joy and peace.



*Dios de la jus - ti - cia, mán - da - nos tu luz,*  
May the God of jus - tice speed us on our way,



*luz y es - pe - ran - za en la os - cu - ri - dad.*  
bring - ing light and hope to ev - 'ry land and race.



*O - re - mos por la paz, can - te - mos*  
Pray - ing, let us work for peace; sing - ing, share our



*de tu a - mor. Lu - che - mos por la paz,*  
joy with all; work - ing for a world that's new,



*fi - les a ti, Se - ñor.*  
faith - ful when we hear Christ's call.

Text: Alvin Schutmaat, 1921–1988, alt.  
Music: ARGENTINA, Argentine folk melody

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Church Staff and today's worship leaders:

Pastor—Rev. Chris Steubing

Visitation Pastor—Rev. Judi Miller

Our Reader—Paula Lynch

Our Liturgist—Ken Kleid

Organist/Pianist—Jimmy Cheung

Choir and Hand Bell Director—Wendy Kuenemann