

Saint Luke Presbyterian Church

March 8, 2026

3rd Sunday in Lent



Jesus said, "Everyone who drinks this water will get thirsty again. But no one who drinks the water I give will ever be thirsty again. The water I give is like a flowing fountain that gives everlasting life." The woman said, "Please give me a drink of that water!" John 4:13-15

Gathering for the Word

Prelude O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Mila Abbasova organ, Mary Holmlund piano

Our Life Together at St. Luke

Please pass the friendship books to mark your participation and to greet others in your row.

Time of Centering and Stillness

Choral Introit

"We Walk by Faith"

Responsive Call to Worship

one: Let's acknowledge the greatness of God as we offer our praise.

all: **Blessed are you, Almighty Lord, absolute ruler of all creation.**

one: Blessed is the Lord Jesus Christ, the loving Savior of the world.

all: **Holy is Jesus Christ the King of Glory, the eternal Son of God.**

one: Blessed are you, eternal Holy Spirit, gracious source of light and life.

all: **Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we praise you forever.**

Morning Prayer ending with: And all God's children say... **Amen**

†Opening Hymn # 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, our anxiety blocks us from seeking your presence. We live in fear, forgetting that our security has always been in you. We focus on our own well-being instead of heeding your call to care for others. Christ, please have mercy and forgive us. Amen.

Choral Request for Pardon

"Lord Have Mercy Upon Us"

Assurance of Forgiveness

one: Friends, believe the Good News! all: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

†Gloria Patri # 582 **Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

† Passing the Peace of Christ

one: May the peace of Christ be with you all. all: **And also with you.**

Hearing of the Word

Word With the Wise (a time for the young and the young at heart)

one: God loves you. I love you. all: **And all the people of St. Luke love you too.**

Unison Prayer for Illumination

Holy Loving God, we have come here today to worship you; guide our hearts and minds to your message. Create in us a longing thirst for the lessons that deepen our faith, so we will be inspired and activated to go and share your Good News. Amen.

First Readings John 4:3-30, 39-42 and Exodus 17:1-7

Choir Anthem "Such is the Love of God"

Second Reading John 2:13-25

Message "Hope That Will Never Disappoint"

Responding to the Word

†Hymn # 833 "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go"

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

†Doxology **Praise God whose breath fills all the earth; whose love reveals our secret worth; whose Spirit forms one family; whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.**

†Unison Prayer of Dedication

God of hope, we offer these gifts, and we give thanks for all you have done and continue to do through the gift of your Spirit. You welcome us as members of Christ's body. Help us to always show gratitude, through these gifts, and through our acceptance of others as shown to us by your Son, Jesus the Messiah. Amen.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer (using "Debts")

Choral Prayer Response "Creator of the Stars of Night"

†Affirmation of Faith Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

†Our Motivational and Missional Statement **As the people of St. Luke Presbyterian Church, we offer to God our "hands of service, hands of faith, and open hands of love." Holy Spirit, unite us in this calling and send us forth to serve.**

†Closing Hymn # 81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

†Charge and Benediction Romans 1:1-5

†Choral Response "Jesus, Remember Me"

†Postlude

†The congregation is invited to stand in body or spirit.