



Third Sunday of Lent

Hope Lutheran Church Worship Service

March 8th, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Live streaming on Facebook at [HopeLutheranChurchCbus](https://www.facebook.com/HopeLutheranChurchCbus)

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WELCOME

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. The early church used this gospel and those of the next two Sundays to deepen baptismal reflection during the final days of preparation before baptism at Easter. As we journey to the resurrection feast, Christ comes among us in word, bath, and meal—offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

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: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

P: For desiring self-reliance instead of hungering for your word: 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: 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: 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: 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: Gracious God,

C: Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

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

OPENING HYMN

Lead Me Guide Me (TFF 70)

Please turn to 70 of your TFF hymnal.

GREETING

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

(TFF pg. 26)

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, and 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: Merciful God,

C: 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.

FIRST READING

Exodus 17-1-7

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?"

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95

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

**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the LORD with psalms.**

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

**In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

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

**Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.**

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!

**"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

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

**Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.' "

SECOND READING

Romans 5:1-11

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.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

LENTEN VERSE *(TFF 101)*

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me,

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 4th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: [Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph... *(Continue on page 82 of the New Testament in the pew bibles).*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

YOUNG PEOPLE SERMON SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing (TFF 108)



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end - less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good - ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Hear us O God,

C: Your mercy is great.

WE SHARE PEACE

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND THANKOFFERING

QUIET TIME

OFFERTORY

Let The Vineyards

(TFF pg. 36)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest of seeds that were sown, that we may be fed the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and dreams of all, unite them with the prayers we offer.

Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: O God,

C: Maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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 God thanks and praise.

SANCTUS

Holy, Holy, Holy

(TFF pg. 38)

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of power and might.

Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

COMMUNION HYMNS

Seek Ye First

(TFF 149)

Let Us Break Bread Together

(TFF 123)

BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: God of our salvation,

C: 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. Amen.

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.

SENDING SONG

There is a Balm in Gilead

(TFF 185)

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can-not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain

but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Participants This Week

Preaching and Presiding: Pastor Julianne Smeck

Ministers: All worshippers

Bassist: Dan Abell **Guitar:** Kurt Keljo **Drummer:** Seth Daily **Pianist:** Robert Wade

Reader: Darren McDaniel

Worship Assistant: Beverly Chavis

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Worship Leaders Next Sunday

Reader: Muriel Scruggs

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BIRTHDAYS: Alex Viney (11th) Lisa Viney (14th)

EASTER FLOWERS How lovely is the sanctuary when it's decorated with flowers. Thanks be to God! Place your order form for Easter Flowers along with your payment in the special envelope provided, and place it in the offering plate no later than March 15. You may order Easter Lilies for \$13.00/each and Hyacinths or Tulips for \$8.00/each. Thank you for your participation.

FOOD GIVEAWAY Don't forget the next food giveaway is on March 21 at 10:00 am! Help is also needed for unloading food on March 20!

HOSTING EASTSIDE FELLOWSHIP Our friends of Eastside Fellowship Ministries are coming to share a meal and worship with us this Wednesday! We will serve soups, sandwiches, and desserts. Sign-up sheets are on the kitchen door. If you aren't able to come for the meal, please come for the worship service anyway. Worshipping together is such a gift. You will be blessed! Meal at 6:00 pm, Worship at 7:00 pm.

NELSON W. TROUT LECTURES

April 23-24, 2026 — REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

The Rev. Dr. Nelson W. Trout was a native of Columbus, OH (Urbancrest) as well as a Capital & Trinity graduate. He was the first person of African Descent to be elected Bishop in North America. Annually, Trinity holds lectures in his honor. This year we are pleased to welcome **The Rev. Traci Blackmon!** Also, new this year will be a Friday morning Prayer Breakfast. Registration is free and open to the public. **Register TODAY at www.Trinity.Capital.edu**

THE PASTOR'S SABBATH is on Thursday and Friday each week.

PROPERTY CONCERNS You can now communicate property issues via email (hopelutheranchurchproperty@gmail.com), the committee has decided one chairperson isn't necessary. This is a strong team, and they will respond quickly.

SCHEDULE FOR EFM WORSHIP DURING LENT

March 11th - Hope Lutheran Chaplain Marla Flewellen of OSU Hospital East

March 18th - Asbury North UMC – Dr. Edward Lewis of Bethany Presbyterian

March 25th - Bethany Presbyterian - Dr. Mark Hensley of St Philip Lutheran

CALENDAR

March 21 - Food Distribution, 10:00 a.m...Help also needed on March 20 for unloading food.

GIVE WITH THE VENMO APP

To give offerings and tithes via Venmo:

- *Download the Venmo app
- *Set up bank account info, or debit card info
- *Touch "Pay" or "Request" at the bottom
- *Enter the church cell phone number. (614) 907-3869
- ***Church user name — @HopeLilley-820**
- ***Enter offering amount**

Note: When setting up an account, select "Private: mode for transactions."

**Offerings @ 3/1/26**

Received: \$22,195

Anticipated: \$24,465

Over / (Short): **(\$2,270)**

Cap Imp: \$1,153