



***Third Weekend in Lent***

*Saturday, March 7, 2026 5:30pm*

*Sunday, March 8, 2026 9:00am*

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.

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Prelude

Ringing of the Bell

Welcome/Greeting

Gathering Hymn *"As The Deer"*

As The Deer – text and music by Martin J. Nystrom 1984 Maranatha Praise Inc.

**Verse 1** As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You. [Chorus]

**Verse 2** I want You more than gold and silver, only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy Giver and the apple of my eye. [Chorus]

**Verse 3** You're my friend and You are my brother, even though You are a King. I love You more than any other, so much more than anything. [Chorus]

[Chorus] You alone are my strength, my shield, to You alone may my spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For seeking worldly delights that deceive us and dishonor you:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

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

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

Gracious God,

For failing to recognize your coming reign, and  
for hindering the work of the Spirit:

Gracious God

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For drawing from the well of self-serving ambition, and  
for disdainning the living water Christ offers:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For disregarding voices from the margin,  
and for distrusting signs of your healing and hope in the world.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

For dwelling in tombs of self-pity and discontent,  
and for disregarding Christ's call to come forth to life:

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.**

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

**Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

**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 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.**

Scripture **Exodus 17:1-7**

<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?”  
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Children’s Message (9am)

Gospel: **John 4:5-42**

<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

ship 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 our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon Pastor Amy Juel

Hymn of the Day *“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” ELW 611*

Apostle’s Creed

Prayers of the Church (Here us, O God, **Your mercy is great**)

Offering “*Canticle of the Turning*” ELW 723

Offering Prayer

**O God, 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**

Words of Institution and The Lord’s Prayer

**(Just a reminder that you have the option to kneel for communion from Sunday, February 22 through Sunday, March 22.)**

Communion Music

Blessing and Prayer after Communion

Sending Blessing

Sending Song “*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*” ELW 623

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

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**PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILIES OF:**

Brandon Eichhorst, Husband of Rachel Eichhorst; son of Jackie Eichhorst.  
Edwin Selvig

**TODAY’S BULLETIN IS SPONSORED IN MEMORY OF JOHN WOODMAN WHO PASSED AWAY 10 YEARS AGO ON MARCH 6TH FROM CINDY WOODMAN.**

**RECIPIENTS FOR OFFERINGS DURING LENT**

**Wednesday, March 11 - Safe Avenues**

**Wednesday, March 18 - Hope for Our City**

**Wednesday, March 25 - Arrive Ministries**

**Thursday, April 2 - Maundy Thursday - General Fund**

### MARCH IS FOOD SHELF MONTH

March is the month that we emphasize the need to stock the shelves at the Kandiyohi County Food Shelf. In order to collect a good variety of non-perishable food, we suggest the following for each week:

March 7-8 - **Soups, crackers**

March 14-15 - **Cereals, peanut butter, breakfast items, granola bars**

March 21/22 - **Pasta, sauces, mac & cheese, etc.**

March 28/29 - **Any non-perishable food**

As always, monetary donations are welcome and can be left in the office or the offering plate (with food shelf designation). We have set a goal of \$1,600. Let's get on board and fill the cart every week! Thank you for your willingness to give.  
Social Kindness Committee

### GATHER & GROW - MARCH 15 - THE LINK

The Link is a faith-based nonprofit serving families in Kandiyohi County and beyond. Our mission is to walk alongside our neighbors in times of hardship, helping meet their most basic needs through food support, financial assistance, clothing, and household goods. We also provide referral information and advocacy, guiding families through unfamiliar systems and connecting them to additional community resources. We rely solely on the generosity of individuals, businesses, churches, and grant partners to fund this work, and on donations of clothing and household items to directly serve the families who come through our doors. Our mission: Creating a community where neighbors share the love of God through service to each other. Some current needs are: unexpired food donations, household necessities (dishes, furniture), gently used clothing and shoes, volunteers for Community Revival, volunteers for food pick up, monetary donations, etc.

### FAMILY PROMISE HOST WEEK - March 23-27

<b><u>Serving Saturday</u></b>	
<b>Preaching:</b>	Pastor Amy Juel
<b>Greeters:</b>	Wayne & Lynette Emberland
<b>Musician:</b>	Molly Aalfs
<b>Lector:</b>	Lois Shaw
<b><u>Serving Sunday</u></b>	
<b>Preaching:</b>	Pastor Amy Juel
<b>Musician:</b>	Molly Aalfs
<b>Acolytes:</b>	Eizabeth & Isabelle Miller
<b>Communion:</b>	Kaleb Krupa, Lyle Loge, Beth Bloomquist, Brian Henrickson
<b>Greeters:</b>	South-Dennis & Karen Sportel; East-Gregg & Karen Laurence; North-Leon & Deb Lentz
<b>Lector:</b>	Joni Hanson
<b>Office:</b>	Diane Asche
<b>Sound/Video:</b>	Mark Bloomquist/Jody Skindelien

**Light of the World, An Ecumenical Evening Prayer, Sunday, March 8th at 7pm at Eagle Lake Lutheran Church, Willmar. ALL ARE WELCOME. Interested in singing in a men's pick-up choir for the evening worship? Join us at 6:15pm for a brief rehearsal!**

**Happenings This Week**

**Monday, March 9** 6:30pm - Scouts  
**Tuesday, March 10** 1:30am - Finance  
 2pm - LCM Meeting/Conference Room  
 6pm - Council  
 6pm - Troop #3749 Rooms 203/205  
**Wed, March 11** 5:30pm Meal/6:15pm Worship/7pm Confirmation  
**Thursday, March 12** 9:30am - Text Bible Study  
 1pm - Quilting  
 6pm - Troop #3655 - Friendship Room  
**Saturday, March 14** 9am - 1st Communion Retreat - GLLM  
 5:30pm - Chapel Worship  
**Sunday, March 15** 9am Worship; 10am Gather & Grow - The Link  
 10:15am Sunday School/God & Me  
 4pm - Troop #3515 Rooms 203/205

**Last Week's Financials**

IRA/QCD/s	\$ 3,700.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,884.85
Sat./Sun. Giving	\$ 5,410.50
Total	\$10,995.35

**Readings and Psalm for March 15**

**Deuteronomy 30:9-14**  
**Colossians 1:1-14**  
**Luke 10:25-37**

<b><u>Weekly Attendance</u></b>
Wed Feb 25 - 116
(YouTube) - 56
Saturday 45
Sunday 168
You Tube 111
Sunday School 27

**If you would like to contribute to the mission of Calvary, please click on the QR code. Thank You!**

