

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026 9:30AM



Jefferson Prairie Lutheran Church

*As a community called by Christ,
we live our faith by loving and serving all creation*

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Prelude

Announcements

Welcome

Please stand as you are able

GATHERING *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.*

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.

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 disdaining 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.

...and gives you life and peace.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

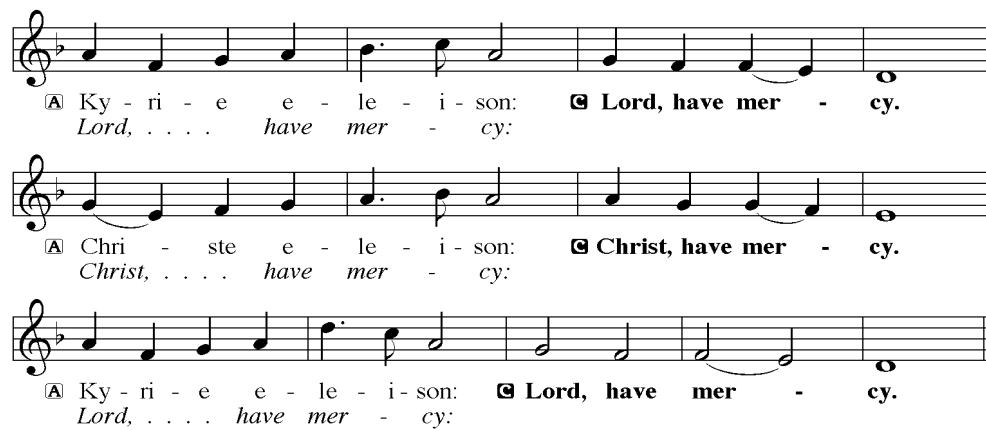
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Greeting

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.

Kyrie-sung responsively



Three staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff is for the Kyrie eleison response, the second for the Christ eleison response, and the third for the Kyrie eleison response. Each staff has a 'A' (Antiphona) and a 'C' (Chorus) part. The lyrics are: Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy:; Chri - ste e - le - i - son: Christ, have mer - cy:; Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: Lord, have mer - cy:.

Prayer of the Day

. . . one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Please be seated

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Reading

Romans 5:1-11

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem

Kyrie Eleison

Choir

Children's Message

Please stand as you are able

Gospel Acclamation

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Three staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love. The second staff continues the melody. The third staff continues the melody. The notation is for a choir or soloist.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel according to John, chapter 4.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John 4:5-42

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Gospel Response

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

Silence for Meditation *We pause in contemplation of God's word, preparing to respond with song*
Please stand as you are able

Message Response

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"

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Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, we 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

Petition response: **Your mercy is great.**

. . . our strength and salvation.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated

MEAL *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offerings Place offerings in the plate at the sanctuary entrance, mail to the church, or give through our website or Tithe.ly App. Thank you for your financial support of our ministry.

Please stand as you are able

Presentation of Gifts

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" v 1-2 #803

1 When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss
and pour contempt on all my pride.

2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
save in the death of Christ, my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I
sacrifice them to his blood.

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.

Great Thanksgiving

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.

. . . and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Words of Promise

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Please be seated

Communion All are welcome at God's table. Communion is by intinction. You will receive the wafer and then dip it into the wine. Gluten-free wafers are available by request.

Communion Hymns

"O Bread of Life from Heaven"

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"Blessed Assurance"

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"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

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Please stand as you are able

Post Communion Blessing & Prayer

. . . Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world*

Blessing

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. **Amen.**

Bell Toll

Sending Hymn

"Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer"

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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Worship Leaders

Terry Pearson – Livestream Ron & Joyce Splan – Ushers/Greeters Hattie Erickson & Hayden Olson – Acolyte
Ron Splan – Reader Steve Mentele–Choir Director Robin Hoefer – Pianist Wade Crevier – Pastor

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Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

1 O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
 2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
 3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant - ed, here thy seed is du - ly sown;
 4 Thou my faith in - crease and quick - en, let me keep thy gift di - vine;
 5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be done in - deed;

where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer.
 where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heav'n on earth must be.
 let my soul, where it is plant - ed, bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone,
 how - so - e'er temp - ta - tions thick - en, may thy word still o'er me shine
 may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.

Oh, how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!
 To my heart, oh, en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!
 so that all I hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.
 as my guid - ing star through life, as my com - fort in all strife.
 Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **Christ, have mer - cy.**
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **Lord, have mer - cy.**
Lord, have mer - cy:



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



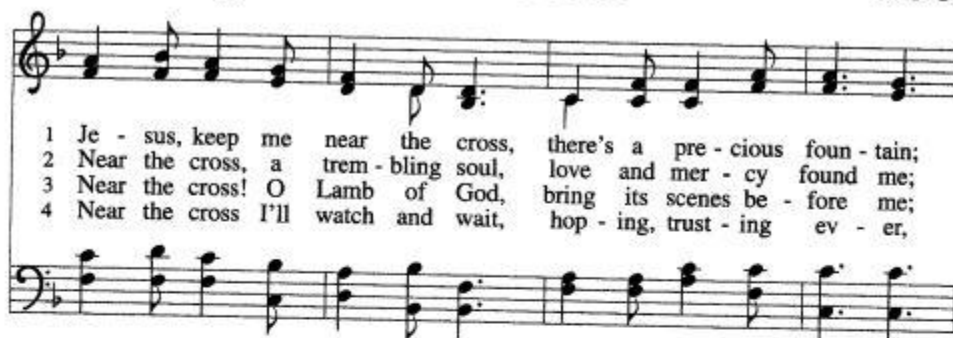
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

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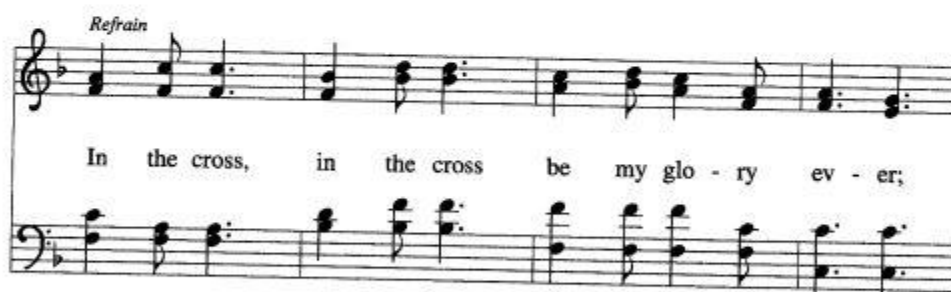


1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

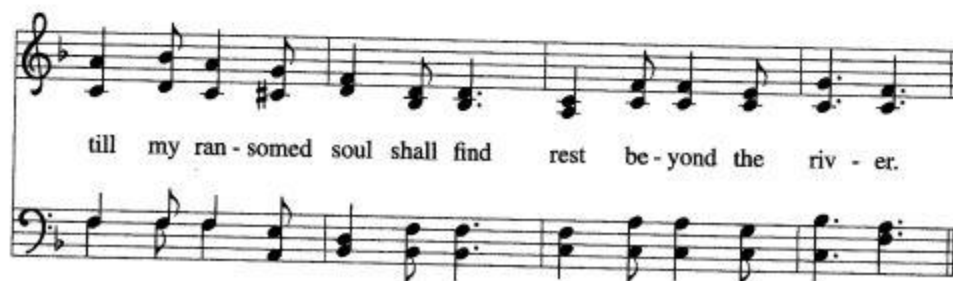


free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915
 Music: William H. Doane, 1832-1915

NEAR THE CROSS
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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

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1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748
 Music: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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Alternate tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

O Bread of Life from Heaven



1 O bread of life from heav - en, O food to pil - grims
 2 O fount of grace re - deem - ing, O riv - er ev - er
 3 We love you, Je - sus, ten - der, in all your hid - den



giv - en, O man - na from a - bove: feed
 stream - ing from Je - sus' wound - ed side: come
 splen - dor with - in these means of grace. Oh,



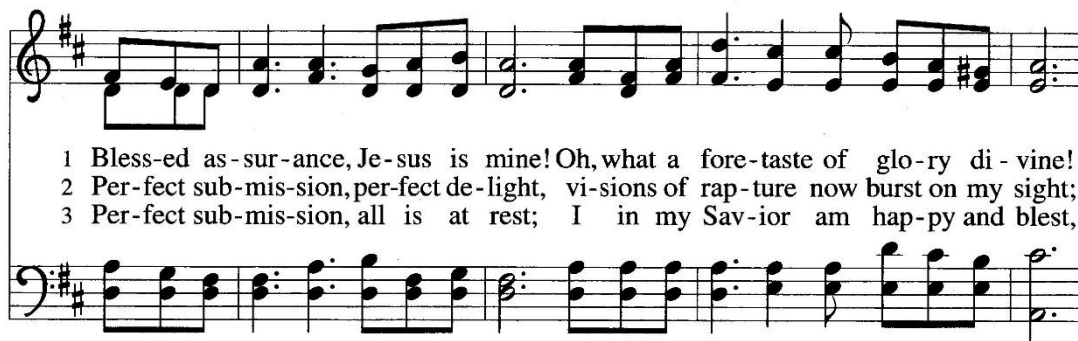
with the bless - ed sweet - ness of your di - vine com -
 now, your love be - stow - ing on thirst - ing souls, and
 let the veil be riv - en, and our clear eye in



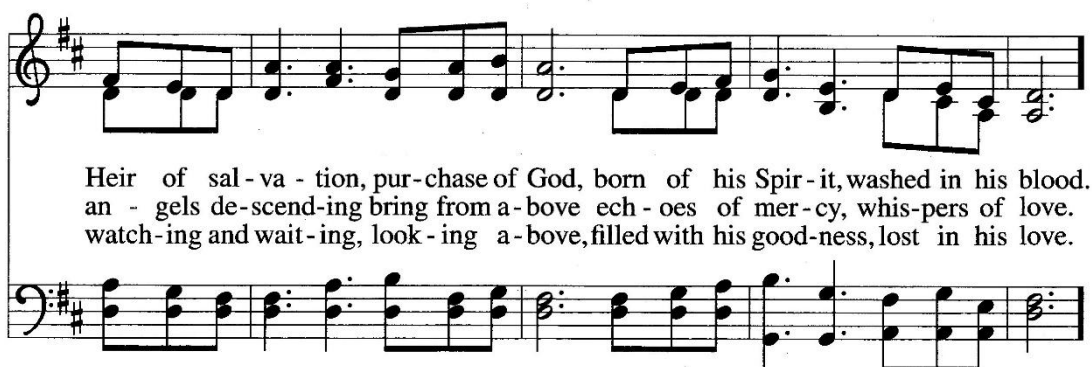
plete - ness the souls that want and need your love,
 flow - ing till all are ful - ly sat - is - fied.
 heav - en be - hold your glo - ry face to face.

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Blessed Assurance

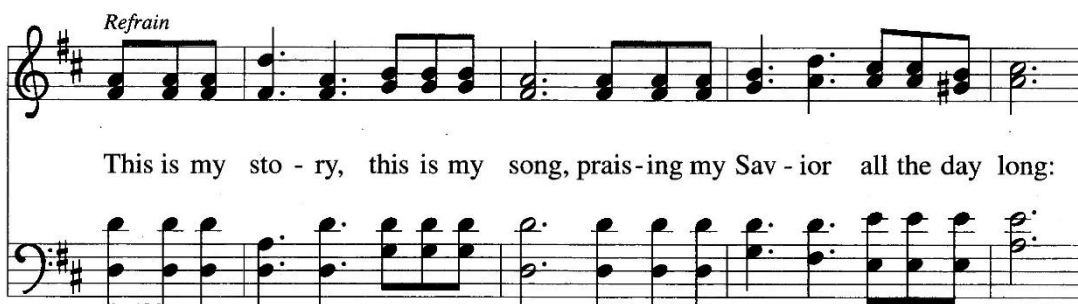


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

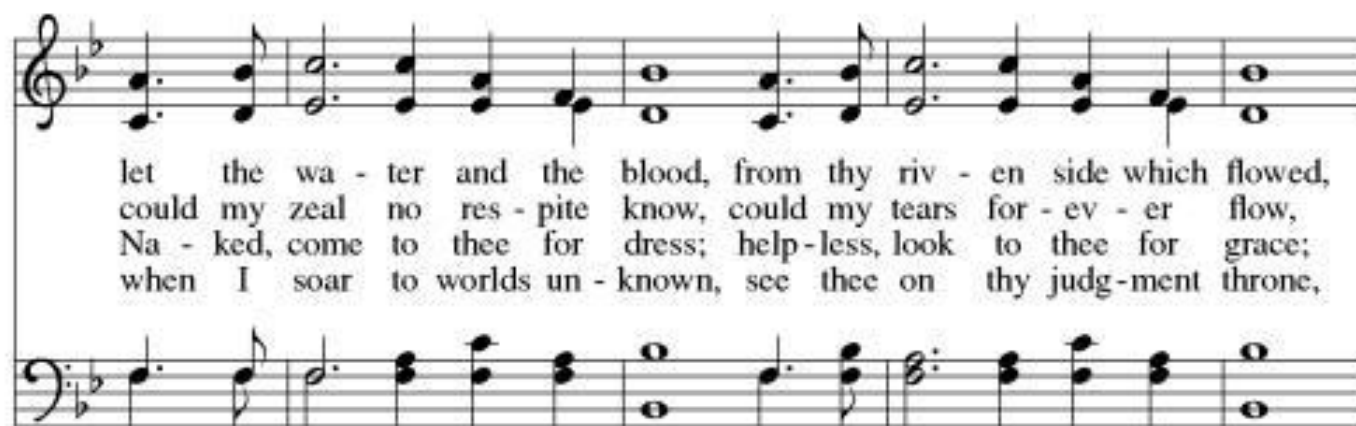


this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784-1872

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Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
 wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es

feed me now and ev - er - more, ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
 shield me with your might - y arm, might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
 I will raise for - ev - er - more, ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

Text: William Williams, 1717-1791; tr. William Williams and Peter Williams,
 1722-1796, alt.
 Music: John Hughes, 1873-1932

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Announcements for March 8, 2026
Welcome! We are happy you are here today!

NOTE: This worship service is being livestreamed.

- **Families:** It is our hope that you will find a comfortable way to worship at JP. There are activity bags in the Narthex for young children to use during worship. There is also a large pew area, "Prayground", on the righthand side of the Sanctuary, near the pulpit, that is available for families to use.
- **Large Print Bulletins and Hymns** are available in the narthex in a red binder. Ask the ushers!
- **Visitors: Sign the Visitor's Book** and pick up a visitor's bag located on the table in the Connecting Room.

Keep in prayer: June Bates, Mary Carlson, Judy Clark (sister-in-law of Bill), Dean Erickson (Brett's dad), Jill Fiorenza (Jim Baker's sister), Barb Grenawalt, Hannah Hahn, Derek Lindstrom, Cookie Martinson, Cindy Peterson (Ted & Julie's sister-in-law), Brad Pfaff (son-in-law of Mary Jane), Mike Schwark (Brett's friend), Don Seeger, Ron Torkilson, Lynn Tracy, Mary Jane Tracy **Please contact Pastor Wade with any changes in requests.**

Mid-Week Lenten Opportunities at Jefferson Prairie Wednesdays

Bible Study with Pastor Wade 3:00pm Lenten Suppers 5:30pm-6:30pm

3/11 Soup & Salad, 3/18 Baked Potato Bar, 3/25 Hot off the Grill

Holden Evening Prayer Service 7:00pm (also livestreamed)

- **Volunteers Needed!** We are seeking to have more volunteers to join our livestreaming ministry for worship services. This is a meaningful way to serve, especially for those who rely on the livestream when they're unable to attend in person. No experience is necessary! If you're interested in helping with **livestreaming**, please contact Mark or Stephanie Schneider. There are also opportunities to serve as **readers** and **ushers**. Sign-up sheets are available in the connecting room. Thank you for the many ways you support and participate in our worship life together!
- Throughout the season of Lent, we are participating in a collection for the **God's Global Barnyard** giving initiative. This is a program through ELCA World Hunger that helps supply funds for livestock, agriculture, and sustainable development projects around the world. These gifts help families in struggling communities gain food security, income, and long-term resilience. There are **piggy-banks** and **barn-banks** you are invited to take around the sanctuary to collect money through Lent to support these families in purchasing livestock. The collection will run until **Easter Sunday** when we will collect the banks as part of our offering. Contact Pastor Wade if you have any questions.
- **Easter Flowers**-Yellow order forms are available in the narthex. Please return order form and payment, together, in the offering plate. Questions, contact Linda Tolson or the office. The deadline is uncertain at this time
- **CHRIST IN OUR HOME** devotionals are available by the office. These are purchased by JP. You are encouraged to take one. Keep one in your purse, car or on the coffee table at home. It is a resource to support your relationship with God and his church.

Sharing Your Offering: Thank you for your generosity that supports God's ministry here at Jefferson Prairie and our mission partners. There are multiple options for sharing your offering.

***Offering plates** are located on stands by the entrance to the sanctuary.

***Give online** at www.jplchurch.org. Click on the GIVE tab at the top to be directed to Tithe.ly.

***Mail** your check to church: 23184 Bergen Rd. Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Online worship available at: <https://www.facebook.com/jeffersonprairie/live/> and www.jplchurch.org homepage. Click on Sermons on the website to watch previous worship services. The bulletin is under Sermon Notes.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, March 8	Daylight Savings Time begins	
	9:30am	Worship
		Youth Music/Sunday School
		Fellowship/Youth Group
Tuesday, March 10	9:00am	Quilting
Wednesday, March 11	3:00pm	Bible Study with Pastor Wade
	5:30pm-6:30pm	Lenten Supper-Soup & Salad
	7:00pm	Mid-Week Lenten Service
Friday, March 13	3:30pm	Bells
Sunday, March 15	9:30am	Worship
		Youth Music/Sunday School
		Fellowship/Youth Group