

OUR SAVIOUR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Service Bulletin

Third Sunday in Lent

March 8, 2026

P: Pastor

L: Liturgist

C: Congregation

ACS: All Creation Sings

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome/Land Acknowledgment/Affirming Statement

(Stand) THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Water! Water! We praise you, O God, for water—
the waters of the Nechako River, Fraser River, Tabor Lake,
West Lake, Purden Lake, Ness Lake and many more,
the rain that nourishes animals and plants,
the water for drinking and bathing.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for our water stories—
a flood that cleansed the earth,
the sea that drowned the enemy,
a river that healed leprosy.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We remember the waters of Jesus—
baptized in the Jordan River,
calming the Sea of Galilee,
drinking from Jacob's Well,
healing at the pool of Bethesda,
washing the disciples' feet.

We praise you, O God, for water.

C: We praise you, O God, for water.

P: We praise you, O God, for this font,
for through this water
you have birthed us into the family of Christ,
bathed us in forgiveness,
and enlivened us in the Spirit.

We praise you, O God, for baptism.

C: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

P: O God, you are the Ocean, sustaining this earth.

O God, you are the River, saving us from death.

O God, you are the Fountain, granting us health and well-being.

We praise you, O God,

today, tomorrow, forever.

Amen, and amen.

C: Amen, and amen.

Opening Hymn ~ ELW #611 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

APOSTOLIC GREETING – ACS pg. 30

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 AND SONG OF PRAISE – ACS pg. 31

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: 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.

WORD

First Reading – Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

¹ Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

² **Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

³ For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴ **In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.**

⁵ The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶ **Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.**

⁷ 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!

⁸ **"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.**

⁹ There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

¹⁰ **Forty years I loathed that generation, saying,
'The heart of this people goes astray; they do not know my ways.'**

¹¹ Indeed I swore in my anger,
'They shall never come to my rest.'"

Second Reading – Romans 5:1-11

(Stand) Gospel Acclamation – ACS pg. 34

(Stand) Gospel – John 4:5-42

SERMON

(Stand) Hymn of the Day ~ ELW #335 - Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

(Stand) APOSTLES' CREED – ACS pgs. 17-18

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving – ACS pgs. 36, 38 section D

Holy, Holy, Holy – ACS page 36

The Lord's Prayer – ACS page 39

Lamb of God – ACS page 40

Communion (All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion as they feel comfortable. Wine and grape juice (middle of tray) and bread or gluten free options are available. If you are unable to stand, please indicate if you wish to participate from your pew.)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

P: God, the Source of glory,
God, the Word of life,
God, the Spirit of truth

✝ bless you all, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn ~ ELW #623 – Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Presider	Rev. Wendy McRae
Communion Assistant	Louise Ewen
Lector	Ven. Rev. Peter Zimmer
Musician	Joan Beek

OSLC Calendar of Events:

Worship Services:

March 8, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship of Holy Communion with Rev. Wendy McRae
March 15, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service with Lauren Aldred
March 15, 2026	2:00 PM – Explore Art with Lauren Aldred
March 22, 2026	No in-person worship service, please join with Grace Anglican
March 29, 2026	12:30 PM – Worship service with Lauren Aldred

Youth Group: 2nd Sunday of month (March 8th next youth group), 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM - 2SLGBTQIA+ and Allies Youth Group for ages 15-29 at 2640 Goheen Street, use back basement entrance.

Food Bank: Tuesdays, 10AM- Noon, use back basement entrance.

Venerable Rev Peter Zimmer – on March 15, 2026 during the church service, Council would like to recognize Peter for the many ways he has served our community. As he steps back from leading worship services, we pray God's blessings on him and thank him for his dedication and kindness to us.

Office Manager - Church Council is excited to create a new part-time Office Manager position. This position will take on duties that will give Council members more capacity to look into new opportunities and next steps for our congregation. Go to website to view the job description. Please share widely. Cover letters and Resumes may be forwarded to oslcospika@gmail.com before the deadline of March 20, 2026.

Tax Receipts- Most tax receipts have been mailed out. Those who attend regularly can pick up their envelope at church on March 8, 2026.

Grace Anglican warmly invites OSLC to attend the following upcoming events:

March 9-10:00 AM – Prayer Group

March 15- 1:30 PM – St Vincent de Paul Soup kitchen

Holy Week festivities:

March 29- 10:00 AM – Palm Sunday: Passion and Palms- at St Michael's and All Angels (SMA)

March 30- 7:00 PM – Holy Week worship at Grace Anglican (GA)

Mar 31- 7:00 PM – Holy Week worship at SMA

April 1- 7:00 PM – Holy Week worship at GA

April 2- 7:00 PM – Maundy Thursday worship service at SMA

April 3 – 3:00 PM – Good Friday worship service at GA

April 4 – 7:00 PM – Easter Vigil at SMA

April 5- 10:00 AM – Easter Sunday at SMA

Offering / Giving:

Thank you to those who so generously give of their time, talents and gifts. We provide several options for you to contribute. If you require a charitable tax receipt for your donation, please contact the church office at oslcospika@gmail.com or 250-564-4336 to provide your name, address and email in order to register with us, so we may issue a charitable tax receipt and an envelope number. Tax receipts are issued by February of each year for the previous year.

Giving may be made in the following ways:

- Electronic transfer to oslcdonation@gmail.com Please provide your envelope number and the purpose of the donation (e.g. general offering, food bank, etc.). We require your contact details in order to issue a tax receipt.
- Cheque: Mailed or placed in church mailbox or donated during Sunday worship service. Please provide: envelope number, if you have one; purpose of donation.

- Cash: Please only provide cash during Sunday morning worship service or during office hours. Place in envelope with details in order to receive tax receipt.
- OSLC website: Canada Helps: [Donate Now - Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Prince George \(canadahelps.org\)](https://canadahelps.org) – **Canada Helps will issue a tax receipt directly to you.**

Thank you for making a difference in many people's lives through your ongoing financial support and participation in the mission of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

READINGS FOR THE DAY

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FIRST READING – Exodus 17:1-7

¹ 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. ² 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?" ³ 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?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and

tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

L: Word of God, word of life.
C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING – Romans 5:1-11

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² 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. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ 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.

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more surely, therefore, since we have now

been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

L: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING - John 4:5-42

C: Glory To You, O Lord

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

⁷ A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ 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.) ¹⁰ 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." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ 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." ¹⁵ 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."

¹⁶ Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." ¹⁷ The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband,' ¹⁸ for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" ¹⁹ The woman said to him,

"Sir, I see that you are a prophet. ²⁰ Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." ²¹ Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²² You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³ 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. ²⁴ God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵ 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." ²⁶ Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷ 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?" ²⁸ Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹ "Come and see

a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" ³⁰ They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹ Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." ³² But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." ³³ So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" ³⁴ Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵ 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. ³⁶ The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷ For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' ³⁸ I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor."

³⁹ Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they

asked him to stay with them,
and he stayed there two
days. ⁴¹ And many more believed
because of his word. ⁴² 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."

P: The gospel of the LORD.

C: Praise to you, O Christ