



3rd Sunday of Lent
March 8, 2026 — 8:30 am Service
Order of Worship
FM Frequency 99.3
Text: 419-482-8227

Passing of the Peace

- L. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
A. And also with you.

Invocation

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
A: Amen.

Prayer of the Week

Heavenly Father, thank You for giving us forgiveness and grace. Help us to deal with others the same way. We know that there will always be disagreements between people. Let us be gracious when dealing with those disagreements and treat those involved like You treat us.
Amen.

Hymn: ***Savior Like A Shepherd Lead Us***

Savior, like a shepherd lead us
Much we need your tender care
In your pleasant pastures feed us
For our use your fold prepare
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
You have bought us we are yours
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
You have bought us we are yours

We are yours; in love befriend us
Be the guardian of our way

Keep your flock, from sin defend us
Seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Hear us children when we pray
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You have promised to receive us
Poor and sinful though we be
You have mercy to relieve us
Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Early let us turn to you
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus
Early let us turn to you

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Brief Order of Confession and Forgiveness

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the Inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly
love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our
sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Most merciful God,

**A: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against
you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We
have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For
the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that
we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives
you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children
of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

A. Amen.

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with
you all.

A: And also with you.

Kyrie

L: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy

L: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

A: Lord, have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A: Amen.

This Is The Feast

L: This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

A: Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia. Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: `Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory of our god, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Scripture Amos 9:11-12

"In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name, declares the LORD who does this."

Acts 15:1-6

"But some men came down from Judea and were teaching the brothers, 'Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.' And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and the elders about this question. So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and brought great joy to all the brothers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they declared all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the party of the Pharisees rose up and said, 'Is necessary to circumcise them and to order them to keep the law of Moses.' The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter."

John 10:14-18

"I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father love me, because I lay down my life that I may take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This charge I have received from my Father."

Scripture Closing

L. This is the Word of the Lord.

A. Thanks be to God!

Sermon — *"The Church Deliberated"* Pastor David Kaiser

Apostle's Creed

ALL: 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.

Hymn: ***Lord Jesus Think On Me***

Lord Jesus, think on me
And purge away my sin
From selfish passions set me free
And make me pure within

Lord Jesus, think on me
By anxious thoughts oppressed
Let me your loving servant be
And taste your promised rest

Lord, Jesus, think on me
Nor let me go astray
Through darkness and perplexity
Point out your chosen way

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Words Of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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, 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.

Lamb Of God

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Communion

Post Communion Blessing

L: *(Please stand and join with those close to you. . .)* May the body and the blood of our Lord Jesus, now in you, strengthen you in body and preserve you in faith to life everlasting.

A: Amen.

L: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,

A: and his mercy endures forever. Amen.

Corporate Prayer

We pray together prayers of:

Adoration

Confession

Thanksgiving

Supplication

Benediction

L: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

A: Amen.

Go In Peace

L: Go in peace, Read the word, Study the word, Serve the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God!

Closing Hymn: ***In Christ There Is No East Or West***

In Christ there is no east or west

In him no south or north

But one great fellowship of love

Throughout the whole wide earth

In him shall true hearts ev'rywhere

Their high communion find

His service is the golden cord

Close binding all mankind

Join hands then, brothers of the faith

Whate'er your race may be

Who serves my Father as a son

Is surely kin to me

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"The apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider this matter." Acts 15:6

Sermon Notes

The Church Deliberated

- ⇒ What was the foundational issue in this debate?

- ⇒ What disagreements are important in a church family?

- ⇒ Who is the Holy Spirit asking you to reconcile with?

Those To Pray For

HOSPITALIZED:

IN HOSPICE CARE:

CONTINUE TO KEEP IN PRAYER: Pam Morbeck, Tom Walker, Edna Hollar, Joy Hodak, Charles Simpson, Carolyn Schell, Elizabeth Ford, Scribner Family, Joyce Wheeler, Diane Debien, Fred Dais, Patty Komisar, Judy Clymer, Lynda Dunn, Pam Walker, Nancy Belt, Lonna Young, Andrea Penzinski, George Hochmuth, Bob Clymer, St. Paul's homebound

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES: Brian Lange, Abe Diaz, Nicholas Brice, Jacob Brice, Trey Olman