



Sunday, March 15, 2026
Introduction to the Day

Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are and whose we are: God's beloved children. When confronted with Jesus' words, Pilate asks; "What is truth?" We might respond, not with what, but with who: Jesus is our Way, our Truth, and our Light.

GATHERING

Welcome to Worship

ELW Service of the Word

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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 offences.

Response: (7x)

P: Gracious God,

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

P: ... and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

♪ Gathering Song

“God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind”

ELW 400

Apostolic Greeting

L: 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** (ELW p. 213) – in unison

Prayer of the Day:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. God of Truth,

C: Too often we bend truth to fit our needs. Show us how to recognize and follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

♪ Gospel Acclamation

“Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken” (2x)

ACS 974

L: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 18:28-40

²⁸ Then they took Jesus from Caiaphas to Pilate’s head-quarters. It was early in the morning. They themselves did not enter the headquarters, so as to avoid ritual defilement and to be able to eat the Passover. ²⁹ So Pilate went out to them and said, “What accusation do you bring against this man?” ³⁰ They

answered, "If this man were not a criminal, we would not have handed him over to you." ³¹ Pilate said to them, "Take him yourselves and judge him according to your law." The Jews replied, "We are not permitted to put anyone to death." ³² (This was to fulfill what Jesus had said when he indicated the kind of death he was to die.)

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom does not belong to this world. If my kingdom belonged to this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. ³⁹ But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰ They shouted in reply, "Not this man but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a rebel.

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: John McCormick

♪ **Hymn of the Day**

"You Are the Way"

ELW 758

Children's Message

Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 217)

Prayers of the People

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

THANKSGIVING

Offering (*Offerings may be submitted by PAR, a cheque mailed or delivered to Advent, or by e-transfer to giving@adventlutheran.ca.)*)

🎵 Offertory Song

“Raise Us From Our Slumber, Lord” (2x)

Raise Us From Our Slumber, Lord

J. L. Salt(er)



Raise us from our slumber, Lord. Show us how to love
'Til your kingdom comes to earth, down from heav'n above.
'Je - sus, will you make it clear? Are you now a king?"
'But my kingdom is not here!' Wash us with your love, O Lord.

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🎵 CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING (ELW p. 219)

Offering Prayer

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (ELW p. 220)

Response: (3x)

L: ... For your Word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

L: ... and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer (ELW p. 221)

SENDING

Announcements

Introduction: ELCIC's National Church Council Visit

Blessing

L: ... in accordance with Christ Jesus.

C: Amen.

L: ... by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

L: The God of all grace ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

♪ **Sending Song**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

ELW 733

Dismissal:

L: Go in peace. Believe the good news. Be the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Statistics

Sunday, March 8th, 10:00 am Attendance:

In Person~49, Online~17, Sunday School~ N/A

Wednesday, March 11th, 7:00 pm Attendance:

In Person~27, Online~3

Prayers for the Wider Church

- for Bishop Trish Schmermund, and for our synod staff, rostered ministers, and people of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories
- for Rev. Dr. Tim Wray, Dean, and the rostered ministers, and people of the Southern Area
- for our Synod Campus Ministries and especially for Rev. Margaret Koizumi, Chaplain for Lutheran Campus Ministry, University of Calgary, and Mount Royal University
- for our synod candidates for ministry
- for the synod council as they gather for their spring meeting and retreat, March 19-21
- for Emmanuel Lutheran, Czar
- for Lutheran ethnic ministries and their pastors, leaders, and people
- for Divine Redeemer Congregation, Bucaramanga, Colombia
- for the bishops, rostered leaders and people of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands

- for the Right Rev. Alexander Pryor, Anglican Bishop of the Arctic; for the Suffragan Bishops Right Rev. Ann Martha Keenainak, and Right Rev. Jared Osborn; and for the staff, priests, and people of the Anglican Diocese of the Arctic

- for the pastors and people of the Mennonite Churches in Canada

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec

ELCIC: Bishop Jason Zinko, the people and rostered ministers of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod

MORAVIAN: The people and ministries of Good Shepherd Moravian Church in Calgary

Weekly Announcements

Pastor Aaron's Holidays: Pastor Aaron will be away from the office until March 16th. Please contact the church office with any pastoral emergencies.

National Church Council (NCC) Visit: Members of the ELCIC's NCC will attend worship with us this Sunday. They will make a brief introduction during the Announcements and then join us for potluck lunch and some focus group Qs & As.

Thanks! Natasha is extremely grateful to everyone who has helped her and Nathan to set up house. Now she needs an income to enable her to buy groceries and pay rent. Natasha has experience as a children's nanny and senior's companion / informal carer. If you have any suggestions, please contact Natasha directly by phone 403-466-3634 or email time_always_wins@yahoo.com (note the underscores between time_always_wins).

Kids' Camp Sunday: The next Kids' Camp Sunday will be on **Palm Sunday**, March 29th, beginning at 9:30 am. Please come and celebrate with us, blessed by the exuberance of our youth.

Funeral for Grace Wallace: The funeral for Grace will take place here at Advent on March 19th at 10:00 am with a lunch reception to follow. The graveside service will be at Mountain View Cemetery at 2:00 pm.

Do you love to sing? Advent will have a pop-up choir on Easter Sunday, with practice the week before. Please join us in “Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia”! Exact details to follow.

Lenten Suppers: Please join us for a soup and bun supper (from 6 to 7 pm) before our Wednesday Lenten services. Volunteers are needed to bring pots of soup and to set up and clean up. Buns and butter will be provided by the church.

Lenten Services: Holden Evening Prayer will be held at 7:00 pm on the 5 Wednesdays of Lent, ending on March 25th.

An Invitation from Calgary-Area Churches to Disc-ipleship Nextdoor: Take a break from work on **Thursdays at noon** during Lent. Join other Lutherans from around Calgary for a devotion time led by one of our Area Lutheran Pastors:

March 19: Rev. Tim Wray (Church of the Master, Airdrie)

March 26: Rev. Mike Wellman (Highwood, Calgary)

The Zoom gatherings start at noon and wind up by 1:00 pm.

Note: To join, control and click [on this Zoom link](#) or go to the Advent Weekly for the link.

Flowers: If you are able to donate cut flowers for the altar, please sign up beside the Coffee Sign-up sheet by the kitchen. A new flower sign-up sheet for the next two months has been posted. Please do not bring lilies as some congregation members have severe allergies. Thank you!

Coffee Fellowship Ministry Sign Up: Hosts are needed for the Coffee Fellowship ministry. Please sign up beside the kitchen or contact the church for further information. This involves preparing coffee, tea and cold drinks, plus setting and cleaning up. Treats are always appreciated but not necessary. No experience needed! On-the-job training is provided.

Financial Giving: *Thank you to everyone for faithfully continuing to contribute and keeping Advent thriving, whether by weekly or monthly giving through cash, cheques or PAR and e-transfer. Instructions for both the PAR program and e-transfers are under ONLINE GIVING on our website (www.adventlutheran.ca).*

Sunday Service Online Links: If you are only able to join us by **phone**, please call [1.855.703.8985](tel:18557038985). Then press [483 597 7957](tel:4835977957)

followed by the pound key (#). Password: **569693**. If you are joining us by **computer**, here is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/4835977957>. Password: **569693**

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| Serving Soon | March 15, 2026 | March 22, 2026 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Worship Presider | John M. | Pastor Aaron S. |
| Assisting Minister | N/A | Maya Y. |
| Communion Asst. | No communion | Kim R. |
| Altar Guild | Diane K. | Evelyn S. |
| Lector | | Laura Y. |
| Ushers | Ken & Norma M. | Marv & Gwen T. |
| Greeters | Wendy & Tom B. | Steve & Amaris C. |
| Sound/Zoom | Garry Y. & Geoff W. | Greg W. & Garry Y. |
| Musician | Sorena C. | Joel C. |
| Offering Counters | Lindsay S. & Geoff W. | Lindsay, Geoff, Deana |
| Coffee Fellowship | Potluck Lunch | Laurie & Lil M. |
| Flowers | Greenery | Greenery |

We give thanks to Jesus, the Creator who sets free, who has gifted us with this land that we are blessed to share and care for together. We acknowledge that the land we gather on, Mohkinstsis, is the ancestral territory of the Siksik-aitsitapi: the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, and Amskapi Pikuni. We acknowledge all the Treaty 7 signatories, including the Tsuut'ina people, as well as the Iyarhe Nakoda Nations: Bearspaw, Chiniki, and Wesley. This land is also the home of Métis Nation Region 3 and all other people who make their home here.