A close-up photograph of a person's hand cupping water falling from a faucet. The water is captured in mid-air, creating a dynamic splash. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green, suggesting foliage. The overall mood is fresh and clean.

*Where do  
living* *you get that  
water?*

JOHN 4:11

**March 8, 2026  
Third Sunday in Lent  
Traditional Worship Service**



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*Congregation responses are in bold*

Guest Minister (PM) - Rev. Bob Sander

Announcements made prior to the start of our service

Prelude Nothing But the Blood Robert Lowry arr. Roger Benneett

*Please stand as you are able*

*We welcome Jesus into our presence as we  
turn to follow the cross as it is processed through our worship space*

**God Loved the World**

1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly  
 2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, who was made  
 3 If you are ill, if death draws near, this truth your  
 4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives all  
 5 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

Son the lost to save, that all who would in  
 flesh and suf - fered death; all who con - fide in  
 trou - bled heart can cheer: Christ Je - sus res - cues  
 sins that you have done, and jus - ti - fied by  
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed

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him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive,  
 Christ a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 us from death; that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 Je - sus' blood, your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

Text: Gesangbuch, Bollhagen, 1791; tr. August Croll, 1846–1923, alt.  
 Music: ROCKINGHAM OLD, Edward Miller, 1731–1807, adapt.

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.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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 disdain 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.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

PM: Let us pray.

**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.**

*Please be seated*

A reading from Exodus:

(Exodus 17:1-7 Pew Bible,  
Old Testament, page 49)

The reading concludes with:

Word of God, Word of Life

**Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 95**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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!

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

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

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

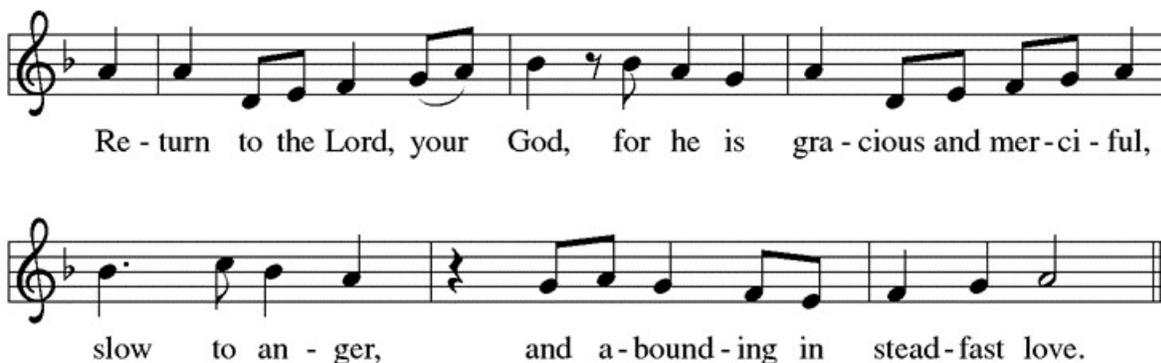
Indeed I swore in my anger, 'They shall never come to my rest.'

A reading from Romans:

(Romans 5:1-11 , Pew Bible,  
New Testament, page 118)

The reading concludes with:  
Word of God, Word of Life  
**Thanks be to God**

*Please stand as you are able*



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.

The holy gospel according to St. John  
**Glory to you, O Lord**

(John 4:5-42 Pew Bible,  
New Testament, page 72)

The reading concludes with:  
The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

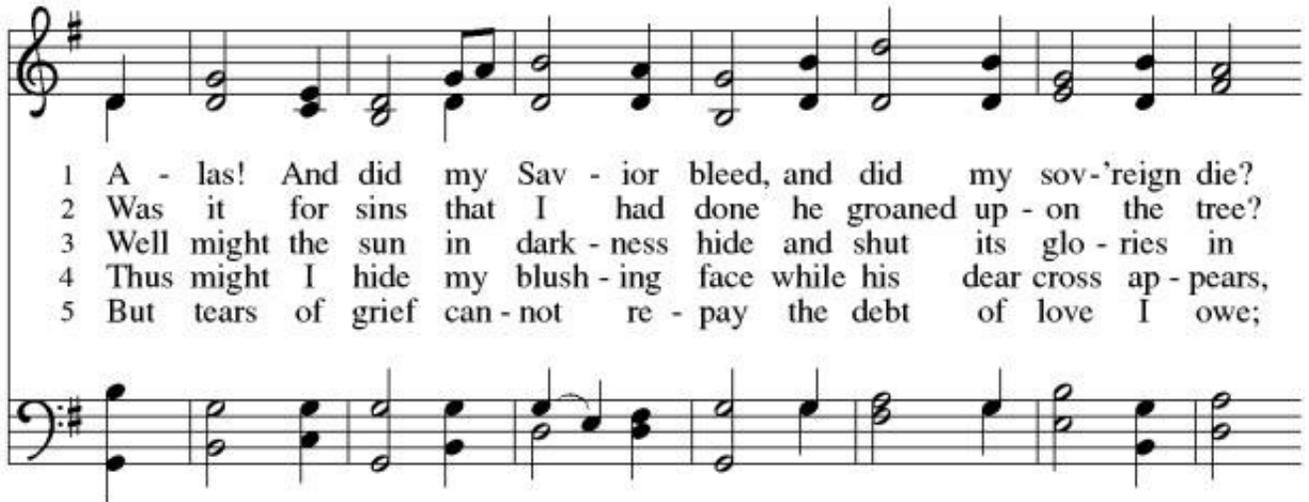
*Please be seated*

Children's Time with Pastor

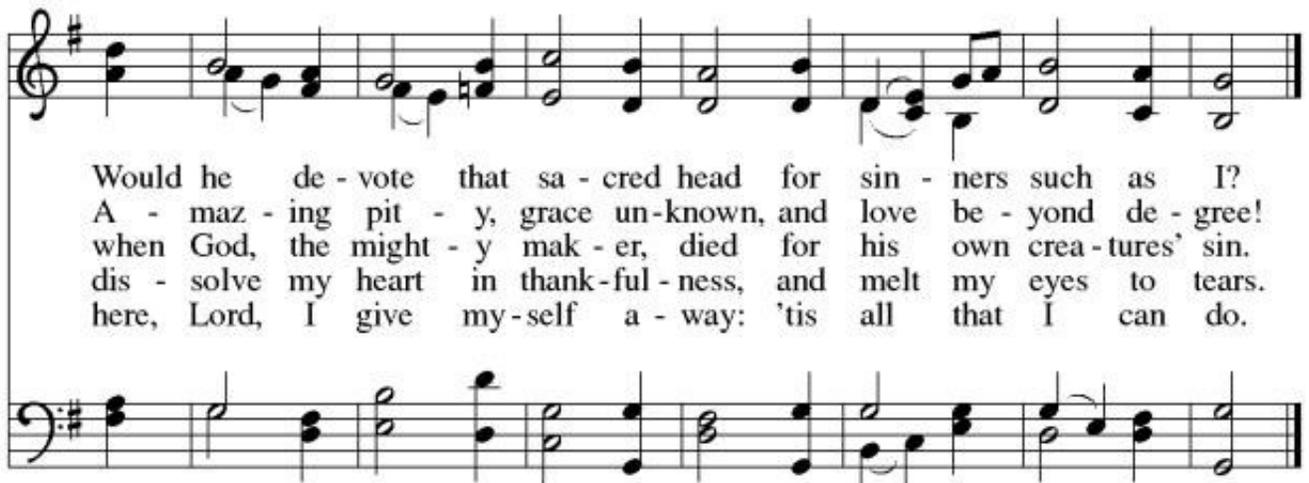
Sermon

*Please stand as you are able*

## Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov - 'reign die?  
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un - known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  
Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

PM: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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.**

AM: Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

*A brief silence.*

AM: O God, when suffering arises, preserve your church. Give to pastors, deacons, bishops, and all servants of your gospel the endurance that produces character and the hope that will never disappoint. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: When the waters run dry, sustain this earth. Send water to places languishing with drought, and bring relief to places damaged by floods. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: When quarrels ensue, soften our hearts. Quell hostilities between nations and peoples, and reconcile all humans across the lines of race, class, nationality, moral conviction, religion, and all else that divides or oppresses. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: When your people thirst, satisfy their needs. Send water and food to all who need nourishment. Grant welcome to all who are excluded. Show your mercy to any in need. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: When we gather to worship, send us your Spirit. Renew our hearts through the joyful noise we make and bless the work of our church musicians and musical ensembles. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: O God, when death draws near, we rejoice in the promise of life with you. We remember all who have entered eternal rest, and we pray that you bring us the hope of sharing in your glory. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

AM: Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation.

**Amen.**

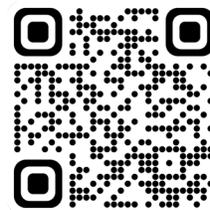
*The Offering of our tithes, gifts and sacrifices is gathered for the mission of Christ's church, including the care of those in need.*

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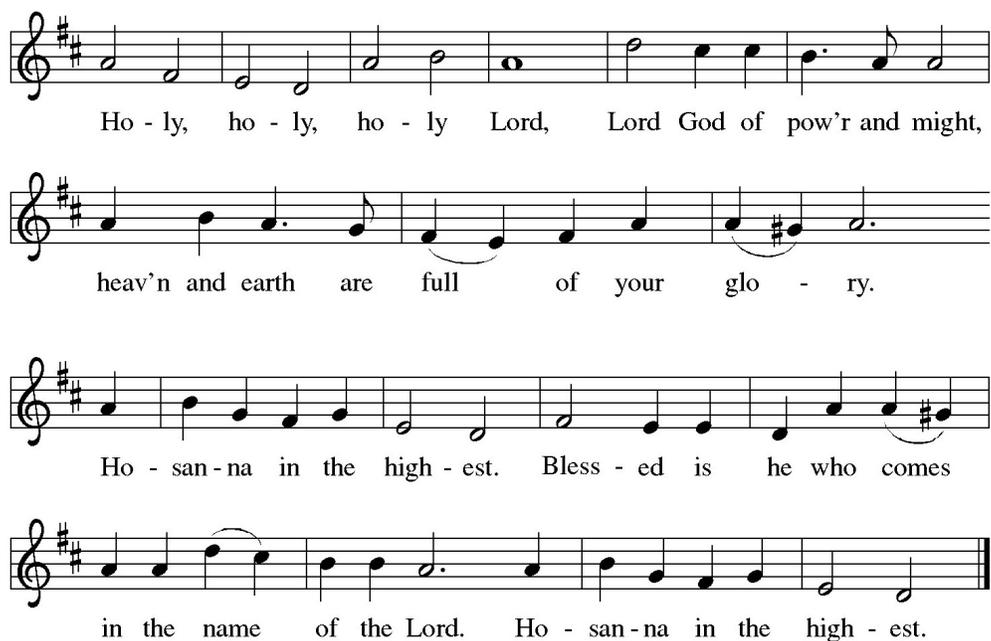
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AM: Let us enthusiastically pray our prayer of stewardship, Holy Lord,  
**I gladly return, for your work, a portion of your abundant provision to me. All that I have is yours alone, entrusted Lord, to my care. Amen.**

PM: The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PM: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
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.

PM: 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.

PM: For as often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

PM: To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

**Amen, amen, and amen!**

Let us enthusiastically 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.**

PM: Come to the table.

Feast on God's goodness and mercy.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

*Please be seated*

The Lord's Supper (Communion) at this congregation is practiced as an open table – all are welcome. Jesus said this is his body and blood given and shed for you; come receive the loving grace God provides for you.

Those who do not commune may come forward for a blessing, for all are loved by God. Children who commune at their home congregation are encouraged to commune here today too. Gluten free wafers available. Request at time of receiving communion.

Communion Music: Break Thou the Bread of Life                      William F. Sherwin arr. Cindy Berry

*Please stand as you are able*

PM: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen.**

AM: Let us pray,  
**God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of your Son, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**  
**Amen.**

AM: Let us enthusiastically commit to our mission as we pray,  
**Lord, my hope and strength come from you. Open my eyes and heart to become the person you want me to be; a person who cares for the widows and orphans, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, frees the oppressed, and visits the sick and imprisoned. Give me and this congregation a vision to make a difference in our community. Enliven me to spread the good news of your Son. I pray this all for Jesus's sake. Amen.**

PM: 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.**

*Turn to follow the cross as it processes through the Worship Space.  
Then follow it out to join in God's work.*

## Jesus, Still Lead On

1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the  
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less  
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions  
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,

way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;  
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;  
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;  
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,

guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.  
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.  
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Text: Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf, 1700-1760; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813-1897, alt.  
 Music: SEELENBRAUTIGAM, Adam Drese, 1620-1701

PM: Go in peace. Believe the good news.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Be Thou My Vision

Cindy Berry

## The Weekly News of Zion Lutheran Church

We pray this week for Jennifer and all those affected by war.

Contact Jayne Schrader at [prayer@zion-nc.com](mailto:prayer@zion-nc.com)

PRAYER  
REQUESTS



Your help can help so many others!!

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- Spaghetti Sauce
- Canned Tuna



Lenten Dinner  
tonight at  
5:30pm and  
Service at  
6:15pm



### Comfort Givers

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**JOIN THE CHOIR!!**  
Practice every Monday  
6:30pm  
Everyone welcome!  
No experience needed.

**Easter Lily Acknowledgments are due March 30, 2026**

### Today's Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. Bob Sander  
Assisting Minister: Jim Fidler  
Acolyte: Maggie McCormick  
Accompanist: Susan Kaschak  
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes & Chris Thompson  
Chancel Guild: Sally Bunyan & Beth Shaheen  
Reader: Brian Milek  
Trustees: John Long & Brian Milek  
Flowers By: Zion Sunday School Leaders to celebrate our amazing kids, and to the Glory of God.

### March 15, 2026 Worship Leaders

Guest Minister: Rev. Bob Sander  
Assisting Minister: Ken Reinoehl  
Acolyte: LJ Brown  
Accompanist: Steve Moore  
Audio/Visual Technicians: John Rhodes and Paul Bagocius  
Chancel Guild: Darlene Milavickas & Harriet Bowers  
Reader: Ruth Reinoehl  
Trustees: Rob Frock & Scott Gross  
Flowers By: Mike and Jayne Schrader in honor of our children and grandchildren