

**Third Sunday in Lent  
8 March 2026**

**Presentation of the Offering**

O Jesus, precious Savior, whose love for us is deeper than the depths of the ocean, let our spirits increase greatly in our love for You. By Your Holy Spirit fill our lives with acts of loving service. Count this offering which we ransomed sinners bring in faith as service rendered that is well-pleasing to You. In Your name we pray. Amen.

**Prayer of the Church — Responsive Form**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord of hosts, Your ancient people worshiped You in Jerusalem, and in Christ You are now worshiped among all nations. Grant us faithful hearts to worship in spirit and truth as You come to us in Your Word and Sacraments. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O God, You led Your ancient people by the hand of Moses and Aaron. Lead us through the wilderness of this world by the hand of faithful pastors, that we would be refreshed by the living water of forgiveness and the Holy Spirit flowing from the stricken side of Christ. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Lord, to You all hearts are open and all sins are known. Strengthen our hearts by Your grace, that we who daily sin much would in sorrow and trembly confess our sins, joyfully receive Your forgiveness in Word and Sacrament, and then bear the fruits of repentance with a Christian life that glorifies You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of all, You bestow Your riches on all who call upon You. Bless parents with all wisdom as they teach their children Your ways, that all in the household may confess with their mouths that Jesus is Lord. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, preserve our nation, and prosper the cause of justice in this land. Guide and grant Your wisdom to Donald, our president; the Congress of the United States; Jay, our governor; and all elected and appointed civil servants. Grant peace among the nations, an end to conflicts, and protect civilians and innocents in all places. Guard those who serve in the armed forces of our land, especially Karl Flynn, Rylie Hallendorff, Carter Martwig, Casey Powers Jr., Brittany Lenni, Luke Thompson, and Chase Werling. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O great Physician of body and soul, by Your Word and Holy Spirit comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially Linda, Ellen, Ann, Marty, Paula, Cindy, Joyce, John, Betty, Chad, Marcia, Jessica, Rosalie, Linda, Jodi, Mary Jayne, Joline, Aaron, Justin, Drew, David, Jeff, Lyall, Carolyn, Carolyn, Denise, and Marilyn. Hold them all in Your almighty hands and bring them consolation. Heal them according to Your gracious will, and give us all grace to accept and bear our crosses with faith in You, that we would always be prepared to depart this life in faith and come to Your heavenly home. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, remember Casey and Lisa Powers. Bless them in body and soul with all things needful for this life and eternity. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, grant us safe haven at Your altar, that we who suffer the many sorrows of life in this fallen, corrupted world, would always long for Your eternal courts and the blessings You have prepared for those who love You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

These and whatever other things You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **Collect of the Day**

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Collect for the Word**

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

### **Morning Prayer**