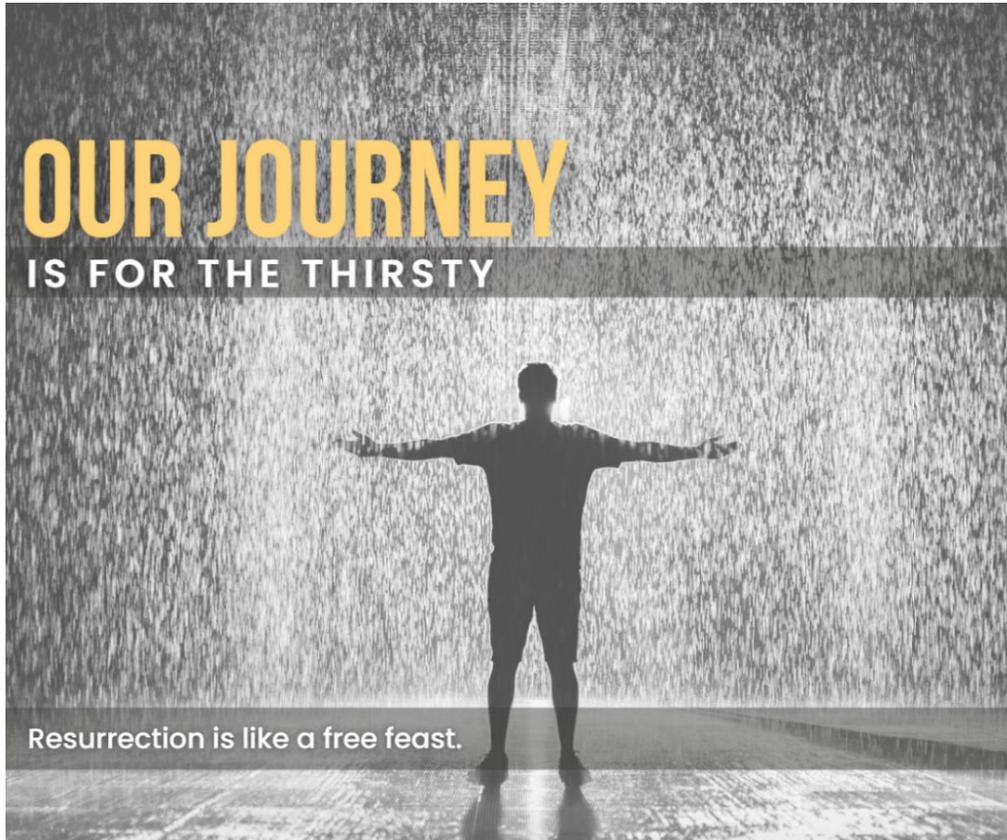


The 4th Wednesday of Lent
Wednesday, March 18th, 2026

Our journey is for the thirsty. Salvation is freely offered to all - In the reading from Isaiah, resurrection is like a free feast, baptism like water for the thirsty, God like rain on the earth.



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GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING DIALOGUE

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.

Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
that the light of your face may shine on us.
May your justice shine like the sun;
and may the poor be lifted up.

HYMN OF LIGHT

ELW 715

Christ Be Our Light

GREETING

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

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

God of Glory, **in your infinite love for us,**
you give us your one only Son, Jesus Christ,
and yet we seem to find infinite ways to turn away from you.

We confess the ways we have taken your gifts for granted,
the ways we have sinned against you and against our neighbors.

Forgive us for the times we have thought only of ourselves.
Forgive us for the times we have turned a blind eye
to the deep needs of those around us.
Forgive us for insatiable desire for control,
which keeps us from entrusting our lives to you.

Pour out your Spirit, renew our hearts, that we might grow
into the fullness of all you have created us to be.

Through the waters of baptism... you are made new. **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

READING: Isaiah 55:1-11

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE: Isaiah 12:2-6

²Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might,
and has become my salvation.

³**With joy, you will draw water
from the wells of salvation.**

⁴And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord,
call on God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations;
proclaim that this name is exalted.

⁵**Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be known in all the earth.**

⁶Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.
Amen.

POEM: *"On First Communion"*

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW 481

Come to the Table

DISCUSSION

1. Where is God? – What is God up to?
2. What does God call humans to do or be?
3. Describe the relationship in the reading(s).

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION HYMNS

ELW 484 & 481

BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING SONG

ELW 465

As the Grains of Wheat

BENEDICTION

PEACE

The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
be with you always. **And also with you.**

POSTLUDE

Thank you, worship leaders!

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