

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

March 18 & 19 - The Fourth Sunday in Lent

For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. - Isaiah 42:14



Welcome to St. Matthew!

We are pleased that you have come to worship the LORD with us today. Please introduce yourself to those around you, fill out a "We Care" card and turn it in after the service. We are eager to share with you the hope we have in JESUS CHRIST. If you have no church home, we invite you to consider St. Matthew that home.

The Sacrament of the Altar is celebrated at each service in the confidence that our Lord gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink "in," "with" and "under" the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our union with Him and one another. As baptized Lutherans of the Missouri Synod, we trust His words, repent of all sin and by this act proclaim His death until He returns. Since this act is a confession of our faith, anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or comes from a different Christian tradition or confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with the Pastor or Deacon. Reminders for Those Coming to The Lord's Table The distribution will be continuous, in single file up the center aisle to the front and returning via the side aisle. 2. Those not yet receiving the Sacrament (both Children and Adults) are encouraged to approach and cross their arms to receive a blessing. 3. The cups in the center of the individual tray (containing the amber color liquid) are alcohol free. 4. Only the Individual Cup will be offered in this service. 5. Gluten-free hosts (wafers) are available upon request.

March 18 & 19 Outline - Classic Service (Divine Service Setting Three)

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| Prelude | Variations on "SCHONSTER HERR JESU" "Celtic Lament" Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound" Prelude on "NEW BRITAIN" "Amazing Grace" | Max Drischner Noel Ramsthorne Albert Travis Carolyn Hamlin LSB 744 |
| Hymn of Invocation | | |
| First Reading | Isaiah 42:14-21 | |
| Epistle Reading | Ephesians 5:8-14 | |
| Gospel Reading | John 9:1-4 | |
| Sermon Hymn | "Give Me Jesus" | LSB 976:1-3 |
| Sermon | "Relentless Cry" - Isaiah 42:14 | |
| Voluntary (Sat.) | "My Song Is Love Unknown" | Karl Osterland |
| Voluntary (Sun.) | "Ah, Holy Jesus" - The Glory Singers | Johann Crueger |
| Distribution (Sun.) | "My Savior and My God" - The Glory Singers | Jay Althouse |
| Distribution | "My Song Is Love Unknown" | LSB 430 |
| Hymn to Depart | "Beautiful Savior" | LSB 537 |
| Postlude | "Toccata in E Minor" | Johann Pachelbel |

March 19 - Contemporary Service

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| Song | "There's Nothing That Our God Can't Do" | Passion |
| Song | "In Christ Alone" | Adrienne Liesching |
| Reading | Isaiah 42:14-21 | |
| Song of the Day | "Cry Out to Jesus" | Third Day |
| Sermon | "Relentless Cry" - Isaiah 42:14 | |
| Offerings | "Untitled Hymn" (Come To Jesus) | Chris Rice |
| Communion | "Your Name" | Paul Baloche |
| Departing Song | "God Is Great" | Hillsong |

Music Notes – By Michael Gagne— The original German text ("Schönster Herr Jesu") otherwise known as "BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR" appeared anonymously in a manuscript dated 1662 in Munster, Germany. It was published in the Roman Catholic Munsterischer Gesangbuch (1677) and, with a number of alterations, in the Schlesische Volkslieder (1842), a hymn book compiled by Hoffman and Richter. The translation, primarily the work of Joseph A. Seiss (b. Graceham, MD, 1823; d. Philadelphia, PA, 1904), was based on the 1842 edition and first published in the Sunday School Book for the use of Evangelical Lutheran Congregations (1873). Another well known translation based on the 1842 version is the anonymous "Fairest Lord Jesus," published in Richard S. Willis's Church Chorals and Choir Studies (1850). The Hymn Tune BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR dates back to the twelfth-century crusades, although those apocryphal stories explain one of the names by which this tune is known, namely, CRUSADER'S HYMN

Contemporary Worship Songs for the 3/26/23 Service

- "Spirit Of God"** - Jim Kuehm
LINK: <https://youtu.be/K7kq6UGhYsI>
- "Spirit of the Living God"** - Daniel Iverson
LINK: <https://youtu.be/BagH-zTfnsQ>
- "Holy Spirit Living Breath of God"** - Keith & Kristyn Getty
LINK: <https://youtu.be/kDYjn-YdnD4>
- "Jesus My Savior"** - Jim Kuehm
LINK: <https://youtu.be/an6DdBclm0>
- "Broken Vessels" (Amazing Grace)** – Hillsong
LINK: <https://youtu.be/fiyYoe678yI>
- "Fresh Fire"** - Don Moen
LINK: <https://youtu.be/zKCLCyzXyG0>

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Please go to www.stmatts.net to see updates on upcoming bible studies.

St. Matthew thanks the Donna Grund family for providing materials for our Ladies', Men's & Sunday Morning Bible Studies.

Watch **"The St. Matthew Minute"**, Tuesday's and **"Boundless Hope"** Monday & Friday www.stmatts.net or Facebook & YouTube

Pastor Blonski has a new Podcast called **"Coffee and Word Reflection."**

Join him live @11am on Wednesdays @www.stmatts.net, Facebook, or YouTube

PLEASE inform the church office when a pastoral call or visit is desired – the hospitals and rehabilitation centers do not make contact with us. If you or a loved one is receiving medical treatment, please make

"Lutheran Lamb Busy Bags are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to use these quiet activity bags if your little ones get restless during worship services. Ask an usher for help, if needed."



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Boundless Need - Boundless Love - Boundless Hope

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The Rev. Edward A. Blonski, Pastor

Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

Calendar For The Week

C.O.O.L. Food Item for March: Tuna Bread for Life Weekend—3/26/2023

Saturday, March 18

Men's Bible Study - KH 9:00am
Classic, Casual Service w/communion 4:00pm

Sunday, March 19

Classic Service w/communion 8:00am
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am
Choir Practice 9:15am
Sunday Morning Bible Study - KH 9:30am
Sunday School - SSR 9:30am
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am
Youth Bible Study - YR 9:30am
Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am
Cub Scout Pack 92 Meeting - KH 3:30pm

Monday, March 20

LCC Bible Study - KH 9:30am
Staff Meeting - SCR 9:45am
Limitless Basketball - GYM 5:00pm
LCC Bible Study - KH 6:00pm
Good News Callers - LIB 6:00pm
Board of Evangelism Meeting - LIB 6:30pm
Bell Practice - Choir Loft 7:00pm

Tuesday, March 21

Staff Devotion - LIB 8:00am
Stitched Together - LH 1:00pm
Limitless Basketball - GYM 5:00pm
Bob Wilson Private Practice - Choir Loft 6:00pm
Comfort Dog Meeting - KH 6:00pm
Pig Roast Meeting - LIB 6:00pm

Wednesday, March 22

ECC Chapel 10:00am
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:00pm
Lenten Meal - LH 5:30pm
MidWeek Lenten Service w/communion 7:00pm
Choir Practice - Choir Loft 8:00pm

Thursday, March 23

ECC Dance Program - KH 9:00am
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:00pm
STJ Movie Event 7:00pm

Friday, March 24

Saturday, March 25 - Bread For Life Weekend

Men's Bible Study - KH 9:00am
Private Event - GYM 1:00pm
Classic, Casual Service w/communion 4:00pm

Sunday, March 26 - Bread For Life Weekend

Classic Service w/communion 8:00am
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am
Choir Practice 9:15am
Sunday Morning Bible Study - KH 9:30am
Sunday School - SSR 9:30am
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am
Youth Bible Study - YR 9:30am
Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Easter Flower Orders** are due by April 2nd. Forms are on the church office counter.
- **SAM Event** was moved to Sunday, March 26th, Signup Sheet on church office counter.
- **STJ Movie Night**, featuring: Jesus Revolution, Space is going fast, RSVP on church office counter.
- **Church Cleaning Week**, March 27-31, 9am-2pm. Please consider helping.
- **Easter Egg Hunt** - April 1st, RSVP @ stj@stmattsonline.com or Signup Sheet on church office counter.
- **Easter Breakfast** - Volunteers Needed—Please sign up today. Sign Up Sheet and Donation Sheet on church office counter.
- **Thrivent Event**—See Insert, Sign Up Today
- **SHINE** - See Insert with new donation opportunities, you can still adopt a Malachi Dog for a resident at Cedar Lake, forms are on the church counter. Also, don't forget to sign up to help.
- **Church Directory Update** - Please send any changes of your contact information to the church office. (Phone, Email, Address) email to Selimos@stmattsonline.com

Please remember in prayer:

- Carol Andrews, Kristin Peterson-Wischer, Leon Hapke, Marvin Sneller, Elinor Francisco, Pam Best, Linda Weir, Marilyn Ellinghusen, Lorraine Selsor, Mary Ellen Crowe, Judi Johnson, Marilyn Schauer, Debra Schilf, David Payne, Doug Duval
- Our military personnel currently serving our country: Justin Brown, Adam Imaoka, Scott Karas, Elise Neilson, Steve & Ice Sandy, Bob Hamilton, Chandler McClain

ALTAR FLOWERS - Given to the Glory of God.

Church Attendance

Ash Wednesday = 58 On-Line Attendance = 21
Total Service Attendance: 79

Saturday = 36

Sunday @ 8:00am = 62 @ 10:45am = 59

On-Line Attendance Recorded For Above Services: 53

Total Service Attendance: 210

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH

Mid-Week Lenten Services

5:30pm Meal / 7:00pm Service

March 22 & 29

March 15 - Lenten Meal Served by: ECC & Church Staff - Salad & Pizza

23 - Sharing the Joy Movie Night

26 - SAM Event @ Noon

27-31 - Church Cleaning Week

30 - Thrivent Event

APRIL

1 - Sharing the Joy Easter Egg Hunt

2 - Palm Sunday

6 - Maundy Thursday, 7:00pm Service

7 - Good Friday, Noon & 7:00pm Service

8 - Holy Saturday, 4:00pm Service

9 - Easter Sunday, 6am, 8am & 10:45am Service

9 - Easter Breakfast - Krueger Hall, 7am-10am

For more upcoming events and monthly meetings, go to:

Www.stmatts.net and view the church calendar

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER - It was a busy week at St. Matthew Early Childhood Center. In the 4 year old classroom, the children continued to explore habitats. The focus this week was on the ocean. The children created puffer fish and jellyfish art. They used their scientific skills to investigate seashells. The 3 year old classroom continued to explore transportation. They took a closer look at maps and different ways to get around the world. We had a very special visit from the Lake County Forest Preserve. During this interactive in-house field trip, the children learned about reptiles and amphibians. On Friday, we wore green and celebrated St. Patrick's Day! During Jesus Time, the children discovered the story about Jonah and the Big Fish.

Thank you to everyone who supported our school during the Culver's Fundraiser!

Upcoming Dates:

March 27th-31st - No School- Spring Break

April 7th- No School- Good Friday

April 10th- No School- Easter Monday

Now Enrolling for the 2023-2024 School Year!

3 Year Old Preschool, 4 Year Old Preschool

& Full Day Kindergarten

Kindergarten Summer Camp - The ECC will be offering a Kindergarten Summer Camp, starting in June. For details, go to: www.stmatts.net or contact Pam Zimmerman at Zimmerman@stmattsonline.com

Easter Worship Assistance Needed

We are in need of Ushers for our 6am & 10:45am Easter Services: Please contact Cheri Selimos in the church office for details.

C.O.O.L. (Christian Outreach of Lutherans) - a food pantry for some of the neediest families in Lake County. Please bring a can of food/box of cereal with you when you worship and place them in the bins in Luther Hall. March food item is Tuna.

Bread For Life Weekend: March 25 & 26.