

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
MARCH 15 & 16, 2025 - THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome to St. Matthew Lutheran Church!

We are pleased you have come to worship the Lord with us today. Please feel free to introduce yourself to those around you, especially those who are wearing a St. Matthew Family badge! Should you have any questions, they will be able to help you.
In this worship service, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper- also known as Holy Communion.
If this is your first time with us, you can review our teachings and practice of the Lord's Supper-there is a tri-fold pamphlet in the book rack in front of you or you can ask an usher for one.
As you come forward for communion, we do offer non-alcoholic wine (the white wine in the center of the tray) and also gluten free wafers - simply indicate to the pastor that you wish to have one.
All are welcomed -young and old - to come forward. However, if you do not wish to receive the Lord's Supper, you may receive a special blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of you to indicate your desire for blessing.

March 15 & 16 - Classic Service

Prelude	“HERZLICH LIEB”	<i>John Behnke</i>
	Concerto in A Minor BWV 593 mvt 2 “Adagio”	<i>J.S. Bach</i>
	Prelude on “LONDONDERRY AIR”	<i>Noel Ransthorne</i>
	Improvisation on “EWING”	<i>Adrienne Tindall</i>
Salutation of the Bells (8:00am)	“Fairest Lord Jesus” - Let Praises Ring Bell Choir	<i>Stan Betel</i>
Opening Hymn	“Jerusalem the Wayward”	
First Reading.....	<i>Jeremiah 26:8-15</i>	
Second Reading	<i>Philippians 3:17-4:1</i>	
Third Reading	<i>Luke 13:31-35</i>	
Sermon Hymn	“Lord, Thee I Love With All My Heart”	LSB 708
Sermon.....	<i>Reminiscere: Remember, Psalm 74</i>	<i>Crying Out to God: The Psalms of Lent</i>
Offering (Saturday)	“Adante Grazioso”	<i>Kate Boundy</i>
Offering (Sunday)	“At the Cross” - Let Praises Ring Bell Choir	<i>Ralph Hudson</i>
Anthem (Sunday)	“Steel Away to Jesus” - Let Praises Ring Bell Choir	<i>arr. Patricia Cota</i>
Distribution	“I’m But A Stranger Here”	LSB 748
	“The Law of God is Good and Wise”	LSB 579
Closing Hymn	“How Firm A Foundation”	LSB 728:1,2,5
Postlude	“Praeludium in C Major BWV 553”	<i>J.S. Bach</i>

March 16 - Contemporary Service

Song	“I Want to Worship You”	<i>Jim Kuehm</i>
Song	“Jesus Does”	<i>We the Kingdom</i>
Ancient Words of Our Lord.....	<i>Psalm 74:1-3</i>	
Sermon Song	“Living Waters”	<i>Keith & Kristyn Getty</i>
Sermon.....	<i>Remember, Psalm 74</i>	<i>Crying Out to God: The Psalms of Lent</i>
Offerings	“Living Waters” - Instrumental	
Communion	“Only True God”	<i>Paul Baloche</i>
Departing Song	“Anywhere With Jesus”	<i>Amy Grant</i>

Music Notes - Composer of the week: Adrienne Tindall has a very full catalogue of her own church solos written during a busy 40-year career in music. She started her publishing company, Darcey Press, in 1984, and publishes sacred music for church musicians from over 40 contemporary composers, including sacred solos in many styles.

Adrienne has served as a church organist for 40-plus years for congregations in Illinois, working with many superb soloists. She holds a B.A. in Music Composition, B.Mus. and M.M. degrees in Organ. D.B.A. With a deep love for hymns, she is a Life Member of the Hymn Society in the United States and Canada (HSUSC), as well as a Life member of American Guild of Organists (AGO), holding the

Contemporary Worship Songs for the 3/23/25 Service

- “King of Heaven”** - Paul Baloche
LINK: <https://youtu.be/VO76W9Zw0cs>
- “King of Kings”** - Hillsong Worship
LINK: <https://youtu.be/dQ14izxPeNU>
- “The Lord’s Prayer (It’s Yours)”** - Matt Maher
LINK: <https://youtu.be/36hBIBGVFSs>
- “How Great Thou Art”** - Paul Baloche
LINK: <https://youtu.be/xvSalz2rrJo>
- “Jesus Priceless Treasure”** - Lutheran Quartet
LINK: <https://youtu.be/2h-Gpl0XmPE>

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Go to: www.stmatts.net/bible-study
for all current Bible Study information

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

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 contact with the Church office @ (847) 438-7709.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

The Lutheran Study Bible tells us the word “stewardship” is used 4 times in the Holy Scriptures. For me the most interesting reference is in 1 Corinthians 9:17-19 where Paul asks “What is my reward?” (for stewardship) and concludes “I have made myself a servant to all.” In other words, as a follower of Christ, Paul understands that serving others is a reward unto itself. In our transactional culture too many people approach personal activity with the attitude “What’s in it for me?” I regularly remind myself that we Christians live in this culture but are not of this culture. I try not to determine my personal actions based upon what I directly receive in return but in what joy or happiness my actions bring to others. There is infinite, and eternal, value in someone smiling at me and saying “Thank you.” - **Gary**



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Boundless Need - Boundless Love - Boundless Hope

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The Rev. Edward A. Blonski, Pastor & The Rev. Ryan Ferguson, Associate Pastor

Brittany Johnson, Youth and Family Minister

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

Calendar For The Week

C.O.O.L. Food Item for March: Canned Tuna
******Bread for Life Weekend—3/30/2025******

Saturday, March 15

Men's Bible Study - KH	9:00am
Girl Scout Event - GYM	9:00am
GriefShare - LH	10:00am
Casual Worship Service w/communion	4:00pm

Sunday, March 16

Choir Practice - Choir Loft	7:15am
Classic Worship Service w/communion	8:00am
Coffee Hour - LH	9:00am
Choir Practice - Choir Loft	9:20am
Adult Bible Study - KH	9:30am
Sunday School - SSR	9:30am
Youth Bible Study - YR	9:30am
Contemporary Service w/communion	10:45am
Pastor Blonski's 60th Birthday Celebration - KH	11:30am
Blue & Gold Banquet - GYM	3:00pm
Youth Confirmation "Fun Time"	5:30pm
Yr 1 & 2 Confirmation Class	6:00pm

Monday, March 17

LCC Bible Study - KH	9:30am
Boy Scout Meeting - KH	6:30pm

Tuesday, March 18

Staff Devotional - LIB	8:00am
Crafting - KH	9:30am
Stitched Together - LH	1:00pm
Bob Wilson Private Lesson - CL	5:00pm
Board of Meeting Christian Education - SCR	6:00pm
Board of Parish Services - LIB	6:30pm

Wednesday, March 19

ECC Chapel	10:00am
Staff Meeting - SCR	10:30am
Mid-Week Lenten Service	Noon
Lenten Meal - LH	5:30pm

Served by The Board of Parish Services and The Board of Christian Education - Meal will consist of fried chicken, sides, salads and desserts.

Mid-Week Lenten Service

Choir Practice - CL	8:00pm
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Thursday, March 20

Saddlebrook Bible Study - Grayslake	10:00am
Ladies Life Group - ZOOM	6:30pm
Cub Scout Meeting - LH	7:30pm

Friday, March 21

Saturday, March 22

Men's Bible Study - KH	9:00am
GriefShare - LH	10:00am
Casual Worship Service w/communion	4:00pm

Sunday, March 23

Choir Practice - Choir Loft	7:15am
Classic Worship Service w/communion	8:00am
Coffee Hour - LH	9:00am
Choir Practice - Choir Loft	9:20am
Adult Bible Study - KH	9:30am
Sunday School - SSR	9:30am
Youth Bible Study - YR	9:30am
Contemporary Service w/communion	10:45am
Zimmerman Private Party - GYM	1:00pm

Please remember in prayer:

- Karen Basler, Shari Sullivan, Patricia Trapp, Janet Meyer, Andrew Whitt, Mary Tiedmann, Diane Villarreal, John & Audrey Lahr, Bob Kellerman, Maria Bunte, Carla Ward, Christopher Williams, Susan Stewart
- Our military personnel currently serving our country: Justin Brown, Adam Imaoka, Scott Karas, Elise Neilson, Steve & Ice Sandy, Bob Hamilton, Chandler McClain, Christopher Carr
- Our Missionaries, Pastor Ross Shaver, Kris, Easton and Ryan

ALTAR FLOWERS - Given to the Glory of God.

- Celebrating the 60th birthday of **Pastor Blonski**, from the congregation of St. Matthew Lutheran Church.
- Celebrating the 60th birthday of **Merrick Trossman**, from his family.

Attendance

Saturday = 35 Online = 12
 Sunday - 8:00am = 61 10:45am = 69 Online = 63
 Total Weekend Attendance = 240

Mid-Week Lenten Service

Noon = 32 7:00pm = 53 Online = 40 Total = 125

Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance As of March 9, 2025

	Week	YTD
Budget	\$14,000	\$168,000
Offerings Received	\$16,710	\$162,888
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 2,710	(\$ 5,112)

Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

This week at the Early Childhood Center, the Preschool 4's continued learning about dinosaurs. The children became paleontologists and explored all things dinosaurs.

In Preschool 3, the children continued their study of famous children's authors. After reading several Mo Willem books, the children acted out stories and participated in a variety of learning and art activities revolving around his books.

The letter of the week was "M" and the theme for Show & Share. In religious studies we focused on the story, The Good Samaritan. We also had a very special visit from Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles. The children learned all about the animals and even had the opportunity to touch them!

Thank you to Mrs. Kelly for bringing in Emma the Comfort Dog. The children enjoyed asking questions about her!

Registration for the 2025- 2026 School Year is open!

Registration is still open for the 2025-2026 school year. Flexible scheduling is available for our 3 and 4 year old Preschool Program. Morning and afternoon session available. For more information regarding registration, please contact the ECC Office.

9th Annual "FORE" the Kids Golf Outing- July 27, 2025

Come and golf at the 9th Annual St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Golf Outing "FORE" THE KIDS. Registration and sponsorship opportunities available through the ECC Office.

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

MARCH

16 - Pastor Blonski's Birthday Celebration

APRIL

5 - Lake Zurich Expo

6 - LWML Spring Rally

12 - Feed My Starving Children Event

19 - Sharing the Joy Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:30am

27 - Women's Guild "Lucille Ball" Event

28 - 3rd Year Confirmation Pictures @ 6:30pm

MAY

3 - Sharing the Joy "Keeping Families Covered" Event @ 5:00pm

SAVE THE DATE

June 23-27 - Vacation Bible School

July 27 - Early Childhood Center Golf Outing

August 3- St. Matthew Pig Roast

St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Lenten Service Schedule

Midweek Lenten Services

March 19, 26, April 2 and 9.

Services will be at Noon and 7:00pm.

A Lenten Meal will be served in Luther Hall on these Wednesday's starting at 5:30pm

Order Your Easter Lilies Today..

Order forms are on the church office counter.



The Easter Breakfast donation board is up in the Narthex. Please support this great community event. Volunteers also needed. Signup sheets located on the church office counter.