



***St. Matthew's  
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*Worship for the First Sunday in Lent*

*February 26, 2023*

**Opening Hymn: #864 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"**

**1 A mighty fortress is our God,  
a trusty shield and weapon;  
he helps us free from ev'ry need  
that has us now o'ertaken.**

**The ancient evil foe now means to work us woe;  
deep guile and awful might are his dread arms in fight;  
on earth is not his equal.**

**2 With might of ours can naught be done,  
soon were our loss effected;  
but for us fights the valiant one  
whom God himself elected.**

**You ask who this may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,  
the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the same,  
he holds the field forever.**

**3 Though devils all the world should fill,  
all eager to devour us,  
we tremble not, we fear no ill;  
they shall not overpower us.**

**The prince of darkness still may scowl fierce as he will,  
his raging harms us none. He's judged; the deed is done;  
one little word can fell him.**

**4 The Word they still shall let remain**

**nor any thanks have for it;**

**he's by our side upon the plain**

**with his good gifts and Spirit.**

**And should they take our life, goods, honor, child, and wife,**

**though all of these be gone, our victory is won;**

**the kingdom's ours forever!**

### **Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **Confession of Sins**

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with true hearts and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.**

P: Christ has died. Christ has risen from the dead. Christ will come again in glory. In his great mercy, "God made us alive with Christ.

He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross."

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### **O Lord, Our Lord**

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,". The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a triplet of eighth notes in the second staff.

C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in  
all the earth. Al - might - y God, mer - ci - ful Fa - ther,

you crown our life with your love. You take a-way our sin;  
 you com - fort our spir - it; you make us pure and  
 ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,  
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.  
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,  
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;  
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood. You are the  
 King of glo - ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,  
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

### Prayer of the Day

P: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient enemy tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again by your Spirit, and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Epistle: Ephesians 6:10-18**

<sup>10</sup>Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the full armor of God, so that you can stand against the schemes of the Devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>For this reason, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to take a stand on the evil day and, after you have done everything, to stand. <sup>14</sup>Stand, then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness fastened in place, <sup>15</sup>and with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace tied to your feet like sandals. <sup>16</sup>At all times hold up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the Evil One. <sup>17</sup>Also take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>At every opportunity, pray in the Spirit with every kind of prayer and petition. Stay alert for the same reason, always persevering in your intercession for all the saints.

P: The is the Word of our Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## **Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the Devil. <sup>2</sup>After he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. <sup>3</sup>The Tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become bread."

<sup>4</sup>But Jesus answered, "It is written:

Man shall not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes out of the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup>Then the Devil took him into the holy city. He placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, <sup>6</sup>and he said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written:

He will command his angels concerning you.  
And they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

<sup>7</sup>Jesus said to him, "Again, it is written:

You shall not test the Lord your God."

<sup>8</sup>Again the Devil took him to a very high mountain and showed

him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup>He said to him, "I will give you all of these things, if you will bow down and worship me."

<sup>10</sup>Then Jesus said to him, "Go away, Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

<sup>11</sup>Then the Devil left him, and just then angels came and served him.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Hymn: #574 "The Tree of Life"**

**1 The tree of life with ev'ry good  
In Eden's holy orchard stood,  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet  
God let the man and women eat.  
Yet in this garden also grew  
Another tree, of which they knew;  
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned  
Against whose eating God had warned.**

**2 The stillness of that sacred grove  
Was broken, as the serpent strove  
With tempting voice Eve to beguile  
And Adam too by sin defile.  
O day of sadness when the breath  
Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,  
Its awful poison first displayed  
Within the world so newly made.**

**3 What mercy God showed to our race,  
A plan of rescue by His grace:  
In sending One from woman's seed,  
The One to fill our greatest need--  
For on tree uplifted high  
His only Son for sin would die,  
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread  
To crush the ancient serpent's head!**

**Sermon: Genesis 3:1-15**

Now the serpent was more clever than any wild animal which the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Has God really said, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

<sup>2</sup>The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees of the garden, <sup>3</sup>but not from the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden. God has said, 'You shall not eat from it. You shall not touch it, or else you will die.'"

<sup>4</sup>The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die. <sup>5</sup>In fact, God knows that the day you eat from it, your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

<sup>6</sup>When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was appealing to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate. She gave some also to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.

<sup>7</sup>The eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for their waists. <sup>8</sup>They heard the voice of the LORD God, who was walking around in the garden during the cooler part of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

<sup>9</sup>The LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

<sup>10</sup>The man said, "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, so I hid myself."

<sup>11</sup>God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree from which I commanded you not to eat?"

<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman you gave to be with me—she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate it."

<sup>13</sup>The LORD God said to the woman, "What have you done?"

The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent:

Because you have done this,  
you are cursed more than all the livestock,  
and more than every wild animal.  
You shall crawl on your belly,  
and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put hostility between you and the woman,  
and between your seed and her seed.

He will crush your head, and you will crush his heel.

*Learn To Stand From The Fall Into Sin*

*I. Learn how to stand up to Satan*

*II. Learn how to stand before God*

### **Response to God's Word**

**4 Now from that tree of Jesus' shame Flows life eternal in His name;  
For all who trust and will believe, Salvation's living fruit receive.  
And of its fruit so pure and sweet The Lord invites the world to eat,  
To find within this cross of wood The tree of life with ev'ry good.**

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church for Lent

P: Lord Jesus Christ, eternal Son of the Father and our flesh and blood brother, how great is your love for us! You carried your cross to Calvary to suffer and die for us. You turned God's wrath away from us forever. You were condemned so we could be acquitted. You did not permit pain, suffering, or temptation to turn you away from the cross.

**C: Give us that same single-minded dedication and unshakable commitment as we daily take up our cross and follow you.**

P: As we journey through life, keep us from being entangled by sin. Remove all obstacles and stumbling blocks, and keep us from falling or going astray. Help us run with perseverance the race you have marked out for us. When that way involves suffering, pain, or loss, help us to see your loving discipline at work to draw us closer to you.

**C: Strengthen our faith by the Word of your forgiveness and by your body and blood which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, make us willing and able to carry the crosses that come into our lives, as you carried your cross for us.**

P: Hold before us the example of those who have gone before us, bearing the cross for you. As you led them, lead us. As you strengthened them, strengthen us.

**C: Keep our eyes fixed on you, for then we will certainly arrive safely at the heavenly home you have prepared for us.**

P: Hear us for your mercy's sake and hear us as we pray as you taught us:

**C: 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.**

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.**



## THE SACRAMENT

### The Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

P: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

### Holy, Holy, Holy

C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

The musical score is written in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The second staff begins with a rest for the first measure. The third staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The fourth staff begins with a rest for the first measure. The fifth staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature. The sixth staff begins with a treble clef and a common time signature.

### Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

The musical score is written on five staves of a single treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The lyrics are: "O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men."

### DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Hymn: #661 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Saved by his body and his holy blood,  
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,  
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.  
He gave his life for greatest and for least,  
himself the off'ring and himself the priest.

3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere  
and take the pledges of salvation here.  
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,  
gives all believers life that never ends.

4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,  
in this great feast of love be with us now.

Distribution Hymn: #558 (1-6) "Salvation unto Us Has Come"

1 Salvation unto us has come  
By God's free grace and favor.  
Good works cannot avert our doom;  
They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone,  
Who did for all the world atone;  
He is the one Redeemer.

2 What God did in his law demand  
And none to him can render,  
Brings wrath and woe on ev'ry hand  
For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires  
The spirit of the law requires,  
And lost is our condition.

3 It was a false, misleading dream  
That God his law has given  
That sinners can themselves redeem  
And by their works gain heaven.  
The law is but a mirror bright  
To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.

4 From sin our flesh could not abstain,  
Sin held its sway unceasing;  
The task was useless and in vain,  
Our guilt was e'er increasing.  
None can remove sin's poisoned dart  
Or purify our wicked heart,  
So deep is our corruption.

5 Yet as the law must be fulfilled  
 Or we must die despairing,  
 Christ came and has God's anger stilled,  
 Our human nature sharing.  
 He has for us the law obeyed  
 And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
 Which over us impended.

6 Since Christ has full atonement made  
 And brought to us salvation,  
 Each Christian therefore may be glad  
 And build on this foundation.  
 Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead;  
 Your death is now my life indeed,  
 For you have paid my ransom.

### THANKSGIVING

Thank the Lord



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev-ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-news his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Prayer

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: #558 (10) "Salvation unto Us Has Come"**

**6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise**

**To Father, Son, and Spirit,**

**The God who saved us by his grace—**

**All glory to his merit!**

**O Triune God in heav'n above,**

**You have revealed your saving love;**

**Your blessed name be hallowed!**

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**Communion Registration** *Communicant members of St. Matthew's are reminded to register for Holy Communion on the "Care Card" found in the pews. If you are visiting St. Matthew's today, we request that you please speak with the Pastor before communing. Please note:*

- *For those who prefer grape juice, in the center of each tray there are purple individual cups containing grape juice.*
- *Those who prefer a gluten-free wafer will find individually wrapped wafers in the tray on the table in the center aisle.*

### **Members, Visitors & Guests— Welcome to St. Matthew's!**

Let us learn how to stand from Adam's fall into sin—how to stand up to Satan and how to stand before God.

If you are visiting our service, please sign a "care card" in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Sunday— 169

Bible Class - 48

Offering Last Week—\$12,457.50

Sunday School — 7

*(Meeting our 2022 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)*

*"Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God. They are brought to their knees and fall, but we rise up and stand firm"*

*Psalm 20:7,8.*

## Announcements

1. **Bible Class** We will continue a study of Daniel. Bible class meets in the fellowship area downstairs. Please join us as we “Book Through the Bible.”
2. **Woman’s Bible Class** – We will continue with the book “More Prepared to Answer” by Mark Paustian. Each lesson stands alone so feel free to join at any time. Hope to see you there! *Debbie Lenser.*
3. **Lenten Services** We have entered the Lenten Season in spite of the fact that our Ash Wednesday service was cancelled due to the inclement weather. We observe this sacred season with special midweek Lenten services. Our “second” mid-week Lenten service will be this Wednesday, March 1 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our theme for this year’s Lenten services will be “Psalms of the Savior’s Suffering”. A light supper is served prior to the service beginning at 5:00 p.m. *“Jesus, I will ponder now on your holy passion.”*
4. **Wednesday Evening Confirmation Class** Wednesday evening confirmation class will meet at 5:00 p.m.
5. **Call for Mr. Craig Sonntag** We would like to inform the congregation that Mr. Craig Sonntag has received a Call to teach Math, Religion, English, and some technology along with coaching at Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. Please provide encouragement and keep him in your prayers as he deliberates where the Lord wants him to serve in the future.
6. **St. Matthew’s Trivia Afternoon:** Are you constantly impressing (or boring) your friends and family with your vast knowledge of random trivia facts? We have the event for you! All are welcome to come and compete at our St. Matthew’s Trivia Afternoon on **Sunday, February 26th at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.** Invite your friends and family, form your teams, and get ready for a great time - there will be trivia questions galore from a wide variety of topics, snacks, and prizes for the winning teams! It’s an afternoon you won’t want to miss! Sign up on the bulletin board in the lower lobby - hope to see you there!

7. **A New Banner!!** Take a look in the narthex at the banner designed specifically for St. Matthew's. Pastor and others worked on what the design should include, and that information was sent to the graphics department at MLC in New Ulm, MN. John Ring, their graphic designer, came up with the final product which was produced on vinyl for a nominal price. This banner will travel to La Crosse in June for the LWMS Convention to be displayed with banners from other churches in the Rock River Circuit and the Crow River Circuits who are co-chairing the convention. At the convention's end, it will travel back to its home here in Janesville. It might be seen in different places around the church and school!

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### **Assisting with Worship**

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#### **Organist:**

Meredith Moeller

#### **Ushers:**

8:00 a.m.– George Ehlers, Bob Williams, Mike Fox

10:30 a.m. – Fred Shadoski, Russ Scott

Wednesday – Gerald Wellnitz, Richard Stout, Nathan Stout,  
Evan Burnside, Tom Timmermann

#### **Next Week Ushers:**

8:00 a.m.– Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain, Jeff Burandt

10:30 a.m. – Jim Langkamp, Grant Langkamp

Wednesday – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

#### **CODS:**

8:00 a.m. – Jim Daley

10:30 a.m. – George Ehlers

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Doug McIlvain

#### **Next Week CODS:**

8:00 a.m. – Phil Fry

10:30 a.m. – Trevor Sanchez

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. – Steve Sage

#### **Greeters**

8:00 a.m. – Bev Boughton

10:30 a.m. – John & Joanne May

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## Assisting with Worship (continued)

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### Next Week Greeters:

8:00 a.m. – George & Jan Ehlers

10:30 a.m. – Jean Ruppier

### Church Cleaning:

March 4, 2023 – Kevin Foster & Brian Hartwig families

March 11, 2023 – Craig Groninger & Jim Heiman families

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## This Week at St. Matthew's

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### **Sunday**

Worship with Lord's Supper

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

### **Monday**

Education Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

Women's Bible Study

9:30 a.m.

### **Wednesday (continued)**

Confirmation Class

5:00 p.m.

Lenten Meal 5:00 p.m.

Sr. Choir Practice

5:30 p.m.

Lenten Service 6:30 p.m.

### **Friday**

Sprouts 9:00-10:00 a.m.

### **Sunday**

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.







**Announcements:**