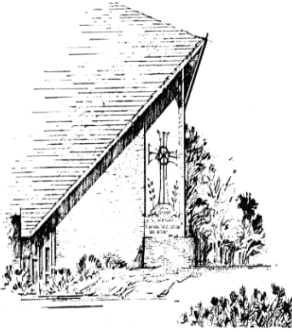


**What
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**Junior Choir Song
Service**

Sunday, April 19th, 2026



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***Worship for the 3rd Sunday in Easter
April 19, 2026***

Opening Hymn: Speak, O Lord CW 633

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word; take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility; test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of pow'r that can never fail, let the truth prevail over unbelief.

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of your plans for us, truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the earth is filled with your glory.

Please stand.

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

C: O Lord, come quickly to help me.

Confession of Sins

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart 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 Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy: let us worship him.

Song of Praise: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty CW624

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation! Let all who hear, now to his temple draw near, joining in glad adoration!

4 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you. Ponder anew that the Almighty can do as with his love he befriends you.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated.

Old Testament: 1 Chronicles 29:10-18

¹⁰David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, LORD,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

¹²Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. ¹⁸LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and

Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Response to the Word: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty CW624
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sounds from his people again; gladly forever adore him!

Narrator: Morgan Haney

Song: I Know that My Redeemer Lives

I know that my Redeemer lives, what hope this sweet assurance gives - that he who gave his life for me arose with healing in his wings. He lives the tomb is empty still, redemption's promise he fulfilled. No condemnation now remains, the stone of death is rolled away

Refrain: My Redeemer lives, my Redeemer lives on heaven's throne and in my very soul I know that my Redeemer lives

I know that my Redeemer lives and all my life is bound to his, in realms above he intercedes, our sinless Savior perfect priest. No fear can follow where he guides, his constant presence is my light, no power on earth or heav'n above can separate us from his love.
(Refrain)

I know that my redeemer lives, in life and death I trust in him. My soul secure my future safe, he'll not forsake me to the grave. He lives and he will not delay, my eyes will wake to brightest day and in my flesh I'll see him stand, when Christ in glory comes again. (Refrain)

Narrator: Emma Kroening

Song: His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done? Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum; thrown into a sea without bottom or shore, our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! His mercy is more! Stronger than darkness, new every morn; our sins they are many, his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam, what Father so tender is calling us home! He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor; our sins they are many, his mercy is more! *Refrain.*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us; his blood was the payment, his life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford; our sins they are many, his mercy is more. *Refrain.*

Narrator: Joshua Paasch

Song: The First Song of Isaiah CW810

Refrain: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Congregation: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, "Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name."

Congregation: Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord for he has done great things and this is known in all the world.

Congregation: Refrain

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Congregation: Refrain

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 105:1-7

¹Give thanks to the LORD.

Proclaim his name.

Make his deeds known among the peoples.

²Sing to him, make music to him.

Meditate on all his wonders.

³Take pride in his holy name.

Let the heart of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

⁴Search for the LORD and his strength.

Seek his face always.

⁵Remember the wonders which he has done,

his signs, and the judgments from his mouth,

⁶you descendants of Abraham his servant,

you sons of Jacob, his chosen ones.

⁷He is the LORD our God.

His judgments are in all the earth.

Narrator: Zachary Vergenz

Song: By Faith

By faith we see the hand of God, in the light of creation's grand design. In the lives of those who prove his faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight. By faith our fathers roamed the earth. With the power of his promise in their hearts, of a holy city built by God's own hand, a place where peace and justice reign.

Refrain: We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on him our soul's reward, til the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear, with the power to break the chains of sin and death and rise triumphant from the grave. By faith the church was called to go, in the power of the Spirit to the lost. To deliver captives and to preach good news, in every corner of the earth. *Refrain*

By faith this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail, for we know in Christ all things are possible, for all who call upon his name. *Refrain*

Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness, morning by morning new mercies we see, all that is needed thy hand hath provided, great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto thee.

Narrator: Caleb Naumann

Song: Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled CW809

Refrain: Do not let your hearts be troubled have faith in God and faith in me. I will go forth to prepare a place for you; then I'll come back to take you with me, that where I am, you may also be.

In God's house there are many places for you to dwell in peace and safety. You know the way to where I'll lead you; if you are lost, I will show the way. *Refrain (Congregation)*

I am the way, the truth, and the life; only through me can you know what I know. If you knew me, you would know the Father; if you see me, you see your God. *Refrain (Congregation)*

The words I speak are not only of myself; it is your God who lives within me. If you believe that you God and I are one, I will provide when you call me name. *Refrain (Congregation)*

Gospel: Matthew 21:14-17

¹⁴ The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. ¹⁵ But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple courts, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant.

¹⁶ "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him.

"Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read,

"From the lips of children and infants

you, Lord, have called forth your praise'?"

¹⁷ And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn: To God Be the Glory CW 627

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father through Jesus the Son and give him the glory, great things he has done!

2 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son, but purer and higher and greater will be our joy and our wonder when Jesus was see. *Refrain*

Narrator: Hope Fry

Song: Christus Victor

O most high, king of the ages, Great I AM, God of wonders. By the blood you have redeemed us, led us through mighty waters, Our strength, our song, our sure salvation.

Refrain: Now to the Lamb upon the throne be blessing, honor, glory, power, for the battle you have won, Hallelujah!

O most high, dwelling among us, Son of Man, sent for sinners. By your blood you have redeemed us, spotless Lamb, mighty Savior. Who lived, who died, who rose victorious! *Refrain*

With every tribe and every tongue, we join the anthem of the angels in the triumph of the Son, Hallelujah, Amen!

O most high, King of the nations robed in praise, crowned with splendor. On that day who will not tremble? When you stand, Christ the Victor, who was, and is, and is forever. *Refrain*

Narrator: Hannah Schewe

Song: He is King!

Clap your hands ye people, shout to God with the voice of triumph, sing to the glory of his name! For the Lord is awesome, showing forth his eternal power. Lift up your voices to proclaim:

Refrain: God has gone up with a shout and the mighty sound of trumpets, come ev'ry creature, lift your voice and sing. He is Lord of all the earth, ev'ry nation bow before him, for he alone has won the victory! He is King!

Praise the Lord, ye people, Lift him high like a royal banner, tell of his glory and his fame. For the Lord is gracious, showing love unto all his children, Praise and exalt His holy name! *Refrain*

He has ascended in power and glory; enemies are vanquished at the mention of His name. Awesome and holy and worthy of glory let ev'ry creature now proclaim!

Worship, all ye people, God who rules over ev'ry nation, reigning from heaven's highest throne. For the Lord is worth, King of Kings, Lord of all creation; praise and exalt his name alone! *Refrain*

Devotion: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dreamed.

²Our mouths were filled with laughter,
our tongues with songs of joy.

Then it was said among the nations,

“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are filled with joy.

⁴Restore our fortunes, LORD,
like streams in the Negev.

⁵Those who sow with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping,
carrying seed to sow,
will return with songs of joy,
carrying sheaves with them.

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

Almighty and merciful God, in this glorious season we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.

Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.

King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will—false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan’s lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel’s free course.

Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.

Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, send forth people in our church to announce, “He is risen!” As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.

Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed. **Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.**

O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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.

Hymn: All People That on Earth Do Dwell *CW 601*

1 All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful voice. Serve him with joy, his praises tell, come now before him and rejoice!

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; he formed us all without our aid. We are the flock he comes to feed, the sheep who by his hand were made.

3 O enter then his gates with joy, within his courts his praise proclaim. Let thankful songs your tongues employ, O bless and magnify his name.

Prayer

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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: All People That on Earth Do Dwell *CW 601 v. 4*

4 Trust that the Lord our God is good, his mercy is forever sure. His faithfulness at all times stood and shall from age to age endure.



Members of the 2025-2026 Junior Choir:

8th Grade: Hannah Schewe

7th Grade: Morgan Haney, Emma Kroening, Cason Peterson, Joshua Paasch, Caleb Naumann, Zachary Vergenz, Hope Fry

6th Grade: Nolan Wagner, Sawyer Stade, Karissa Fry

5th Grade: Braxton Klos, Micahel Paasch, Jacob Naumann, Hunter Basham, Vivianne Manson, Danielle Schmitt, McKinnley Murray, Micah Schneider

4th Grade: Finley Stade, Margaret Wagner

Members, Visitors & Guests – Welcome to St. Matthew's!

May we remember the great things God has done for us and live our lives in joy and gratitude for those things!

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 Week – 227 (155, 72) Bible Class – 63

Offering Last Week – \$10,475.00 Sunday School – 13

(Meeting our 2026 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$16,060.00.)

*“You, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD”*

Psalm 116:8-9.

Announcements:

1. **Kindergarten Call Accepted** - We rejoice in the Lord of the Church Who has provided for us a teacher to fill our Kindergarten teacher vacancy. Elizabeth Naumann has accepted her Divine Call to teach Kindergarten starting next school year (2026-27). Please keep Mrs. Naumann and our school in your prayers.
2. **Sunday School** We will meet in the library for opening devotion at 9:15 a.m.. The children may be picked up in their classrooms at 10:15 am.
3. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** Sunday morning Bible class will meet at 9:15 a.m. We will continue with Colossians, as we book through the Bible. We hope you can join us for the study.
4. **Open Forum / Voter's Meeting** On **Sunday, April 26** we will have an Open Forum meeting between services and a Voters' meeting following the 10:30 service. Please plan to attend.

5. **The Women's Bible Study** The women's Bible class will use the nature lesson horses at the beginning of class. (Chapter 42 in the Earth Psalms Book.) They will continue to study the story of Jonah. Feel free to join the group on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. all year long!
6. **Job Opportunities at St. Matthew's School** we are looking to hire people in the following positions. (1) Preschool aide position (Tuesday and Thursdays) from 7:45-11:15 (2) Morning Care (Any days 6:30-7:45AM) (3) After Care (Any days 3:00-6:00pm). (4) Principal release teacher (approximately 7 hours/week). If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Joel Sonntag at 414-460-8305.
7. **Evening Guild Spring Clothing Drive** The Evening Guild will be having their Spring clothing drive on Friday, May 1st, and Saturday, May 2nd. If you have Spring or Summer clothes in good condition that you no longer want or need, shoes, boots, purses, household items, etc. they may be brought to the school lobby on Friday, May 1st and until noon on Saturday, May 2nd. We will take all articles to "Twice is Nice" in Jefferson. If you have any questions, please call Lisa Thoni at 608-359-8518.
8. **Church Directory** Registrations for our new church directory are underway, once again the photo dates are May 7, 8, 9 and May 19. Online registrations are available from Monday through Saturday by going to www.ucdir.com, username: wi453, password: Smile2day. Please note that both username and password are case sensitive. You may also go to St. Matthew's website where there is a direct link to Universal Church Directories website. When using the online registration, please fill out the registration form completely, an email address is a must as both a confirmation of your registration and a reminder of your reservation time will be sent prior to the photo day. If you do not have an email address, please provide a working phone number so that a reminder call may be made. If you are unable to utilize the online registration, we will accept in-person registrations after every Sunday service through May 7th. We also need some volunteers to assist with photo day registrations and for Sunday in-person registrations. Sign-up sheets are on the lower narthex bulletin board.

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

The following changes will be proposed to the congregation and voted on, on Sunday, April 26.

Article IV

Committees of the Church Council

Section 7. Technology Committee

7.1 The Technology Committee shall consist of a chairman, who shall be a member of the church council, and a selected number of members who need not be on the church council.

7.2 The Technology Committee shall be in charge of all the electronic hardware/software for the website and security used in the church and school. Any major changes required/requested must first be approved by the church council according to the Technology Policy in place.

Existing

Section 7. Procedure of Appointment of Committee Members

Change to Section 8.

Section 8. Other Committees

Change to Section 9.

Section 9. Ex Officio membership

Change to Section 10.

Section 10. Mode of Procedure of Committees

Change to Section 11.

Section 3. Organization

Election to the church council shall take place in the following sequence: Year 1: President, Secretary, Education Committee Chairman. Year 2: Elder Chairman, Building and Grounds Committee Chairman, Treasurer. Year 3: Vice President, Financial Secretary, Outreach Committee Chairman, **Technology Committee Chairman**.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – George Ehlers, Bob Williams, Nico Caminata, Jack Caminata
10:30 a.m. – Tim Stirmel, Connor Stirmel

Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Gerald Wellnitz, Evan Burnside, Alex Schmitt, Mike Fox
10:30 a.m. – Fred Shadoski, Russ Scott, Tim Graffin

CODS:

Sunday, April 19, 8:00 a.m. – Karl Kroening
Sunday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. – Trevor Sanchez

Next Week CODS:

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. – George Ehlers
Sunday, April 26, 8:00 a.m. – Zach Pfaffenbach
Sunday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. – Brian Hartwig

Greeters

Sunday, April 19, 8:00 a.m. – Dale & Lynn Beutin
Sunday, April 19, 10:30 a.m. – Art & Linda Hilker

Next Week Greeters

Sunday, April 26, 8:00 a.m. – George & Jan Ehlers
Sunday, April 26, 10:30 a.m. – Karin DeLong-Eichmann

Church Cleaning:

April 18, 2026 – Dale Beutin & Theresa Biele families
April 25, 2026 – Mike Borchardt & Bev Boughton families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School/Bible Class
9:15 a.m.

Tuesday

Seedlings 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Choir Practice 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Thursday

Worship with Communion 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Cleaning Out Church Basement
9:00 a.m.

Sunday

Worship with Communion 8:00
& 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

