

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

March 17th, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 am Services

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Prelude

Adagio by Henry G. Ley [1887 – 1962]

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Kevin Kretzmann Farrar

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

Lord God, you have called us. You loved us before we could love you. You have given your Son for our salvation. For this we join all creation in blessing you, praising you, thanking you.

As we offer our praise, we long for you to mold us in the image of your Son, whose death and resurrection give us hope.

Confession and Forgiveness

Search me, O God, and know my heart;

try me and know my thoughts.

See if there is any wicked way in me,

and lead me in the way everlasting.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

1. O Lord, have mer - cy; O Christ, have
 2. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, Chris - te e -

mer - cy; O Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.
 -lei - son, Ky - ri - e e - lei - son, e - lei - son.

Lord Je - sus, think on me, and purge a - way my sin; from
 earth - born pas - sions set me free, and make me pure with - in.

Fine.

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Gracious God,

In times of temptation, we forget what you have done for us. You give us everything we need, yet we often remain unsatisfied. You show us the way we are to follow, yet we often continue the path of self-indulgence and self-centeredness. Forgive us, we pray. We ask for your direction, your patience, your love, in the name of Jesus Christ, who, despite his temptations, was faithful to your saving Word.

By water and the Holy Spirit, God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. Almighty God strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

Gathering Song

#759 My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Greeting

We gather as we live in the name of the God, our Creator; the Son, our Redeemer; and the Holy Spirit, our Comforter.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

"Jesus Stories" *

Anthem

Jesus Loves Me/Jesus Loves the Little Children
arr. John Paradowski - Praise Kids!

Praise Kids sings one time, the congregation is asked to repeat with Praise Kids

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so. [Repeat with the Congregation.]

1. Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!
Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

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Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Every he and she and they are a light in every day. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

*List of Choir Participants on page 9.

SCENE 2 – THE GOLDEN RULE

Anthem

Do Unto Others by Vicki Hancock Wright
- New Creation

Do unto others, do unto others, do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Be kind to others, be good to others, be fair to others as you would have them do unto you.

Try to be patient, and forgiving, a friend in all you say and do. God will guide you to love others as God has shown love to you.

SCENE 3 – THE GOOD SAMARITAN

Anthem/Hymn

How Big Are Your Arms, O God? by Carol Meier – New Generation singers,
George Ubell, Soloist

How big are Your arms, O God? How wide is Your welcome here? How far will Your grace reach out to embrace the stranger both far and near?

The congregation joins in the Refrain.

Three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Your__ love reach-es be - yond our walls, how vast, how wide, how
 deep,___ how high! Your__ love em - pow - ers, com - pels, and
 calls. Like You, may we love all._____

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Could You be found in these, the immigrant, refugee? Could we welcome in as neighbor and kin those yearning to be made free?

The congregation joins in the Refrain.

Your love, it knows no bounds, no gender, no race, no creed. Much stronger than hate, Your love is the gate; this world and Your kingdom meet.

The congregation joins in the Refrain.

We are Your arms, O God; yes, we are Your welcome wide. We go in Your name; Your love, we proclaim. Let all find a place inside!

The congregation joins in the Refrain.

SCENE 4 – THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Anthem

I'm the Good Shepherd by Daniel Barta
– Combined Choirs

I'm the good shepherd, my sheep hear my voice. Gently I lead them and call them by name. I'm the good shepherd.

I'm the good shepherd, I lay down my life. Freely I give it because of my love. I'm always with them; I'm the good shepherd.

SCENE 5 – JESUS FINDS US!

Anthem

Rejoice with Me! by Vicki Hancock Wright
– Combined Choirs

A shepherd tending his sheep on day saw that one had wandered away. He found his sheep, oh, could it be that Jesus, like him, would look for me?

A woman having a very hard time searched her house for her lost dime. She found her coin, oh, could it be that Jesus, like her, would look for me?

***Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice with me! Hear Jesus say, hear Jesus say,
"Rejoice, rejoice with me!"***

When Jesus tells a story, it is plain to see that he will find us when we're lost and say, "Rejoice with me!"

A father's son had gone far away, so he watched the road each day. He saw, he ran, oh, could it be that Jesus like him, would look for me?

***Rejoice, rejoice! Rejoice with me! Hear Jesus say, hear Jesus say,
"Rejoice, rejoice with me!"***

SCENE 6 – SHARE YOUR JESUS STORY

Hymn

God's Work, Our Hands

1. God's work, our hands: work-ing to - geth - er, fol - low-ing Je - sus, re -
2. God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er, prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to

pair - ing the world, walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
all who will hear, pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt-ring the cold. Bless, God, our hands as we
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least. Bless, God, our voice as we

work in your name, shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
sing in your name, shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.

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Children's Message

Ms. Donna Manke

All Children are invited to the front.

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#638 Blessed Assurance

(Prayer Cards, which can be found in the pew racks, will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

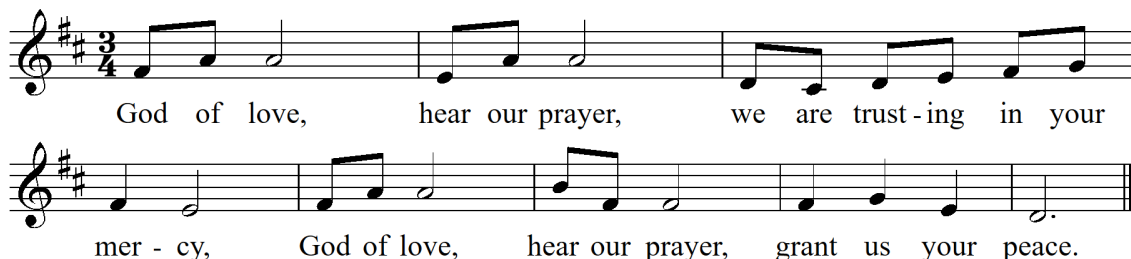
Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

Call to Prayer

God of Love, Hear Our Prayer



God of love, hear our prayer, we are trust-ing in your
mer-cy, God of love, hear our prayer, grant us your peace.

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...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Thanksgiving

Musical Offering

Elegy by Harold Darke [1888 – 1976]

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Response

When Grains of Wheat Fall

1. When grains of wheat fall in the ground, New life with -
 2. With Christ we die; with Christ we live; To Christ our

in their death is found. When grapes are crushed, there
 ran - somed lives we give. With grate - ful hearts, our

flows new wine. So from Christ's death flow gifts di - vine.
 gifts in hand, Be - fore the cross of Christ we stand.

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Offertory Prayer

Almighty God, we need not say, "Know the Lord," for we all know you. You have made your will known to us, have inscribed it on our hearts. And so we bring these gifts before you. For we know it is your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sending

Blessing

The blessing of God's eternal love, the courage to follow the way of the cross, and the guidance of the Spirit in the desert places of our world, be among us. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us both now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

#815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Dismissal

Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Chaconne – Louis Couperin c. 1626-1661

Combined New Creation and New Generation Choirs:

Everett Asmus, Evelyn Georgesen, Simone Georgesen, Violet Gifford, Sylvia Hodges, Cassie Locher, Madelyn Locher, Hannah Malloy, Norah Plamann, Jade Richter, Kloee Richter, Xavier Richter, George Ubell, Violet Ubell, Weston Ubell, Mark Zello.

Praise Kids!: Charles Anthony, Josephine Anthony, Elena Carbonell, Aria Daul, Jay Daul, Henry Gintoft, Sam James, Noah Kloth, Sloane Leto, Hanna Markland, Zoe McCullough, Theodore Meuler, Eloise Mochel, Emilia Mochel, Nora Ryan, Olivia Ryan, Henry Smith, Elizabeth Wiegman, Eloise Yentz.