

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

7:00 pm Service

*Good Friday*

## Gathering

Prelude

*Remembrance* by James Naigus

– Abigail Hughes, Horn

Call to Worship

Let us pause to pray and reflect upon the great mercy of our God, who this day gave us  
his only begotten Son to save us from sin.

Procession of the Cross & Lighting of the Candles

*A cross is carried in procession through the church and placed in front of the altar.*

Behold the Life-Giving cross, on which was hung the Savior of the whole world.

**We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you. By your holy cross you have redeemed  
the world.**

Anthem

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* arr. Raymond Haan

– Julie Ford, Cello

## The Trial

Then Pilate addressed the crowd saying, “Shall I release to you this man called Jesus,  
King of the Jews?”

**No! We want Barabbas!**

So Pilate took Jesus and had him flogged, and the soldiers placed a crown of thorns on  
his head, dressed him in a purple robe and mocked him saying,

**“Hail, King of the Jews.”**

Pilate then brought him before the crowd and said, “Here is the man.”

## Hymn

**Ah, Holy Jesus (Stanza 1)**

Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed That man to  
judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes re - rid - ed,  
by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.

When the chief priests and police saw him, they shouted,

**Crucify Him! Crucify Him!**

Pilate said, “Take him yourselves and judge him; I find no case against him.” But they cried out all the more,

**Crucify Him! Crucify Him!**

Pilate, being afraid of the crowd asked, “Jesus, do you not know I have the power to release you?” Jesus answered, “You would have no power over me unless given to you from above.” From then on Pilate tried to release Jesus, but the Jews cried out,

**Away with Him! Crucify Him!**

Pilate asked, “Shall I crucify your King?”

**We have no King but Caesar!**

Then Pilate handed Jesus over to be crucified. He had placed on the cross over Jesus’ head a sign in Hebrew, Latin and Greek; ‘Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews’

## Hymn

## Ah, Holy Jesus (Stanza 5)

There - fore, kind Je - sus, since I can-not pay thee, I do a -  
dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee; think on thy pit - y  
and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt. Music: Johann Crüger, 1598-1662. Tune: Herzliebster Jesu 11 11 11 5

## Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Anthem

*He Never Said a Mumbalin' Word* arr. Hart Morris  
– Bells Angels, Carol Heim, Clarinet

Word

## Message

Pastor Karen Natterstad

## Offertory Anthem

*And Can It Be?* By Dan Forrest – Senior Choir  
*And can it be that I should gain [Amazing love, how can it be?] An int'rest in the Savior's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! how can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

*He left His Father's throne above, So free, so infinite His grace; Emptied Himself  
of all but love, And bled for Adam's helpless race; 'Tis mercy all,  
immense and free; For, O my God, it found out me. Amazing love, how  
can it be?*

*No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him is mine! Alive in Him, my  
living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine, Bold I approach  
th'eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own. Amazing  
love! how can it be That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me? - Charles  
Wesley, 1707-1788*

## Service of Tenebrae

*After each reading a candle is extinguished and we meditate in silence on the story of Jesus  
giving his life for our sakes.*

### The First Word

Lesson

Luke 23:32-34

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'

Prayer

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love.

**Amen.**

Hymn

**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

## *The Second Word*

### Lesson

Luke 23:39-43

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service and that we may not fail or deny you in the hour of trial.

**Amen.**

### Hymn

**Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?**

## *The Third Word*

### Lesson

John 19:25-27

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

### Prayer

Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ; you have sent your Son to show us your love and the way of life. Make us sincerely thankful for this gift and for your patience with our sins and sorrow.

**Amen.**

Anthem

*Were You There?* – arr. Emma Lou Diemer – Organ

Solo

### *The Fourth Word*

Lesson

Matthew 27:45-49

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.'

Prayer

Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Anthem

*Were You There?* – Julie Ford, Cello

### *The Fifth Word*

Lesson

John 19:28-29

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth.

Prayer

Merciful Lord, you sent your Son to be our peace. Help all who suffer pain or grief to find in him strength and peace, so that their trust in your promises may be renewed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Anthem

*Were You There?* – arr. Cindy Berry – Piano Solo

## *The Sixth Word*

Lesson

John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." -John 19:30

When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

Prayer

O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we come to the final joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Hymn

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

**Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.**

**Were you there when they pierced him in the side?**

## *The Seventh Word*

Lesson

Luke 23:44-49

It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, 'Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said, 'Certainly this man was innocent.' And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now it was about the sixth hour, and there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour, while the sun's light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice said,

"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!"

And having said this he breathed his last.

*[Pause]*

Now when the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,  
**“Truly this man was the Son of God!”**

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might have life.  
 May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the  
 world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now  
 and forever.

**Amen.**

### The Lament

Since it was the day of Preparation, Joseph of Arimathea asked Pilate to let him take  
 away the body of Jesus. Pilate gave his permission. They took the body of Jesus  
 and wrapped it with spices in linen cloths. And they placed the body in a nearby  
 tomb.

### Hymn

**Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
 Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

*Please Depart in Peace*

## Good Friday Service

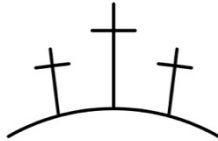
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### *Welcome to Good Friday worship*

*"For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17, ESV).*

Introduction to Good Friday Worship: *Protestant versions of Tenebrae service on Good Friday often have the inclusion of the last seven sayings of Jesus, assembled from the various gospel accounts. We read scripture and snuff out candles to represent the flight of the disciples and the approach of Jesus' enemies and the Passion of Christ. When the last passage has been read the church is dark. The Christ candle is carried out to signal Jesus' death and recalls the days when Jesus was in the tomb. We place the candle in the font at the entrance of the sanctuary to represent the hope of the prophecy of Easter.*

Special Thanks to our Worship Assistants this evening.



### **Our Lenten and Easter Offerings will provide THREE water wells – Giving Goal Reached And MORE**

**\$7,500 = three water wells** – *Thank you for your generous donations*

Through one well, as many as 500 families will gain access to clean, safe water. The community will be healthier. People will spend less money on medical expenses and more on food and education. And instead of spending hours each day gathering water for the family, women and children will have more time for work or school. **Additional donations will go toward a *fourth* well.** Make your donation online at: [stmattslutheran.org](http://stmattslutheran.org) "Give" page

Or, drop cash, bills or change, in the 5 gallon water bottle displayed in the Commons.



### **Garden Crew Meeting - Saturday, April 8 at 9:00am**

Join the Garden Crew for this seasonal planning meeting as they discuss planting day, watering schedule, and Weeding Wednesdays. Please expect it to take about an hour. If you can't make the meeting but would like to be part of the Garden Crew this year please reach out to Bob Zwaska; [zwaska@wi.rr.com](mailto:zwaska@wi.rr.com)

# *Celebrate Easter at St. Matthew's*

## **Easter Festival Services, April 9, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.**

The Senior Choir, Bells Angels, and brass will lead us at festive 8:30 and 11:00 Communion Services. "This is the feast of victory for our God!"



## ***Easter Breakfast: Fundraiser for Youth Mission Trip***

Join us for breakfast on Easter Sunday from 9:30- 10:45am. There will be plenty of table room in Fellowship Hall to enjoy pastries, fruit, and a ***scrambled egg bar with lots of toppings***. You can even assemble your own breakfast burrito. Youth who are participating in this summer's *Run to Rebuild* Mission Trip to Hazard, Kentucky will be involved in prepping and serving the breakfast. Suggested donation for the breakfast is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children aged 4-10, and kids 3 and under free. We appreciate your support!

**The Church office** will be closed on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> as the staff enjoys a day off.

**Next Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>:** We welcome Guest Preacher Frank Janzow who will preach on the Gospel of doubting Thomas. We also welcome Jan Janzow as our guest musician who will be leading us musically on that day. Pastor Frank will kick off our 'Equipping the Saints' Mission Appeal, to build up the body of Christ in our Synod and strengthen our synod's life and work together. The mission is to follow Jesus, form communities and love all. Stay tuned for details.

**Volunteer Appreciation Sunday:** On Sunday, April 16th we will enjoy cake during coffee hour in celebration of the awesome volunteers at St. Matthew's church. The energy and dedication of our volunteers makes us a community of blessing -- a community blessed by God so that it can bless the world. Thank you!

## **St. Matt's 1st Fridays Book Group**

You decide which books you wish to read for the discussions you wish to participate in. Discussions begin at 7pm on the dates listed, held at St. Matthew's.

April 14 (2nd Fri.) All Creatures Great and Small, by James Herriot, 448 pages

May 5 Raft of Stars: A Novel by Andrew J. Graf, 304 pages

June 2 West With Giraffes: A Novel, by Lynda Rutledge, 371 pages

## **Join us for the next Quilt Ministry Blitz Saturday, April 15, 9:00am - 1:00pm**

**St. Matt's Fellowship Hall** Please join us and bring a friend or two to Fellowship Hall from 9am-1pm on Saturday, April 15th. Bring your own lunch and help to craft more of these fun and colorful quilts. Easy tasks and all are welcome! The quilters are a welcoming group, and new workers are invited to attend. For any questions, please contact Bev Etzelmueller at 262-250-3969 or bevetz@sbcglobal.net. See you there!