

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

10:00 am & 7:00 pm Services

## *Maundy Thursday*

### **WORSHIP NOTES FOR MAUNDY THURSDAY**

*The Maundy Thursday service marks the transition from the Eucharistic celebration of the Last Supper to that of Jesus' crucifixion and death. This day begins on a celebrative note, but the transition is made from Eucharistic joy to the sobering events of Jesus' arrest, trial, torture, and execution. At the end of the service the altar will be stripped of all ornaments and paraments. Stripping the altar is a time for the congregation to meditate on Jesus' suffering. It is symbolic of Jesus' humiliation at the soldiers' hands. Also symbolically, Christ is stripped of his power and glory, and is now in the hands of his captors. The chancel will remain bare until Easter. There is no Benediction at the end of the service, because the Maundy Thursday service ends where the Good Friday service begins.*

### *Gathering*

Prelude

*Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis [Third Mode Melody] by Gerald Near*

*To mock your reign, O dearest Lord, they made a crown of thorns; set you with taunts along that road from which no one returns. They did not know, as we do now, that glorious is your crown; that thorns would flower upon your brow, your sorrows heal our own.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

Call to Worship

Let us pray. Covenant God,

**we bless and thank you for the gift of the meal that Jesus commanded us to share.**

**We thank you for this sign of your presence with us and your love for the world that Jesus came to redeem. We long to feast with Jesus in the fullness of the coming kingdom. May our worship today deepen our anticipation of that glory. Amen.**

## Call to Confession

## Lord, Have Mercy



Our Lord Jesus said: “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” As God has instructed us in these great commandments, and because we have not lived in full obedience, let us now confess our sins to God, trusting Christ as our Savior and Lord.

*(Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination)*



## Prayer of Confession

Most gracious and most merciful God,

**we confess to you and to one another that time after time we have entered your presence with countless prayers but with hearts that have been closed to your grace. We have lifted our hands to you in praise, but our feet have still walked in the ways of sin. We have rehearsed your commandments but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor. We pray, Lord, that you forgive and pardon our acts of injustice. Grant us the healing that comes from your presence and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**



## Absolution

The Almighty God sent Jesus that he might take upon himself the sins of his people and destroy them. God has sent the Spirit that the saving grace might be given to all who have believing hearts and repent. Hear the Word of forgiveness. As an ordained minister of the Word, your sins are forgiven, in the name of the Triune God. Rejoice in your freedom from sin and stay in the shadow of God's love.

**The Lord is wonderfully merciful. Amen.**



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## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Hymn

## When You Woke That Thursday Morning

1. When you woke that Thurs - day morn - ing, Sav - ior, teach - er, faith - ful  
 2. Ne - ver so a - lone and lone - ly, long - ing with tor - men - ted  
 3. What was there that you could give them that would ne - ver be out -  
 4. One in faith, in love un - i - ted, all one bo - dy, you the  
 5. One day all the Church will cap - ture that bright vi - sion glo - ri -

friend, thoughts of self and safe - ty scorn - ing, know - ing how the  
 heart to be with your dear ones on - ly for a qui - et  
 spent, what great gift that would out - live them, what last will and  
 head, when we meet, by you in - vi - ted, you are with us,  
 ous, and your saints will know the rap - ture that your heart de -

day would end; Lamb of God, fore - told for a - ges,  
 ho - ur a - part: sin - less Lamb and fal - len crea - ture,  
 tes - ta - ment? "Show me and the world you love me,  
 as you said. One with you and one an - oth - er  
 sired for us, when the longed for peace and un - ion

now at last the hour had come when but One could  
 one last Pas - chal meal to eat, one last les - son  
 know me as the Lamb of God: Do this in re -  
 in a un - i - ty sub - lime, see in us your  
 of the great - est and the least meet in joy - ous,

pay sin's wa - ges: you as - sumed their dread - ful sum.  
 as their teach - er, wash - ing your dis - ci - ples' feet.  
 mem - brance of me, eat this bo - dy drink this blood."  
 sis - ter, bro - ther, one in ev - 'ry place and time.  
 blest com - mun - ion in your nev - er end - ing feast.

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*Please be seated.*

## Word

### First Reading

Exodus 12:1-4; 11-14

*Israel remembered its deliverance from slavery in Egypt by celebrating the festival of Passover. This festival featured the slaughter, preparation, and consumption of the Passover Lamb, whose blood was used to protect God's people from the threat of death. The early church described the Lord's Supper using imagery from the Passover, especially in portraying Jesus as the lamb who delivers God's people from sin and death.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

*In the bread and cup of the Lord's Supper, we experience intimate fellowship with Christ and with one another, because it involves his body given for us and the new covenant in his blood. Faithful participation in this meal is a living proclamation of Christ's death until he comes in the future.*

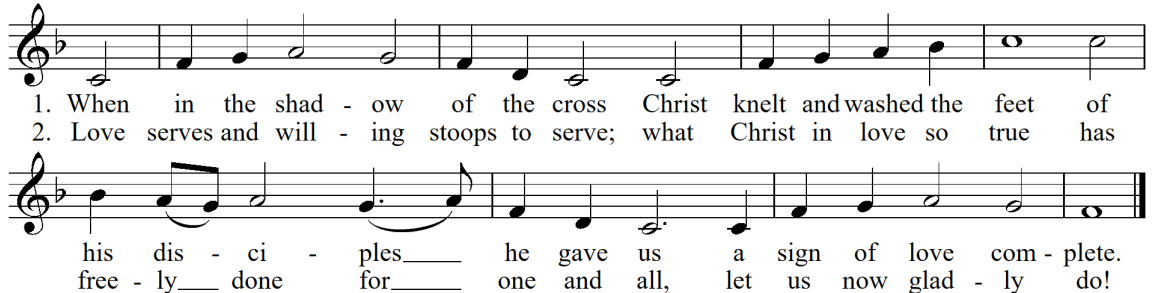
Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Gospel Acclamation

### When in the Shadow of the Cross



1. When in the shad - ow of the cross Christ knelt and washed the feet of  
 2. Love serves and will - ing stoops to serve; what Christ in love so true has

his dis - ci - ples he gave us a sign of love com - plete.  
 free - ly done for one and all, let us now glad - ly do!

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## Gospel Reading

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

*The story of the Last Supper in John's gospel recalls a remarkable event not mentioned elsewhere. Jesus performs the duty of a slave, washing the feet of his disciples and urging them to do the same for one another.*

The holy gospel according to John, the 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord for you.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

Hymn

**#708 Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love**

*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)*

*(Note: The creed, historically a festive element, is not used, in keeping with the solemnity of the time.)*

Prayers of Intercession

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

Sharing of Peace

Hear the teaching of Christ: "A new commandment I give to you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

Meal

Offering Anthem

10:00

*O Dearest Jesus*

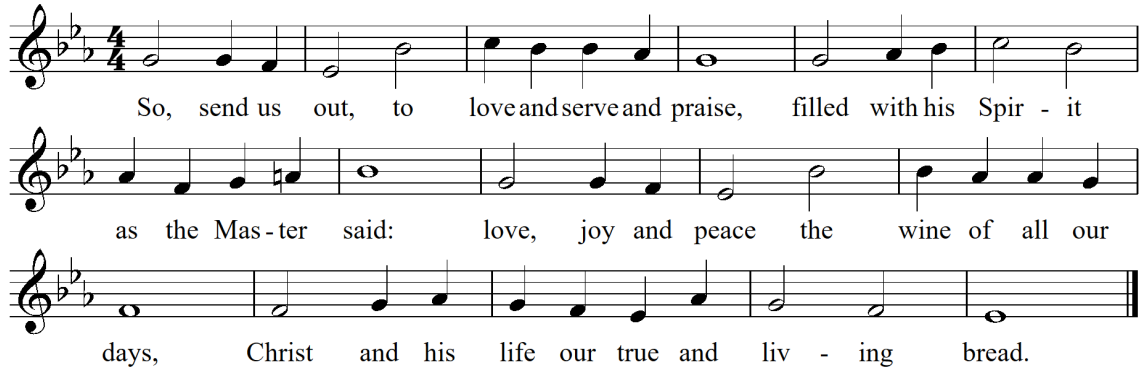
arr. by John Behnke

– The Embellishments

7:00

*An Upper Room with Evening Lamps**Ashine* - by David Music

- Senior Choir

*Please join the choir in the final stanza as directed.*


So, send us out, to love and serve and praise, filled with his Spir - it

as the Mas - ter said: love, joy and peace the wine of all our

days, Christ and his life our true and liv - ing bread.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory

**Before the Bitter Scene Began**

1. Be - fore the bit - ter scene be - gan, He took the  
 2. "Do this," he said, 'till time shall end, Re - mem - ber -

bread, and blest and broke. What love through all his  
 ing your dy - ing friend; Meet at my ta - ble

ac - tions ran! What won - drous words of love he spoke.  
 and re - cord The full o - be - dience of your Lord."

Text: Isaac Watts, based on Matthew 26. Music: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543. Tune: Erhalt uns, Herr, LM.

Offertory Prayer

Gracious God,

**you gave us the gift of your dear Son, who humbled himself as a servant before us.**

**Receive the gifts we offer as signs of our whole lives returned to you in  
 humble service to our neighbor. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . .

. . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



## Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
 Lord, God of pow - er, God of might: heav - en and earth are full of your  
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is  
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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## Eucharistic Prayer

We give thanks to God the Father that our Savior, Jesus Christ, before he suffered, gave us this memorial of his sacrifice until he comes again. The Lord Jesus, on the night when he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way, he took the cup after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

## Response

### Christ Has Died

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Lord, our God, send your Holy Spirit so that this bread and cup may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we and all your saints be united with Christ and remain faithful in hope and love. Gather your whole church, O Lord, into the glory of your kingdom.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

Response

**Amen**



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.**

Invitation to Communion and Anointing for Healing

Come receive this gift of God.

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the  
Lord, until he comes again in glory.**

Come receive this gift of God.

*Please be seated.*

## Foot Washing

On this night we have heard our Lord's commandment to love one another as he has loved us. We who receive God's love in Jesus Christ are called to love one another, to be servants to each other as Jesus became our servant. Our commitment to this loving service is signified in the washing of feet, following the example our Lord gave us on the night before his death.

## Call to Communion

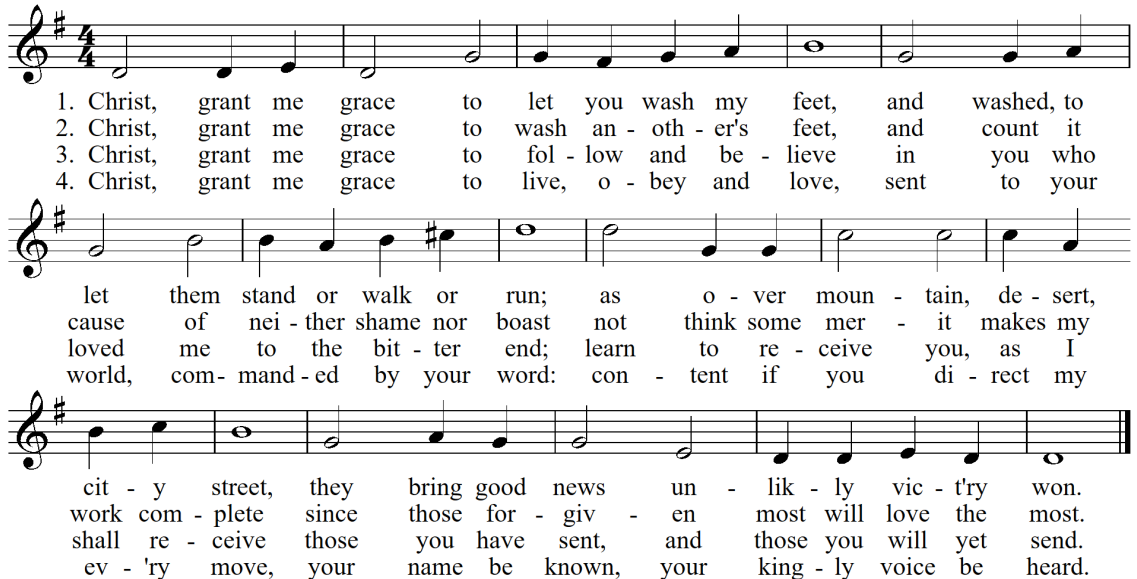
## #481 Come to the Table

## Communion Anthem (10:00)

*Give Me Jesus* arr. by Bill Ingram  
– The EmBELLishments

## Communion Hymn

## Christ, Grant Me Grace



1. Christ, grant me grace to let you wash my feet, and washed, to  
 2. Christ, grant me grace to wash an - oth - er's feet, and count it  
 3. Christ, grant me grace to fol - low and be - lieve in you who  
 4. Christ, grant me grace to live, o - bey and love, sent to your

let them stand or walk or run; as o - ver moun - tain, de - sert,  
 cause of nei - ther shame nor boast not think some mer - it makes my  
 loved me to the bit - ter end; learn to re - ceive you, as I  
 world, com - mand - ed by your word: con - tent if you di - rect my

cit - y street, they bring good news un - lik - ly vic - t'ry won.  
 work com - plete since those for - giv - en most will love the most.  
 shall re - ceive those you have sent, and those you will yet send.  
 ev - 'ry move, your name be known, your king - ly voice be heard.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

### Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his love and grace.

**Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

O God of love, as your Son washed the feet of his disciples, and shared his body and blood, he revealed his undying love that would lead him to the cross. May this simple act be a sign of our love for one another, and our call to serve our neighbors and all those in need, through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### Stripping of the Altar

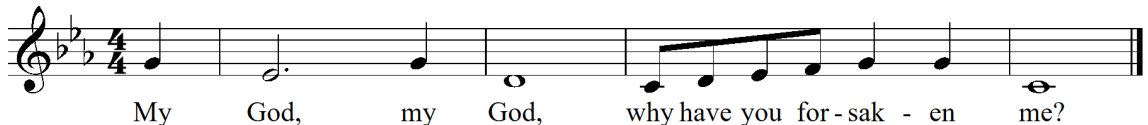
And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.

*Please be seated.*

### Response

***Psalms 22* arr. Hal Hopson**

### Congregation is asked to sing the refrain



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*My God, am I forsaken? Why turn from me your eyes? Why cease to know my anguish, or hear my heartfelt cries? **Refrain.***

*The faithful ones before me found favor by their trust; while I, despised, tormented, am cast into the dust. **Refrain.***

*With scorn my foes deride me, their taunts my faith would move; yet firm in my conviction, deep-rooted in your love. **Refrain.***

*My God, my sure salvation, be near me all my days; whatever may befall me, remain my strength always. **Refrain.***

*10:00 am: A healing service will be offered in the Sanctuary directly following this service.  
Please remain if you wish or depart in silence.*

*7:00 pm: A healing service will be offered in the East Chapel directly following this service.  
Depart in silence.*

## *Please Depart in Silence*

*This first liturgy of the Three Days has no ending;  
it continues with the worship of Good Friday and concludes with the Resurrection of Our Lord.  
Together the Three Days proclaim the mystery of our faith:  
Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

# **FIRST READING: Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14**

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: <sup>2</sup>This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. <sup>3</sup>Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. <sup>4</sup>If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. <sup>5</sup>Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. <sup>6</sup>You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. <sup>7</sup>They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. <sup>8</sup>They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. <sup>9</sup>Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. <sup>10</sup>You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. <sup>11</sup>This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the LORD. <sup>12</sup>For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. <sup>13</sup>The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

<sup>14</sup>This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

## **Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**

# **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, <sup>24</sup>and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup>In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." <sup>26</sup>For as often as

you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

# **GOSPEL: John 13:1-17, 31b-35**

Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end. <sup>2</sup>The devil had already put it into the heart of Judas son of Simon Iscariot to betray him. And during supper <sup>3</sup>Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, <sup>4</sup>got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. <sup>5</sup>Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. <sup>6</sup>He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" <sup>7</sup>Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand." <sup>8</sup>Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." <sup>9</sup>Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" <sup>10</sup>Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." <sup>11</sup>For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

<sup>12</sup>After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you?" <sup>13</sup>You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. <sup>14</sup>So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. <sup>15</sup>For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. <sup>16</sup>Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. <sup>17</sup>If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

<sup>31b</sup>"Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' <sup>34</sup>I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43; Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18.

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## Maundy Thursday Service April 6, 2023



**Welcome to worship** as we enter into the most solemn days of the church year. May God bless you at this holy time.

### **WORSHIP INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY**

*Our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection. Today we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry it into the world. Departing worship in solemn silence, we anticipate the coming days.*

**Holy Week Services continue tomorrow:**

**Good Friday, April 7**

**10:00 a.m. Children's Good Friday Service**

We will gather for a project, an egg hunt and a worship service, learning about the Good News that comes from Good Friday. Children up thru fifth grade along with their parents and/or grandparents are invited to attend. Friends welcome.

**3:15 p.m. Reformation Neighborhood Walk**

Walk with the people of Reformation and other partners in the neighborhood around the church to recognize signs of hope as well as places needing our prayers. Walk begins at 3806 W. Lisbon Ave. If you wish to attend, you can meet in the St. Matthew's parking lot at 2:45 for carpooling with Pastor Karen and other attendees.

**7:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service**

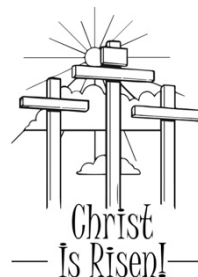
A Service of light into darkness, following the seven last words of Jesus Christ.

**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!





**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)

**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 playing the organ and 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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!

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

Pastoral Staff: Karen Natterstad, Interim Lead;

Ann Williams, Associate Pastor

Volunteer Ministries/Small Groups/Adult Education: Sue Swing

Youth Ministries & Children's Education: Gretchen Haugse, Lynne Thomas

Children's Minister: Donna Gardner Manke.

Music Minister: John Paradowski.

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