

**St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*  
**7:30 a.m. Service**

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

***Gathering***

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Preparation for Worship

Let us pray. Lord God, we gather here because 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, and 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. Amen.**

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.**

For the Lord is gracious and merciful,  
**Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

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

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Gracious God,

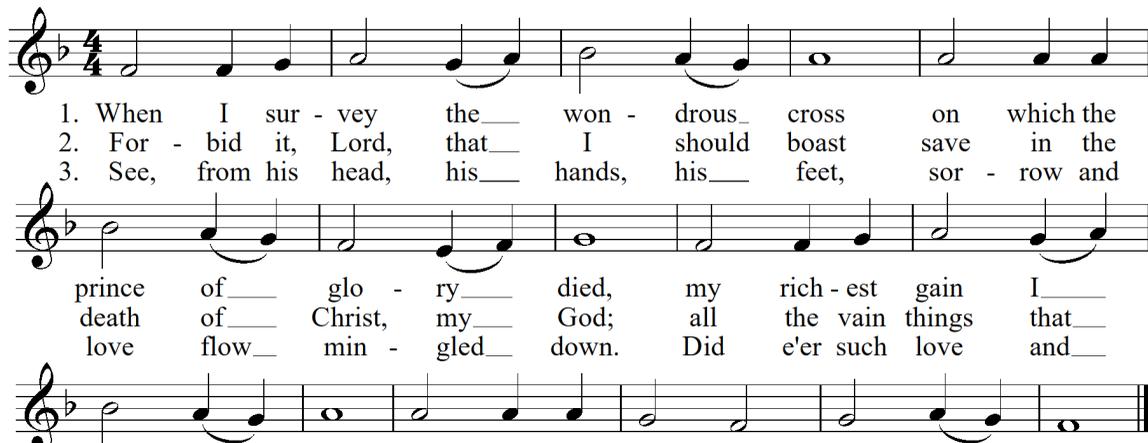
**In times of temptation we forget what you have done for us. You give us everything we need, yet we often remain unsatisfied; you trust us to care for creation, yet we often abuse that trust and spoil what we have been given. You show us the way we are to follow, yet we often continue on the path of self-indulgence and self-centeredness. Forgive us, we pray. We ask for your direction, your patience, and your love, in the name of Jesus Christ, who, in spite of 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

## When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the  
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and

prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I  
 death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that  
 love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and

count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.  
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.  
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?

Text: Isaac Watts, 1707. Based on Gal 6:14. Music: Lowell Mason, 1824. Tune: Hamburg, LM.

## Apostolic Greeting

The grace and mercy of God, who in Christ bears our burdens and saves us from sin, be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Opening Litany reflecting the Story of the Three Trees

Creator God, out of chaos you brought order.

**Out of nothingness you brought life.**

In the middle of all life stands the tree.

**Trees provide the air that nurtures all your creation.**

Trees recycle life that has come before.

**Bless the trees of this world, loving God.**

Remind us to serve as their caregivers and protectors.

**The gift of their breath is as special to us as the breath of the Holy Spirit.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Creator God, thank you for all the blessings that we experience. Thank you for honoring the humble. Thank you for being born and dying for us. Thank you for rising to live forever.

**May we be the people who are alive with your spirit forever. And with all we are, we pray that our dreams of what we can be and what we can do will lead us to you. Amen.**

## Word

*(Please be seated)*

Reading

Jeremiah 29:11-14

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Psalm

Psalm 1, Read responsively

Happy are those who reject the advice of evil people, who do not follow the example of sinners or join those who have no use for God.

**Instead, they find joy in obeying the Law of the Lord, and they study it day and night.**

They are like trees that grow beside a stream, that bear fruit at the right time, and whose leaves do not dry up.

**They succeed in everything they do.**

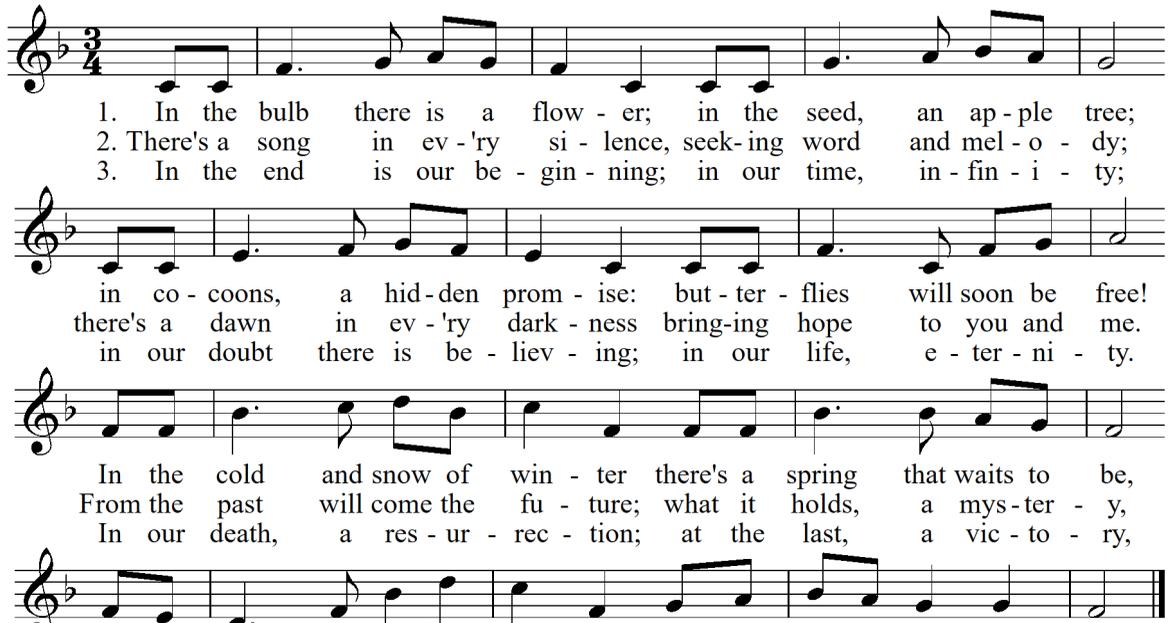
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Sermon

Pastor Christopher Manke

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Hymn of the Day

**Hymn of Promise***(Prayer cards will be collected during the Hymn)*


1. In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;  
 2. There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy;  
 3. In the end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

in co - coons, a hid - den prom - ise; but - ter - flies will soon be free!  
 there's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness bring - ing hope to you and me.  
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,  
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,  
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.  
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Apostles' Creed

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***Meal***

**Note for the 7:30 services:** Offerings may be placed in the plate at the entrance of the church as you enter or exit. Thank you.

Offertory Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

*(Please be seated)*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's love and grace.

**Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## *Sending*

*(Please be seated)*

Today's Highlights

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Benediction for the Lenten Season

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**Amen.**

Dismissal

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Postlude

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**8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services**  
**New Creation Choir Musical**  
*“The Three Trees”*

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

## *Gathering*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Call to Worship

**Holy God**

Two staves of musical notation in 2/2 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im - mor - tal, have mer - cy up - on us.

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*(See Musical Insert)*

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Word of God, word of life.

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Baptism

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(8:30) **Samuel David Seagren**

(11:00) **Harrison Robert Paul Bullis**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

The Apostles' Creed

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*(Please be seated)*

Congregation's Welcome to the Baptized

**☪ Samuel (8:30), Harrison (11:00) we receive you as our own, and as God's own child. We promise to pray for you, care for you and speak God's Word to you. We promise to support your parents as they set about the holy task of raising you up in Christ. Welcome to God's Family!**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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## *Thanksgiving*

*(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

**#342 There in God's Garden**

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

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Thanksgiving for the Word                      page 220  
Prayers of Intercession

As we journey through this season of repentance and renewal, let us turn to God who mercifully gives us new life.

...we pray to the Lord;  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, hear our cry when we call to you; renew and uphold us with your Spirit, through Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Amen.**

Lord's Prayer    page 221 (Contemporary Version)

**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.**  
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