

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

March 1st, 2020

First Sunday in Lent

8:30 & 11:00a.m. Services

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Preparation for Worship

Let us pray.

Lord God, in this season of Lent we look forward to our remembrance of Jesus' death and our celebration of his resurrection. We pray that your Spirit will renew in us today our anticipation for these events and our awareness that Jesus' death and resurrection are a sure source of hope and life. In the power of Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Call to Confession

#811 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is present, who gives life, who calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Amen.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand? Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. In times of temptation we forget what you have done for us. We confess that we have turned away from you, knowingly and unknowingly. We have wandered from your resurrection life. We have strayed from your love for all people. Turn us back to you, O God. Give us new hearts and right spirits, that we may find what is pleasing to you and dwell in your house forever.

Receive good news: God turns to you in love. “I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live,” says our God. All your sin is forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ, who is the free and abounding gift of God’s grace for you.

Amen.

Gathering Song

#618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Litany for the First Sunday in Lent

The devil tempted Jesus: “Command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”

Help us to resist, when we are tempted to sin that satisfies us, but can hurt ourselves and others.

The devil tempted Jesus: “All of this is yours, if you will just bow down and worship me.”

Help us to resist, when we are tempted to sin that elevate our own powers, but ignore God’s power.

Jesus resisted the devil using the Word of God.

Help us, to find comfort and strength from the Scriptures whenever we are tempted.

May the Bible assure you with the words, “You are no longer slaves to sin!”

Help us, O God, to trust in you for forgiveness and to lead lives that are pleasing to you.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Human beings were formed with great care, to be in relationship with the Creator, creation, and one another. The serpent's promise to the first couple that their eyes would be opened led, ironically, to the discovery only that they were naked.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Psalm 32, Read responsively

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

Second Reading

Romans 5:12-19

Through Adam's disobedience, humanity came under bondage to sin and death, from which we cannot free ourselves. In Christ's obedient death, God graciously showers on us the free gift of liberation and life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Let Your Steadfast Love Come to Us

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.

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Gospel

Matthew 4:1-11

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus experiences anew the temptations that Israel faced in the wilderness. As the Son of God, he endures the testing of the evil one.

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#326 Bless Now, O God, the Journey*(Prayer cards will be collected during the Hymn)*

The Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

Turning our hearts to God who is gracious and merciful, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

According to your steadfast love, O God, hear these and all our prayers as we commend them to you; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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Meal

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering

8:30

As Your Spirit by Michael Costello

Senior Choir, Chris Zello, Clarinet

The Congregation is asked to join in the refrains as printed.

As your spirit in the desert led the Christ to dust and stone,

So, instill our hearts with courage now to cross where Christ has gone.

Congregation/Refrain:

Let us cross in - to the wil-der-ness So to walk where Christ has gone.

As your fire and cloudy pillar Israel's tribes to Canaan led,

May your Presence be our comfort, may your manna be our bread.

Congregation/Refrain:

Let us cross in - to the wil-der-ness With God's man - na as our bread.

Though wild beasts may lurk in the shadow, and dire thirst may sear and sting.

You have promised living waters waiting for us at the spring.

Congregation/Refrain:



Let us cross out of the wil-der-ness To the wa - ters of the spring.

Through the narrow gate now draw us, past all empires' pull and strife,

Where beyond our fear and clinging stands the threshold of new life.

Congregation/Refrain:



Let us cross out of the wil-der-ness To the thresh- old of new life.

God of Desert, God of Promise, you have bid us journey on

Through the days of dust and darkness to the rising of the dawn.

Congregation/Refrain:



Let us cross out of the wil-der-ness To the ris - ing of the dawn.

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Offertory

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring

Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up -
 on your ³ ta - ble. We do not wor - ship
 as we ought but on - ly as we're a - ble.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Holy God, you provide us with every gift of creation, and you quench our thirst with living water. Receive these tokens of your goodness to us. May our lives be bread for the hungry and streams in the wilderness, signs of the abundance of your grace. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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Sanctus

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

Return to God with all your heart. Receive bread for the journey, drink for the desert.

We join in the feast.

(Please be seated)

Call to Communion

#336 Lamb of God – Your Only Son

Communion Anthem 8:30 *I Received the Living God* by David Schelat
 Senior Choir
 Communion Hymn **#469 By Your Hand You Feed Your People**

(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

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, as the manna miraculously nourished your wandering children, so, too, this gift of life refreshes us. We do not live by bread alone so teach us to prefer this nourishment. Teach us to hunger for this food. Teach us to follow where the Spirit leads. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

Sending

(Please be seated)

Today's Highlights

For more information on the church's activities, please see your bulletin, St. Matthew's website, www.StMattsLutheran.org or ask in the church office.

(Please stand as you are able)

Benediction for the Lenten Season

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.**

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Your presence has blessed our worship service. May you be strengthened by the strong word of God expressed through music and worship today. The peace of the Lord be with you as you go.

Please note that Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend: Spring Ahead!