

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

**March 15th, 2020**  
*Third Sunday in Lent*  
**8:30 a.m. Service**

Prelude  
Welcome to Worship

***Gathering***

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Preparation for Worship

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**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.**

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## Word

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For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God’s pasture and the sheep of God’s hand.

**Oh, that today you would hear God’s voice!**

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**Indeed, I swore in my anger, ‘They shall never come to my rest.’”**

Second Reading

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Gospel Acclamation

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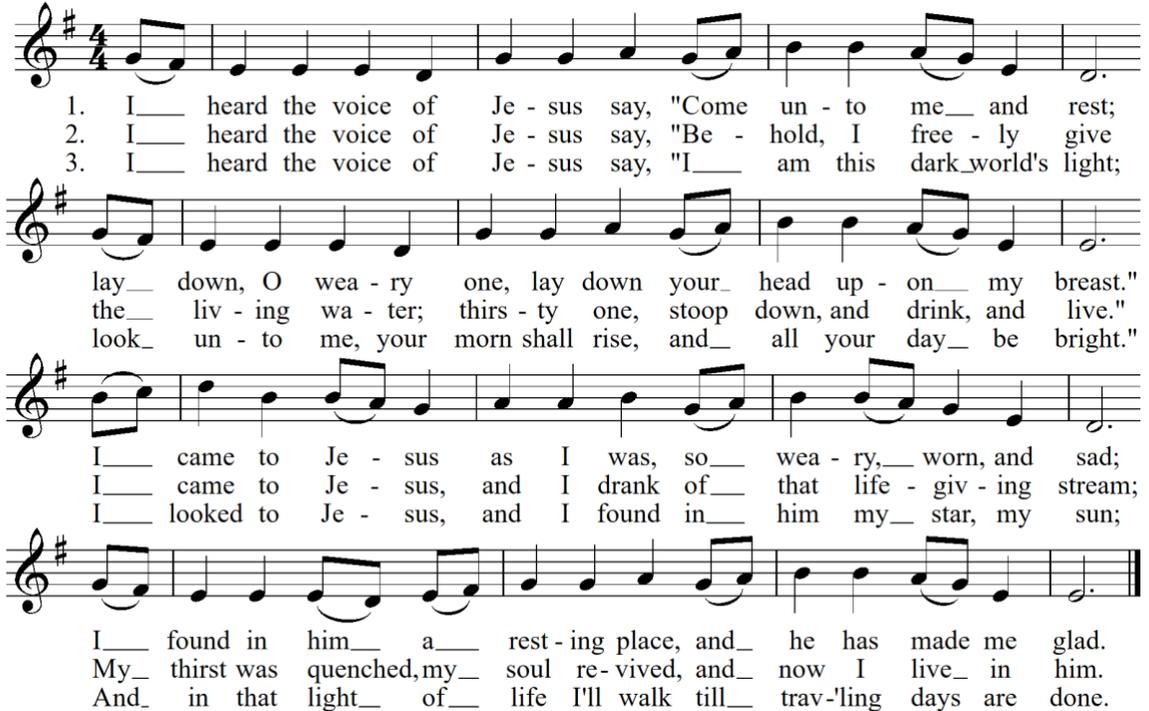
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Hymn of the Day

**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

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 And in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

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Baptisms

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**Rosemary Ann Benson**

**Eric Albert Jochen, Jr.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

The Apostles' Creed

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*(Please be seated)*

Congregation's Welcome to the Baptized

**Rosemary and Eric, we receive you as our own, and as God's own children. 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!**

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.

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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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## *Thanksgiving*

*(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

*The Gift of Grace* by Arnold Sherman – Bells Angels

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offertory

**Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring**

Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up -  
on your <sup>3</sup> ta - ble. We do not wor - ship  
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### Offertory Prayer

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**Amen.**

The 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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 For the kingdom, the power,  
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***Meal****(Please be seated)*

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*Come to the Water* arr. by Jack Schrader  
Senior Choir*(Please stand as you are able)*

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Great Thanksgiving

Sanctus

Words of Institution

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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

*Let Us Break Bread Together* arr. by John Helgen  
Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

**#777 Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty**

*(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. 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*

Sending of Communion

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick, homebound, and imprisoned*. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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*You are invited to stay for a healing service that will begin in the Sanctuary after the Postlude.*