

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

March 31st, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent

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

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

(11:00) Call to Worship

Like Him We Rise by Tom Trenney

Grace Note Quartet (see p. 6 for text)

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.

Call to Confession

Holy God

Ho - ly God, ho - ly and might - y, ho - ly and im - mor - tal,
have mer - cy up - on us.

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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.

Those who think they are standing are warned to take heed, lest they fall.

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

#779 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Litany for the Fourth Sunday in Lent

God our Father, we know that you love us, yet we have so often traveled far away from you.

Forgive us for our wanderings; show us your way.

We know that you have always cared for us, yet we have so often lived carelessly and recklessly.

Help us to live lives that honor you.

We know that you rejoice over us.

Show us mercy for not always rejoicing in our relationship with you, and help us to let joy and gladness reign in our hearts and in our lives.

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

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Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the Promised Land instead of the miraculous manna that has sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to the end at Gilgal.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 32, Read responsively

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.

Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long.

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

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you.

Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

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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(Please be seated for the Gospel Drama)

Gospel Drama

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Jesus tells a parable about a son who ponders his father's love only after he has spurned it. The grace he receives is beyond his hopes. That same grace is a crisis for an older brother who believed it was his obedience that earned his place in the father's home.

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Gospel Message

Pastor Christopher Manke

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#606 Our Father, We Have Wandered

(Prayer cards will be collected during the Hymn)

(11:00) *(Please be seated)*

(11:00) Baptism

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Eloise Clara Yentz

(11:00) *(Please stand as you are able)*

(11:00) Apostles' Creed

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(11:00) *(Please be seated)*

(11:00) Congregation's Welcome to the Baptized

☑ Eloise, 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!

(8:30) Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

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.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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Thanksgiving

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering

(8:30)

Like Him We Rise by Tom Trenney – Grace Note
Quartet: Michael Kruse, John Schilling, Al Van Lith,
Steve Winters

*He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may have love.
He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may rise.*

*“Come unto me,” our Savior said. “Ye weary, come, I’ll give you rest.”
From stable room and manger bed to paradise forever blessed.
Made like him, like him we rise! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies;
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.*

*“Come, all who thirst, be satisfied with water I alone can give.”
Upon the cross, “I thirst,” he cried, conqu’ring death that we might live!
Made like him, like him we rise! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies;
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.*

*“When in the shadow, do not fear. I am your light, your lamp, your sun.”
The sting of death shall disappear. The fight is fought! The battle won!
Made like him, like him we rise! Ours the cross, the grave, the skies;
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.*

He came down that we may rise.

(11:00)

Steal Away arr. By Sandra Eithun – Bells Angels

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus! Steal away, steal away home; I ain't
got long to stay here.*

*My Lord, he calls me; he calls me by the thunder. The trumpet sounds within my
soul; I ain't got long to stay here.*

*Green trees are bending; poor sinners stand a trembling. The trumpet sounds
within my soul; I ain't got long to stay here.*

(Please stand as you are able)

Canticle of Thanksgiving

The Glory of These Forty Days

1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2. Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in

brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

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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.

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.

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.

Sending Song

#323 God Loved the World

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.