

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

**March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019**  
*Third Sunday in Lent*  
**8:30 a.m. Service**

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

## *Gathering*

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

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Gracious God,

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**Amen.**

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Apostolic Greeting

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**And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

Anthem

*Help Me to Be Like You, Lord* by Jeff Reeves  
Praise Kids!

## Word

First Reading

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Second Reading

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Gospel

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Gospel Message

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

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Hymn of the Day

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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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## *Meal*

*(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Canticle of Thanksgiving**

**When Grains of Wheat Fall**

1. When grains of wheat fall in the ground, New life with -  
 2. With Christ we die; with Christ we live; To Christ our  
 in their death is found. When grapes are crushed, there  
 ran - somed lives we give. With grate - ful hearts, our  
 flows new wine. So from Christ's death flow gifts di - vine.  
 gifts in hand, Be - fore the cross of Christ we stand.

Tune: Erhalt Uns, Herr LM. Music: J. Klug, Geistliche Lieder, 1543. Text: Arden Mead. Copyright: © 1999 Creative Communications. All rights reserved. Used with permission.

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Dear God, you have planted us and tended to us. No amount of good can repay what you have freely offered. Accept from us these gifts, this fruit, our offering to you. Use it to nourish the world. Through 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

## 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  
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## Eucharistic Prayer

## Lord's Prayer

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## Invitation to Receive Holy Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*(Please be seated)*

Lamb of God

**Jesus, Lamb of God**

Je - sus, Lamb of God, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ us. \_\_\_\_\_

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on \_\_\_\_\_ us. \_\_\_\_\_

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Communion Hymn

**#542 O Living Bread from Heaven**

*(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, our Gardener, you have nourished us that we might grow. You have loosened our roots from the bondage of sin. Now send your Spirit upon us. Help us to grow, that we might bear good fruit for you. We bless you now and evermore.

**Amen.**

## *Sending*

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Today's Highlights

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Dismissal

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

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Postlude

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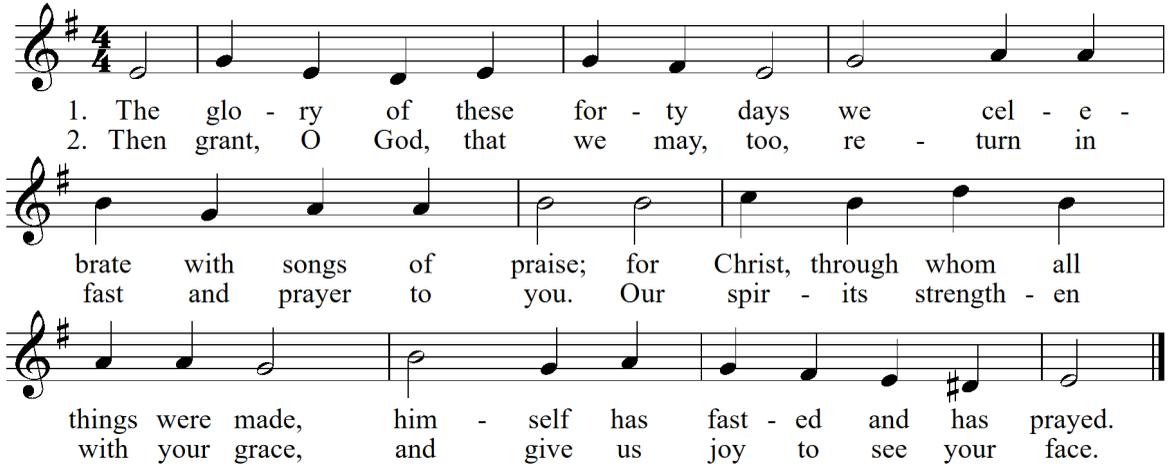
Musical Offering

*Come to the Water* arr. by Jack Schrader – Senior Choir

(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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Thanksgiving for the Word

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The Lord's Prayer

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**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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