

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

March 10th, 2019

First Sunday in Lent

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

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, 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

The Cantor will sing first then the congregation is asked to repeat.

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.

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, 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

#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.”

The devil tempted Jesus,

“All of this is yours, if you will just bow down and worship me.”

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 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

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Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshippers announce God’s gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Psalm 91, Read responsively

The one who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the LORD, "The LORD is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

If you make the Most High your dwelling— even the LORD, who is my refuge—
then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

For the LORD will command angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways;
they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

You will tread upon the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

"Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him and show him my salvation."

Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

Paul reminds the Christians at Rome of the foundation of their creed, the confession of faith in the risen Jesus as Lord.

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

Luke 4:1-13

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

After being filled with the Holy Spirit at his baptism, Jesus is led in the wilderness. Through his responses to the temptations of the devil he defines what it means to be called "the Son of God."

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

(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

page 217 or 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)

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days by Walter Pelz
 Senior Choir, Melissa Mann, Violin
 (See ELW Hymn #319 for the text)

(11:00)

Contemplation on Beautiful Savior
 arr. by Matthew Compton – Bell Angels

(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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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

#325 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

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.