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Closer to Jesus, Closer Together

"Whoever **drinks** the **water** I give him
will **never** thirst."



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Third Sunday in Lent

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Exactly What I Need

WATER

I recognize my deep spiritual thirst. I long for a good relationship with God and for everlasting life. I am tempted to satisfy that deep thirst with worldly things, a strategy doomed to failure. I realize that my thirst is satisfied only by the one who said, "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst." Jesus meets my greatest need.

Welcome to our Guests.

Thanks for joining us! We are gathered here to be strengthened in the faith through the Word of Jesus, the Son of God who has come to save us. If there is anything that we can do to serve you, please let us know.

OUR MISSION

The mission of every Christian and this congregation is to serve all people in God's world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.

OUR FACILITIES

A restroom is located in the Mother's Room at the back of church and also in the church basement. There is also a handicapped accessible restroom in the back of church. Ask an usher for help and directions. The members of St. Matthew's believe that families should be allowed to worship together. If the need arises, we have an audio-equipped children's room just outside of the church doors to your left. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

Out of courtesy for your fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.

Opening Hymn - 394 Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, par - a -
4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul - re -



by the fall; here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
lyzed, and blind; here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, per -
from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and
here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
break his cov - e - nant of blood, signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; you shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; they that drink shall thirst no more.
deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854, alt.
Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812–1887
Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.
**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my
thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not
loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ,
who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a
called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the
Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

947 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

CW 947 st. 3

3 Lamb of God, pure and ho - ly, who on the cross did suf - fer,
ev - er pa - tient and low - ly, your-self to scorn did of - fer.
All sin you car-ried for us, else had de-spair reigned o'er us:
your peace be with us, O Je - sus! O Je - sus!

Text: Nicolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546; tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Tune: Nicolaus Decius, c. 1485–after 1546

Text and tune: Public domain

The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

In his grace, God gives undeserving people water from a stone.

¹The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 5:1–8

God's love is poured into my heart like living water.

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 4:13,14

Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst."

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory.

Gospel

John 4:5–26

Jesus calls a Samaritan woman to faith, providing living water for her thirsty soul.

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”

¹¹“Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”

¹³Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”

¹⁵The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”

¹⁶He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

¹⁷“I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

¹⁹“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated



Children are invited to go to Children's Church at this time

Hymn of the Day - 703 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - 'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889, alt.

Tune: English; adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958, alt.

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Sermon

John 4:5-26

THE NECESSARY STOP

1. For a necessary request
2. For a necessary revelation
3. For a necessary confession

Stand

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

Thank Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Our offerings will be collected today at the church entrance and brought forward during the offering hymn. To give by phone send a text message to 844-703-3129 with the amount you would like to contribute and you will be sent further instructions.

405 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

CW 405

On my heart im - print your im - age, bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,
that life's rich - es, cares, and plea - sures have no pow'r to hide your face.
Let the clear in - scrip - tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,
is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, and my glo - ry and sal - va - tion.

The musical score consists of four staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first two staves contain the first two lines of the hymn, the third staff contains the third line, and the fourth staff contains the fourth line. The music ends with a double bar line.

Text: Thomas H. Kingo, 1634–1703, abr.; tr. Peer O. Strömme, 1856–1921, alt.
Tune: Johann B. König, 1691–1758
Text and tune: Public domain

Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to free us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

We confess that without your love we are lost.

Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

Guard and guide those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and values as Christians.

By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.

Keep in your care those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, and those victimized by war and injustice. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Comfort all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

Watch over those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Hear us as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 183

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

The musical score is written in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: 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 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

Tune: Marty Haugen

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

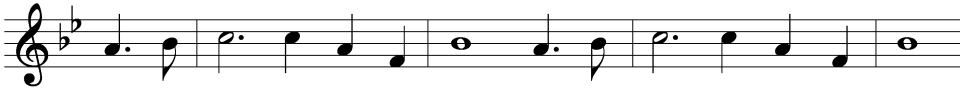
St. Matthew's Lutheran Church observes the biblical practice of *close communion*. If you are not currently a member of our congregation or a sister WELS/ELS congregation, you may come forward for a blessing (indicated by placing your hand on your heart) but we would kindly ask that you understand that we are not able to give you communion. If you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with the pastor. We look forward to talking about this with you.

Distribution Hymns:

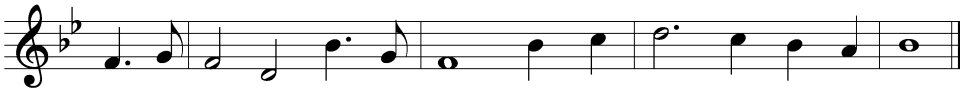
839 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



- 1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
- 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
- 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling;
- 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
na - ked, come to thee for dress, help - less, look to thee for grace;
when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure: cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save and thou a - lone.
foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778, alt.

Tune: Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

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857 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and
4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I thro' grace a



of our God; he whose word can - not be bro - ken formed you
ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters and all
fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring, show - ing
mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y, I will



for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges found - ed,
fear of want re - move. Who can faint while such a riv - er
that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner
glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain plea - sures,



what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's
ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which, like the
light by night and shade by day, safe they feed up -
all their boast - ed pomp and show; sol - id joys and



walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807, alt.
Tune: Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732–1809
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Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

**Today's bulletin is given in memory of
Millie Haessig
by Darlene Metzler**

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Setting Two from Christian Worship

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Announcements

March 7 & 8, 2026

Worship Leader: Winfried Schroeder

Musicians: Sarah Sell

Councilmen on Duty this Weekend

Saturday – Devin Ellinghuysen

Sunday –

Altar Committee – Mary Schmoker & Pam Rupprecht

Last Week Attendance: Saturday – 43; Sunday – 105 Wed. 4pm -87, 6pm - 39



Ushers on Duty this Weekend

Saturday – Kris & Amanda Wenzel

Sunday – Jay Bade Group

This Week – Mar. 8-15

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion/Children's Church
	10:15 AM	Bible Class/Kids for Christ
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
	12:00 PM	Public School Catechism (at Wilson)
	2:00 PM	Jesus Cares
Monday		Finance #2
	9:00 AM	Worship Committee
Tuesday	1:30 PM	Sugar Loaf Manor Service
Wednesday	4:00 PM	Lent Worship
	5:00 PM	Supper
	6:00 PM	Lent Worship
	7:00 PM	Sr Choir Rehearsal
	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on HBC Channel 20
Thursday	11:30 AM	Women's Bible Study
	1:00 PM	Callista Court Service
	1:45 PM	Saint Anne Service
	6:00PM	Church Council
Friday		
Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship
Next Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Bible Class/Kids for Christ
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
	11:45 AM	Lunch & Cards
	12:00 PM	Public School Catechism (at Wilson)

Financial News

Weekly Budget for Envelope Offerings: \$8,173.08

Offerings received: Feb. electronic \$4,462.27 Feb. 28/Mar. 1: \$9,373.00

Church Announcements:

Easter Lilies: There is a sign-up sheet in the church entrance for Easter lilies that will be used to decorate the front of church on Easter Sunday. Plants are \$16.99 each. Checks should be made payable to St. Matthew. The last day to order is March 22nd.

Our next card club and lunch will be on March 15. As usual, we will eat at about 11:45 and follow with our card games. Watch for the sign-up sheet to be in the back of church the 1st and 2nd weekends of the month. We need 3 people to sign up to bring a dessert. Please also consider serving the meal. Hope you will be able to join us on that weekend.

Thank you to all who came to my 90th birthday celebration. Thanks for the singing and the cards. It was a great party, I enjoyed it very much. Lila Nelson.

A \$100 gift was given to the Tuition Assistance Fund in memory of Eugene Korder (father of St. Matthew neighbor Dean).

Do you have a student attending MLC next fall? Please let Lindsey Anderso in the office know. email: smoffice@stmatthewswinona.org or phone: 507-454-3083.

Church Library News: In your studies of the Bible, you may have come across some sections that are hard to understand. Or, you might not understand well enough to explain to someone else. The books on display in the Church Library may help clarify without adding to or subtracting from the inspired words of the Bible. Those sections of the Bible that are not necessary for us to understand now for our salvation we will fully understand when we get to Heaven.

As 2025 came to a close, our long time and faithful Historian for St. Matthew's moved out of the area and hence retired their position as St. Matthew's Historian. If you enjoy and/or are interested in this type of service to St. Matthews please contact Lindsey in the office at 507-454-3083 or Dean Rupprecht at 507-730--8854 and we will be glad to share more details with you.

The Greeter sign-up sheet for the Lenten Services is now on the back table in church. There are 2 services each Wednesday, 4 pm and 6 pm, with a meal in between services. Look for the LILAC colored sheet. Greeters are asked to be at the side door, about 20 minutes before the services begin. Thank you for your help in greeting all who come to worship at St. Matthew's Church.

Thrivent Choice. Just a bit of info. You can direct your 2025 Thrivent Choice dollars anytime between now and March 31. This is a very beneficial program for our church and school. Please don't forget.

Women's Fellowship

- LWMS door offerings for mission projects will be received the weekends of March 14/15 and March 21/22
- March 16 Meeting @ 6:30 – Easter project
- March 28 & 29 – Palm Sunday Bake Sale (pies and other baked goods). Please indicate on the sign-up sheet in the church entrance what you will be bringing.

SAVE THE DATE The Winona Circuit Spring Rally will be held on Saturday, April 19th at St. Paul Lutheran in Onasaska WI. We will be learning how the 100 Missions in 10 Years is progressing from Jeff Mahnke, chairman of the Western Wisconsin District Mission Board.

Registration for the National LWMS Convention has opened. This year's convention is being held in the Madison WI area. You may register online at 62.lwms.org or a mail in registration form may be found in the church entrance on the LWMS bulletin board.

School News

- **March 6th - March 26th** - Hanging Basket Fundraiser. Delivery/Pick up day is April 30th
- **March 25th** - PTO serving Lenten Supper, Kids singing at the service
- **March 28th** – Eggstravaganza
- **March 29th** – Palm Sunday Family Worship – the children will be singing for worship and a Pancake Breakfast will be served after worship.

We are accepting candy donations for the Eggstravaganza. There will be a tote in the church to place your donations in. We are also in need of volunteers on March 28th! The event will be from noon to 2pm. Set up will be 10:30am to 11:30am. Needs: help direct traffic in the halls, supervise a game in the gym, help with an activity in a classroom and clean up. Would you be able to help? Contact Lindsey Anderson with your availability: smoffice@stmatthewswinona.org.

There has been some confusion about the Scrip Program. We are not getting rid of it! It is doing well and we are selling more cards than ever! However, we don't sell much after church and the ladies are feeling like their time could be better spent on other things. So, going forward there may be a lot of times that scrip isn't available after church. You can always stop in the church office, or email Lindsey in the office to order what you need! Thank you for your support of the scrip program! It is a huge benefit to our school!

Ways to Serve

- **If you would like to sponsor a Radio broadcast**, similar to a bulletin sponsorship, the cost is \$100.00. Please contact Lindsey by email: smoffice@stmatthewswinona.org or by phone: 507-454-3083. If you would like to donate to the Radio Broadcast fund, please use your designated offering envelope.
- **Bulletin Sponsorship**: Upcoming bulletins available for sponsorship: **Feb. Mar 11, 15, 18, 22, 25, 29**. The cost is \$30.00. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, you may email the information to Tamara Koenig tkoenig@stmatthewswinona.org or contact Lindsey in the office @507-454-3083.

WELS News

WELS Coulee Women's Retreat Luther High School, Onalaska, WI April 25, 2026

We're thrilled to welcome you back this spring for a day of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and encouragement. This year's theme is: "His Grace is Sufficient" based on 2 Corinthians 12:9 Come be refreshed in God's Word, surrounded by sisters in Christ, as we celebrate the boundless grace He gives us each day. Registration/info: welscwr.wix.com/retreat or email welscwr@gmail.com

Luther High Open Enrollment — Whether you are the family of an eighth grader preparing for high school or are considering a change in your child's high school experience, we invite you to partner with Luther High School for this important next step. At Luther, we walk alongside families to root students firmly in their identity in Christ as they grow academically, spiritually, and personally. With Christ at the center, our community equips students with the faith, character, and preparation to be the next generation of Christian leaders who are ready for what's next. Visit LutherHigh.org or call **608-783-5435** to learn more about how your child can benefit from a Christ-centered education. LHS is a WI Choice School and has a robust tuition assistance program to make Christian education accessible to **every** family.

LMSG Workshop for Veterans & First Responders – You are invited to join us on Saturday, March 14th from 9am -12pm, at Good Shepherd Ev. Lutheran Church in Holmen, WI for a workshop for Veterans, First Responders, and their Families that highlights their role as God's servants in these careers and finding forgiveness from guilt that is experienced. This Workshop is hosted by Lutheran Military Support Group. Visit www.lutheranmilitary.org to register for the Workshop or for more information. Registration closes March 12th, 2026.

WELS Group Tour to the Ark+

Father's World Tours and the OWLS (WELS Seniors Group) invite W/ELS members of all ages to join us for an April 17-26 trip to the beautiful Bluegrass State of Kentucky. Our deluxe motorcoach originates in MN and continues through WI with free parking and pickups offered at WELS churches/schools in New Ulm, Mankato, Rochester, LaCrosse, and Madison. You can also opt to start and end in Brookfield/Milwaukee (April 18-25). Highlights include daily devotions, weekend worship, visits to the Ark Encounter, Creation Museum, Cumberland Falls, Old Friends (horse

farm), Keeneland (horse racing), and much more. All meals are also included! Don't delay. Registration closes at midnight on the ides of March (3/15). Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact Steve Balza at 507-217-1731 for more information or to register.

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES!

Sunday Morning Bible Study meets after the morning worship service starting about 10:15-11:15. Our study this coming Sunday is a continuation of Basic Bible Christianity and this week we ask the question "Why is our World so Crazy?". Coffee and donuts are offered.



Wednesday Bible Study @ 6pm meets in the Church Fellowship room in the basement. We are currently on break during the Lenten season. Look for an announcement for when we start our new session.

College to 30's Bible Study meets at the Bohme's home on Monday evenings at 5:45-7:30pm. Come and enjoy time with friends sharing faith and food. The address is 27385 Ruslynn Dr. Winona MN. **We are taking a break for the next two weeks. We will resume meeting on March 23rd.**



Men's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 7am at Perkins. All men are invited. Please contact Dean Rupprecht for the next meeting.

Women's Bible Study meets on Thursdays @ 11:30am at Beno's. We will be studying from the book **Taboo** by Mike Novotny beginning March 5. All women are welcome!

There is a mini **outreach group** that you may contact if there is someone you are wanting to invite to church or would like to give a bible presentation to. These men are willing to meet with you and that person at a place of your choosing to talk with, listen to and share with them. **Shannon Bohme**- 651-324-4218; **Dean Rupprecht**- 507-730-8854; **Jeff Sell**- 801-895-9910

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WITH A FRIEND



BIBLE CLASS

For People With Special Needs

Sunday, March 8
2-3:30 PM

Join us as we learn more about
God's love for all people.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
766 W. Wabasha St. - Winona

(Use accessible entrance to
church off of High Street)



Spring Yard Clean Up! Club 3:16 is offering their services to clean up yards this spring. There is no minimum fee for this service, however, we do encourage a freewill donation. This donation will be directly put towards our funds needed to attend the Youth Rally coming up in July. If you are in need of some yard cleaning, please reach out to Kris Anderson @

507.459.0044 or at club316@stmatthewswinona.org.

Mid-week Lenten Worship Schedule

Worship services at 4:00 & 6:00pm; Meal at 5:00pm

- March 11** **The Truth, The Whole Truth, and Nothing But the Truth** – Pastor Threlkeld
Meal served by Club 3:16 – Pulled Pork sandwiches
- March 18** **Look at the One Who was Pierced** – Pastor Schroeder
Meal served by Church Council- Pizza
- March 25** **The Kingly Priest** – Pastor Boese
Meal served by PTO – Tacos



Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Mar. 29	Sat. 5:00pm	Worship
	Sun. 9:00am	Family Worship
Maundy Thursday Apr. 2	6:00pm	Worship/Communion
Good Friday Apr. 3	6:00pm	Worship
Easter Sunday Apr. 5	7:00am	Worship
	8:00am	Breakfast served by Club 3:16
	9:00am	Worship