



Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

11:00 a.m.

Celtic Service

In Recognition of the Feast of St. Patrick

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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A CELTIC LITURGY WITH COMMUNION
In praise of creation and in honor of Patrick, bishop,
missionary to Ireland, c. 390 – c. 460.

GATHERING MUSIC

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD NEWS MOMENT

Dale Weygandt

PROCESSIONAL

Skye Boat

OPENING

St. Patrick's Breastplate (read responsively)

P: I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity.

C: By invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three.

P: I bind this day to me forever, by power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;

C: His baptism in the Jordan River; His death on cross for my salvation;

P: His bursting from the spiced tomb; His riding up the heavenly way;

C: His coming at the day of doom; I bind unto myself today.

P: Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.

C: Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

P: I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity;

C: Of invocation of the same. The Three in One, and One in Three, of whom all nature hath creation; eternal Father, Spirit, Word: Praise to the Lord of my salvation. Salvation is of Christ the Lord.

OPENING HYMN

I Cannot Tell (on screen)

P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE (on screen)

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Secure in the knowledge that God, who created us, loves us dearly, let us now confess before him those sins of which we are ashamed, and which fill our lives with darkness and despair.

C: High King of Heaven, Father of all, in our pride and our weakness we have failed you and we are truly sorry. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who died for us, forgive us our sins and bind us to you with cords of compassion that we may once again walk in the light of your love.

P: May the High King of Heaven, with Jesus his Son, have mercy upon you.

May all that dismays you and fills you with fear be cleansed and forgiven,

and in the power of the Spirit may you never be separated from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

GREETING

P: O Lord, open our lips.

C: And our mouths shall sing your praise.

P: Let us worship the Lord.

C: All praise to God's name.

C: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be forever. Amen.

Please be seated.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rodney Chapman, bagpiper

WORD

FIRST READING

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." ²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." ⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." ⁸But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" ⁹He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." ¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. ¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹²As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹⁷When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. ¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

PSALM *'The Creation of the World'* (ref.: Pat Robson, *A Celtic Liturgy*)

(Read responsively.)

R: My dear King, my own King, without pride, without sin, you created the whole world, eternal, victorious King.

C: King above the elements, King above the sun, King beneath the ocean, King of the north and south, the east and west, against you no enemy can prevail.

R: King of the Mysteries, you existed before the elements, before the sun was set in the sky, before the waters covered the ocean floor; Beautiful King, you are without beginning and without end.

C: **King, you created the daylight, and made the darkness; you are not boastful, and yet strong and firm.**

R: King, you created the land out of shapeless mass, you carved the mountains and chiseled the valleys, and covered the earth with trees and grass.

C: **King, you stretched out the sky above the earth, a perfect sphere like a perfect apple, and you decorated the sky with stars to shine at night. King, you pierced the earth with springs from which pure water flows, to form streams and rivers across the land. King, you ordained the eight winds, the four primary winds from north and south, east and west, and the four lesser winds that swirl hither and thither.**

R: You gave each wind its own color: the north wind is white, bringing snow in winter; the south wind is red, carrying warmth in summer; the west wind is blue, a cooling breeze across the sea; the east wind is yellow, scorching in summer and bitter in winter; and the lesser winds are green, orange, purple and black – the black wind that blows in the darkest nights.

C: **King, you measured each object and each span within the universe, the heights of the mountains and the depths of the oceans; the distance from the sun to the moon, and from star to star.**

R: You ordained the movements of every object; the sun to cross the sky each night, and the moon to rise each night; the clouds to carry rain from the sea, and the rivers to carry water back to the sea. King, you divided the earth into three zones: the north cold and bitter; the south hot and dry; and the middle zone cool, wet and fertile.

C: **AND YOU CREATED MEN AND WOMEN TO BE YOUR STEWARDS OF THE EARTH, ALWAYS PRAISING YOU FOR YOUR BOUNDLESS LOVE.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 3:17 -- 4:1

¹⁷Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. ¹⁸For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. ¹⁹Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. ^{4:1}Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Scots Gaelic *Alleluia, I Will Always Bless the Lord* (on screen)

P: The holy gospel according to Luke.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,] “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” ³²He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. ³³Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ ³⁴Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! ³⁵See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

SERMON

Pastor Blair Morgan

HYMN OF THE DAY

Amazing Grace (vs. 1,2,3)

No. 779

*APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

P: You gather the church into a community of mercy and grace. Unify Christians around the globe in efforts to proclaim good news even in the face of opposition and to protect those whose lives are imperiled by the gospel. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You create the entire universe and call it good. Hinder those who would cause further destruction to our planet's fragile ecosystems, and augment the calls of those who advocate for thoughtful stewardship of the earth's resources. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You raise up leaders committed to love and justice. Nurture in those who govern patience to receive criticism, openness to new ideas, and courage to change course when needed for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You hear us when we cry to you. Attend to those expecting a child, and console those who have experienced miscarriage. Comfort veterans enduring post-traumatic stress. Shield those endangered by domestic violence. Uphold those who are ill or grieving especially the Family of Joyce Henschel, Diane Hulvey, Lisa Henriksen, Tom and Loretta Thornton, Esther Svoboda, Lennie Davis, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Brenda Disbrow, Alexis Scala, and all people suffering from Covid-19. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You kindle faith that moves us into action. Guide children and adults preparing for baptism or confirmation. Empower Sunday school teachers, confirmation leaders, and parents who share their faith with younger generations. Give us all a renewed sense of vocation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Be with us as we look to the future of our Transitional Housing ministry. Guide us and help us to be open to your voice as we discern how we will continue to offer help to those in need. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: You welcome us into your heavenly realm. We give thanks for those whose labors on earth are ended and who now rest with you. On the final day, gather all of us, with them, in your loving arms. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***PEACE**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERTORY

Rodney Chapman

***OFFERING PRAYER**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD (on screen)

COMMUNION HYMNS:

*Be Thou My Vision
Softly and Tenderly*

No. 793
No. 608

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

*CELTIC BLESSING

*P: May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.*

C: Amen.

DOXOLOGY (on screen)

CLOSING HYMN

Love is the Welcome (on screen)

RECESSIONAL

Lord of the Dance

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.

C: Thanks be to God!

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God.

Prayers for Healing: The Family of Joyce Henschel, Diane Hulvey, Lisa Henriksen, Tom and Loretta Thornton, Esther Svoboda, Lennie Davis, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Brenda Disbrow, Alexis Scala, and all people suffering from Covid-19.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Second Sunday in Lent, we worship in-person at 8:30 with ELW liturgy and communion and 11:00 a.m. with a Celtic service and Holy Communion, music by bagpiper, Rodney Chapman. Livestream at 8:30.

We Welcome Pastor Blair Morgan as our supply pastor this morning.

Youth Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room.

Adult Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Bagpipe Presentation - 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Lenten Meal at 6:00 p.m., followed by Lenten Worship in the fellowship hall at 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 20, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Second Sunday in Lent, we will worship in-person at 8:30 and 11:00 with ELW liturgy and communion. Livestream at 8:30.

We Will Welcome Pastor Betti Hazelton as our supply pastor.

Youth Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room.

Adult Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Get in the Loop – “*I can’t hear you.*” On Saturday, March 5, the Hearing Loop System was installed in our sanctuary. A thin copper cable was placed under the carpet around the perimeter of the seating area. When the system is in operation, it creates a magnetic field within the loop. Those with hearing aids or cochlear implants that have telecoil installed need only to switch it on in their hearing aid and the sound produced by the sound board upstairs is delivered directly into the ear canal. All they need is to be within the loop. The spoken word created by a person using the microphone, enters the ear without any ambient noise like people coughing, shuffling papers, and sound reverberations. All they hear is clear, concise, and customized sound.

Please attend an informational meeting on Sunday, March 27, between services in the sanctuary. All those with hearing aids, all those with cochlear implants, and anyone with possible hearing loss, come so we can share information which may literally change your life. ~*Communication Evangelism - Dale Weygandt*

Lenten Meals & Worship - Join us each Wednesday evening in Lent beginning with a meal at 6:00 p.m., followed by Lenten Worship at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Lenten Meals - Small Groups Ministry invites anyone and everyone to help us make our upcoming Lenten Suppers a success. We are looking for volunteers to provide or help with Lenten meals. All slots are open for March 16 and April 6. Please sign up in the narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544ada629aafd0-lenten>.

Help Beautify Our Sanctuary on Easter! A member of Altar Guild will be in the narthex following each worship service for three Sundays, March 20, March 27, and April 3. We will be taking orders for single (\$11) and double lilies (\$24) and spring flowers -- tulips, daffodils, and hyacinths (\$10). Payment, cash or checks made out to *St. Matthew Lutheran Church*, is appreciated at the time of the order.

Noisy Offering Collected for Ukraine - Thank you to everyone who donated to the Noisy Offering. We collected \$170.60 which will go to the ELCA Lutheran Disaster Response Eastern Europe Crisis to aid Ukraine. If you would like to donate directly to Lutheran Disaster Response, please use the following link. <https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/Eastern-Europe-Crisis-Response>

Operation Homes Meals - St. Matthew will provide meals for Operation Homes guests the week of March 21-28. There are currently 10 guests. Meals need to be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. each day. For more information and to sign up to provide a meal for one of these evenings, please use this Sign-Up Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AA5A72AA3F94-operation>.

Game Night – Join us in the fellowship hall on the 3rd Friday of each month at 7:00pm for a variety of games. Bring your favorite game or a deck of cards plus a snack/beverage to share. Our next gathering is March 18. If you have questions, contact Melody Costello or Cindy Rickly.

Senior Happy Hour has changed its meeting time. They will now begin at 10:30 each Monday morning.

Annual Reports are available to pick up in the narthex. Electronic copies can be accessed through the Shout-Out.

Pull Tab Collection - Join in tab collecting with others in our area to support Ronald McDonald House in Akron and Cleveland. All pull tabs are accepted! (pet food, soup, veggies, beverages, etc.) There are containers located in the Narthex and the Room of the Cross to deposit your pull tabs. If you have any questions, call Joyce at 216-780-0965.

Song Leader: Heather Rohde

Bagpiper: Rodney Chapman

Bass: Karl Herman

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	March 13	March 13	March 20	March 20
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte		Lucas Hogan		Devin Shrader
Reader	Delores Ivan	Lisa Burke		
Ushers	Bruce Reed Alan & Delores Ivan	Todd & Melody Costello	Bruce Reed Alan Ivan	Pat Straube
Communion Servers	Nancy McNeal	Lisa Burke		
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Brian Harris		Brian Harris	
Altar Guild	Nancy McNeal			

Born in northern England in 389, Patrick was kidnapped by a raiding party when he was sixteen, spending six years as a slave in a remote part of Ireland. A spiritual experience led him to escape, eventually returning to his family in Britain. He was trained in Christian ministry and successfully converted many leaders of Irish tribes who then organized monasteries. Patrick was made bishop to Ireland where he remained the rest of his life evangelizing, establishing churches, educating and writing (E.L. Cross and E. A. Livingstone, *The Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church*, 2nd ed., Oxford, 1974; and B. McGinn, J. Meyendorff, and J. Leclercq, eds. *Christian Spirituality: Origins to the Twelfth Century*, New York, 1993).

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- O'Donohue, John. *To Bless the Space Between Us: A Book of Blessings*. New York, 2008.
- Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom*. New York, 1997.
- A Celtic Pilgrimage with John O'Donohue*. DVD. Colorado: Sounds True, 2009.
- Robson, Pat. *A Celtic Liturgy*. London, 2008.
- Sellner, Edward C. *Wisdom of the Celtic Saints*. Indiana, 1993.

Rodney Chapman is an Akron-based bagpipe player and teacher. Chapman started playing at seven years old under the instruction of Jerry Gibson, world renowned bagpipe maker and teacher. Chapman enjoys the unique sound, repertoire, and history of the bagpipes and can recall Gibson's stories of playing with Scotland's military band. Chapman most enjoys teaching new students and supporting the Akron District Pipe Band. Aside from also teaching eighth grade health, Chapman loves to ride bicycles, take their dog on adventures, and spend time with family.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Kaitlyn Taraschke	Nursery Attendant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM