



Second Sunday in Lent

March 13, 2022

8:30 a.m.

ELW

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Good News Moment

Dale Weygandt

Prelude

*Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C: **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

P: Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In ✝ Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C: **Amen.**

*Gathering Song

Morning Has Broken

No. 556

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*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

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

Psalm 27

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

²**When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.**

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.

Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to
gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

⁵For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a
rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”
Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of
my salvation.

¹⁰**Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me in.**

¹¹Teach me your way, O LORD;
lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.

¹²**Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.**

¹³This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living!

¹⁴**Wait for the LORD and be strong.
Take heart and wait for the LORD!**

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

Luke 13:31-35

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.’³⁴ Jerusalem, 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!³⁵ See, 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.’”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Blair Morgan

Hymn of the Day

What Wondrous Love Is This

No. 666

***Apostle’s 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:** *The peace will be an acknowledgement with your neighbor of God's reconciling love by nod or bow.*

MEAL

Offertory

How Beautiful
Paris/Courtney

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

P: Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Communion Hymn

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

No. 737

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

*Sending Song

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

No. 324

*Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude

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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>.

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.

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.

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 Straub
Communion Servers	Nancy McNeal	Lisa Burke		
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Brian Harris		Brian Harris	
Altar Guild	Nancy McNeal			

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Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
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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