



*Sunday of the Passion*  
*Palm Sunday*

April 10, 2022

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

*ELW*

*“Living God’s Love”*

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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# GATHERING

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

The congregation is invited to gather in the Narthex, as able, and we will process into the Sanctuary during the first hymn.

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Procession with Palms

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

### \*A Reading from Luke

Luke 19:28-40

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us go forth in peace.

C: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

### \*Hymn

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

No. 344

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

### **\*Prayer of the Day**

**Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **First Reading**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

<sup>4</sup>The Lord God has given me  
the tongue of a teacher,  
that I may know how to sustain  
the weary with a word.

Morning by morning he wakens—  
wakens my ear  
to listen as those who are taught.

<sup>5</sup>The Lord God has opened my ear,  
and I was not rebellious,

I did not turn backward.  
<sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me,  
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me;  
therefore I have not been disgraced;  
therefore I have set my face like flint,  
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;  
<sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near.

Who will contend with me?  
Let us stand up together.  
Who are my adversaries?  
Let them confront me.

<sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me;  
who will declare me guilty?

## Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;  
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are  
consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to  
my acquaintances;  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;  
I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around;  
they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.  
I have said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand;  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute  
me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love."**

## Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,  
<sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
<sup>7</sup>but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
<sup>8</sup>he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
<sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
<sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## Sermon

Pastor Shelley Nelson-Bridger

## Hymn of the Day

*O Savior, Precious Savior*

No. 820

## \*Prayers of Intercession

P: We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross.  
Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as  
we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion.  
Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize  
your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for  
creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and  
compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when  
challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination  
and impedes justice. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill especially Mary Gienke, Justin, Diane Hulvey, Lisa Henriksen, Esther Svoboda, Lennie Davis, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, and all people suffering from Covid-19. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: We remember those who have died, who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. 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**

*Just Beyond the Palms*  
Martin/Angerman

Luther Choir

**\*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: Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

**Communion Hymns**

*How Great Thou Art*  
*Give to Our God Immortal Praise!*

No. 856

No. 848

**\*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**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Sending Song**

*My Song is Love Unknown*

No. 343

**\*Dismissal**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Postlude**

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## WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	April 10	April 10	April 17	April 17
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte		Evan Hogan		
Reader	Delores Ivan	Melody Costello	Melody Costello	
Ushers	Alan & Delores Ivan	Jeremy, Christy, Jesse & Jacob Gabler	Alan & Delores Ivan	
Communion Servers	Mary Dunham	Melody Costello	Melody Costello	
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Brian Harris		Rex Rickly	
Altar Guild	Sandy Andrews			

WORSHIP SERVANTS Maundy Thursday	
Date	April 14
Service	7:00 p.m.
Acolyte	Jacob Gabler
Reader	Melody Costello
Ushers	
Communion Servers	Melody Costello
Altar Guild	Sandy Andrews

WORSHIP SERVANTS Good Friday	
Date	April 15
Service	7:00 p.m.
Acolyte	Jacob Gabler
Readers	Sandy Andrews Melody Costello Delores Ivan Nancy McNeal Adam Scheid
Ushers	Todd & Melody Costello
Altar Guild	Sandy Andrews

## PRAYERS

**Altar Flowers** this morning are given to praise God, and in thanks for His love and the blessings of family and friends, by Cindy and Rex Rickly.

**Prayers for Healing:** Mary Gienke, Justin, Diane Hulvey, Lisa Henriksen, Esther Svoboda, Lennie Davis, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, and all people suffering from Covid-19.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

**Today, Palm Sunday,** we worship in-person at 8:30 and 11:00 with ELW liturgy and communion. Livestream at 8:30.

**We Will Welcome** Pastor Shelley Nelson-Bridger as our supply pastor.

**First Communion Reception** - Please join us between services for a reception in honor of those receiving their first communion this morning.

**Luther Littles Sunday School** (Pre-School-5th grade) - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room

**Luther Middles/Catechism** (6-8 grades) - 9:45 a.m. in the green room.

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

**Boyer's Resurrection Garden Class** - Sponsored by Comprehensive Youth - All are welcome! 3:00 p.m. at Boyer's. Cost is \$15 per garden.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW

**Maunder Thursday Worship** at 7:00 p.m., with Pastor John Butchko.

**Good Friday Lunch** - The Comprehensive Youth Ministry is holding a Lunch on Good Friday at 12:00 p.m. as a way to teach our youth the importance of Good Friday using our senses. Everyone welcome!

**Good Friday Worship** at 7:00 p.m., led by Deacon Lindsay.

## NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

**We Will Welcome** Pastor John Butchko as our supply pastor.

**Easter Breakfast** - Please join us for a breakfast of muffins, bagels, fresh fruit, and egg dishes between services (9:45 a.m.) *Hosted by Luther League*

If you would like to donate any items, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact the Luther League officers at [stmattllmedina@gmail.com](mailto:stmattllmedina@gmail.com).

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Passion Walk** - The Care Connection Team and Small Groups invite you to attend the Passion Walk at Zion Lutheran Church, Valley City, April 9 and 10. Remember the Passion of Christ as you walk through scenes enacted by members of Zion - from the Last Supper to His Crucifixion. Groups start every 15 minutes, beginning at 6:15 to 8:00 p.m. Free and open to all ages!

**Decorating for Easter** - St. Matthew Altar Guild will be decorating on Saturday, April 16, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All Altar Guild members are encouraged to come.

**Our Parish Nurse**, Brenda Disbrow, will return to St. Matthew beginning Tuesday, April 19. She is looking forward to begin back!

**Painting Party** - We have reserved All Fired Up on the Square just for St. Matthew on Friday, April 22 from 6:30pm – 8:30pm! Pick a piece of pottery (or more) to paint and get 20% off your total. Bring a snack/dessert/drink to share if you wish. We are limited to 34 people based on the studio's size. Sign up at <https://www.facebook.com/events/507874554253932/> or on the poster in the Narthex.

**Ladies Kentucky Derby Luncheon** - Mark your calendar for our annual Ladies Luncheon on May 1, 2022 at 12:30. Invite your daughters, sisters and/or girlfriends to join us for a beautiful day to celebrate us! Our theme will be Kentucky Derby, so break out the hats, fascinators and gloves! Look for additional details and Sign-Up Genius coming soon! Sign up in the narthex.

**Golf Outing** - Come enjoy a fun evening of golf at Bunker Hill Golf Course with St. Matthew friends and guests on Thursday, June 16. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. for warm-ups. Tee times begin at 6:00 p.m. Guests are welcome. The cost for nine holes, a cart, and a light dinner following golf is \$45 per person. Dinner will include honey rosemary baked chicken, tenderloin tips over noodles, green beans, and roasted red skin potatoes. Register at <https://birdease.com/17841>.  
*Sponsored by Small Groups*

**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.



## NOTICE

Hearing Loop System Installed  
at St. Matthew Lutheran Church

This technology is designed to work with Tele-coil equipped hearing aids, Cochlear implants, an individual loop listeners.

**TO USE:** Switch your hearing aids, cochlear implants, or individual hearing loop listeners to the Telecoil or “T” position. Sound will be free of distortion and echo and clarity will be greatly improved.

Questions or need assistance? Contact an usher.

### Update: Hearing Loop System

Designated Funds	\$ 3,815.68
Donations	\$ 375.00
Source of Funds Total	\$ 4,190.68
Initial Cost	\$ 4,900.00
<b>Current Need</b>	<b>(\$ 709.32)</b>

*Donations accepted to cover the shortfall.*

## Would you like to join the Welcome Wagon??



While we are all counting down the days until Pastor Steve joins us, we are looking for people and ideas to help make him feel welcome in our family of faith. Would you like to help?? Great!! Help comes in all shapes and sizes, so don't be shy.

You can pick up/drop off index cards to leave your favorite suggestions in the Narthex, or please let me know and I will send you some. And if you would like to contribute to his Home

Sweet Home Basket, it is also in the Narthex, look for the sign.

We are collecting things to make his move in process a bit easier, things he can easily grab when he hasn't unpacked yet: paper towels, cleaning supplies, toilet paper, paper or plastic plates, cups and silverware, small gift cards for meals, etc.

**Please contact Jen Knaggs** (330-413-0529 or [jenknaggs@yahoo.com](mailto:jenknaggs@yahoo.com)) and share your willingness, ideas, and enthusiasm.

**Meals for Pastor Steve** - If you would like to provide a meal for Pastor Steve while he is settling in and unpacking, please sign up via the Sign-Up Genius link below. Prior to your scheduled day, please contact Pastor Steve at the church office to arrange a time/place to bring it to him. If you have any questions, please contact Jen Knaggs. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080949a9ae22a1f85-meals>

## 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**



Hearing Loop  
System available.