



Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW 4

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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St. Matthew invites you to join us in celebration of Holy Communion!

The Lord's table is open to all who believe and are baptized.

Please join us as we receive the means of grace, where Jesus promises to meet us in the bread and the wine.

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"Pages" are in the front of the hymnal.

"Hymns" are located toward the back of the hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

The congregation is invited to gather, 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.

C: **Hosanna in the highest.**

*A Reading from Mark

Mark 11:1-11

D: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

D: 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.**

D: Let us go forth in peace.

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

*Hymn

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Hymn 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

P: 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 through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

⁴The 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.
⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
⁶I 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.
⁷The 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;
⁸he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.
^{9a}It is the Lord GOD who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

R: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 31:9-16

⁹Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.
¹⁰**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing;
my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are
consumed.**
¹¹I 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.
¹²**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind;
I am as useless as a broken pot.**
¹³For 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.
¹⁴**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD.
I have said, "You are my God.**
¹⁵My times are in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute
me.
¹⁶**Let your face shine upon your servant;
save me in your steadfast love."**

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5-11

⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Interactive Gospel Reading - The Passion of Our Lord According to Mark

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

Hymn 345

*Prayers of Intercession

D: Trusting in God's promise to reconcile all things, let us pray for the church, the well-being of creation, and a world in need.

A brief silence.

D: Blessed One, today the church sings glad hosannas as we enter Holy Week. Prepare us to bear witness to Christ's suffering and death endured for our sake. Gather your people around the cross and comfort us with resurrection hope. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: Renew your good creation and protect the balance of life on earth. Encourage the work of foresters, scientists, arborists, gardeners, and river keepers. We pray for the health of pollinating insects, songbirds, and native plants. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: Establish peace and justice among the nations. Hold to account any with authority to judge others. Grant that courts, legislatures, and local governments will serve with integrity and compassion. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: Bring hope to any who feel forsaken or forgotten. Make a way for refugees and asylum seekers. Reunite families enduring separation. We pray for any who are incarcerated, institutionalized, or in foster care, that they may know your love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We pray for those on our prayer list: the family of Stevie Bogas, Ken, Karen, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Clarence, Jerry, Todd, Logan, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: Give energy and joy to our pastor/s, deacons, worship leaders, and musicians. Bless baptismal candidates, their sponsors, confirmands, and teachers. Watch over those who travel. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: Blessed One, our times are in your hand. Sustain us in discipleship throughout our lives and receive us into everlasting life.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: Accompany us on our journey, God of grace, and receive the prayers of our hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Sing Hosanna! Praise the Lord and King!

Luther Choir

Liebergen

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, you are the bread of life and the host of this meal. Bless these gifts that we have gathered that all people may know your goodness. Feed us not only with this holy food but with hunger for justice and peace. We pray this in your name.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Proper Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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***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: Bread for the journey. A feast for hungry hearts. Come!

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymn

Christ, the Life of All the Living

Hymn 339

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn 471

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Generous God, at this table we have tasted your immeasurable grace.
As grains of wheat are gathered into one bread, now make us one loaf to
feed the world; in the name of Jesus, the Bread of life.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

P: Beloved, we are God's own people, holy, washed, renewed. God bless you and keep you, shower you with mercy, fill you with courage, and + give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

*Sending Song

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Hymn 338

*Dismissal

D: Go in peace. Share your bread.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude

March Triumphant Into Jerusalem

Thygerson

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PASSION READERS

Narrator:	Deacon Lindsay & Pastor Steve	
Jesus:	8:30 - Bob Madey	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Peter:	8:30 - Dan Walker	11:00 - Dale Osbun
Judas:	8:30 - Craig Zavotka	11:00 - Steve Hulvey
High Priest:	8:30 - Jim Woodard	11:00 - Joe Obermeier
Servant Girl:	8:30 - Barb Woodard	11:00 - Peg Huber
Pilate:	8:30 - Adam Scheid	11:00 - Melody Costello
Bystander:	8:30 - Delores Ivan	11:00 - Delores Ivan
Centurion:	8:30 - Helen Graf	11:00 - Helen Graf
People:	The Whole Congregation	

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary by Alan and Delores Ivan.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in memory of her mother, Marian Ludwig, by Pat Straub

***Prayers for Healing:** Family of Stevie Bogas, Karen Strange, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Clarence, Jerry Jakovcic, Todd Costello, Logan, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Passion/Palm Sunday, we will worship in person at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with ELW 4 and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

Hat Making at 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

No Sunday School - Spring Break.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 31, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Easter Sunday, we will worship in person at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with ELW 4 and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

Luther League Easter Breakfast - 8:00-8:30 and 9:45-10:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

No Sunday School - Spring Break.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	8:30 - Eli Cooper	11:00 - Emma Kotick
Reader:	8:30 - Delores Ivan	11:00 - Sandy Andrews
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Delores Ivan Scott Johnson	11:00 - Helen Graf Peg Huber
Ushers:	8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan Bruce Reed	11:00 - Tom & Amanda Kotick
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	Melody Costello	
Altar Guild:	Kelly Obermeier	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join Us For Easter Breakfast! The Luther League invites you and your family to breakfast on Easter Sunday. Come before the early service between 8 - 8:30 am or between 9:45 - 10:45 am. If you'd like to contribute items, please see a high schooler or sign up in the narthex. All financial donations will benefit the 26 high schoolers attending the ELCA gathering in July.

New Member Classes Forming Soon! Contact Pastor Steve if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew.

Care Package Ministry - During the month of March, we are collecting gift cards, notes, and words of encouragement to include in care packages for our college students. An Amazon wish list has been established for additional items. Packages will be assembled on Sunday, April 7. Further details are available in the Shout-Out. Please contact Deacon Lindsay with any questions.

CPR/AED/Fire Extinguisher Class - Tuesday, April 30, 5-8 p.m. at Medina Fire Station 1, 300 W. Reagan Pkwy. (behind the movie theater). Minimum of 8 participants (Max. 12). This is an American Heart Association (AHA) "Friends and Family" class that Capt. Steve is offering to teach at NO CHARGE. *You must be present for the entire class.* No book or test involved; only participation and demonstration. Contact Brenda, Parish Nurse, at bdisbrow@zoominternet.net or leave a note in her mailbox if you would like to attend.

"Tree of Life" End-Of-Life Planning Classes - The adult Christian education class at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, Medina, will be focusing on end-of-life planning on April 7, 14, and 21, at 9:45 AM. Each participant will be preparing a "Book of Life" to have in a prominent place in their homes with the information for their next of kin to be sure their wishes are carried out. Topics covered will include legal forms, funeral home assistance, important documents, and inventories. The class is open to all adults.

Blood Pressure Cuff - A new blood pressure cuff/monitor is now located in the narthex closet (next to the first aid kit) to be used for any medical issue or emergency.

First Aid Kits - There will no longer be Ammonia Inhalant ampules ("smelling salts") in our First Aid Kits. Due to the regulation of OTC (over the counter) products, as part of the Cares Act signed into law, this product will no longer be available for general public use. If there is a medical emergency in church, call 9-1-1. *Source: ASHP (American Society of Health System Pharmacists) 11/6/23*

Do You Have OLD St. Matthew Treasures? The Archival Committee of St. Matthew is desiring to scan all old, archival, documents and/or photos related to St. Matthew and its ministry, dating back to the late 1930's. If you have old treasures, please share them! Bring them to the church office, or to one of the members of the Archive Committee (Dale Weygandt, Chair, Mary Dunham, Rebekah Neidig, Beth Johnson, Barb Woodard). Once scanned, the documents and/or photos will be safely stored in acid-free folders and boxes in an archival safe... unless you prefer to have them returned for sentimental reasons. Any questions? Contact Dale at (330) 725-5894.

COME AND JOIN US AT OUR

SILENT BOOK CLUB

Are you a **BOOKWORM**, **BOOK-TROVERT**, or **BOOK DRAGON**? Do you love to read or wish you had more time to read? Then you might be interested in a silent Book Club!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

For more information, reach out to Jen Knaggs at 330-635-3195 or jenknaggs@yahoo.com

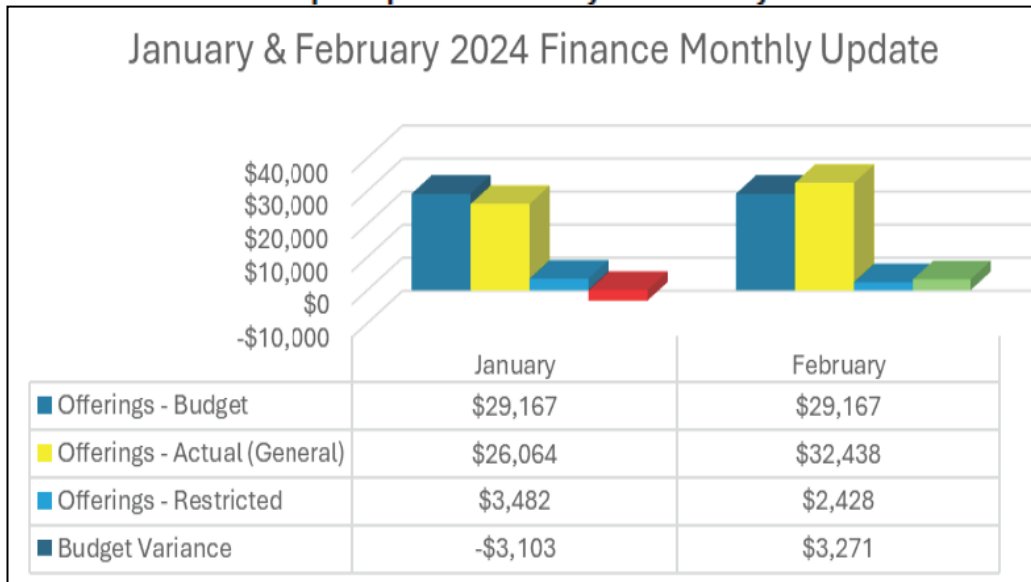
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SATURDAY, MARCH 30
1:00-3:00 PM
ST. MATTHEW BROWN ROOM
LUTHER LITTLES + LUTHER MIDDLES

EGG HUNT!
CRAFT!
MUSIC!
MOVIE!

SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP!

Finance Report Update for January and February 2024 *



*See the Shout-Out for more details.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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