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<b>German Service</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>English Service</b>	<b>11 AM</b>

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## **The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**



**“...but whoever drinks of the  
water that I shall give him  
will never thirst.”**

We welcome our members and visitors at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. Our worship services are **Divine Service Setting 3 (p.184)** in the Lutheran Service Book.

***HOLY COMMUNION:** By celebrating Holy Communion, I give witness that I believe that Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Lord. I have examined my life in the light of God's Word, and have confessed my sinfulness to God. I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. I believe that in this sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of my sins. I believe that God the Holy Spirit strengthens my faith and renews my life and I resolve, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful ways. Before communing here for the first time, please introduce yourself to the pastor or to an usher first.*

**TODAY'S SERVICE**  
**Setting 3, p. 184**

**Opening Hymn: 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me**

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| 1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,<br>Let me hide myself in Thee;<br>Let the water and the blood,<br>From Thy riven side which flowed,<br>Be of sin the double cure:<br>Cleanse me from its guilt and<br>pow'r. | 3 Nothing in my hand I bring;<br>Simply to Thy cross I cling.<br>Naked, come to Thee for dress;<br>Helpless, look to Thee for grace;<br>Foul, I to the fountain fly;<br>Wash me, Savior, or I die.            |
| 2 Not the labors of my hands<br>Can fulfill Thy Law's demands;<br>Could my zeal no respite know,<br>Could my tears forever flow,<br>All for sin could not atone;<br>Thou must save, and Thou alone.        | 4 While I draw this fleeting breath,<br>When mine eyelids close in death,<br>When I soar to worlds unknown,<br>See Thee on Thy judgment throne,<br>Rock of Ages, cleft for me,<br>Let me hide myself in Thee. |

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*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## Invocation

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

*LSB 184*

**P** Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C** **who made heaven and earth.**

**P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

**C** **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

*Kneel/Stand*

*Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.*

## Confession of Sins

*LSB 184*

**P** O almighty God, merciful Father,

**C** **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

## Absolution

*LSB 185*

**P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

## Service of the Word

### Introit (Cantor)

*Ps. 84:1-4; antiphon: Ps. 84:5*

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.  
How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!  
My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.  
Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where  
she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.  
Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,  
ever singing your praise!

### Gloria Patri

*LSB 186*

**C** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without  
end. Amen.

### Kyrie

*LSB 186*

**C** Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** 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 Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with

You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

*Sit*

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Exodus 17:1–7*

<sup>1</sup>All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. <sup>2</sup>Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” <sup>3</sup>But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” <sup>4</sup>So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” <sup>5</sup>And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. <sup>6</sup>Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. <sup>7</sup>And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

*Romans 5:1–8*

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup>Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup>More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup>and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup>and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. <sup>6</sup>For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup>For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup>but God

shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**Holy Gospel**

*John 4:5-26*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>5</sup>[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. <sup>6</sup>Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour. <sup>7</sup>There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." <sup>8</sup>(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) <sup>9</sup>The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) <sup>10</sup>Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." <sup>11</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? <sup>12</sup>Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." <sup>13</sup>Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup>but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." <sup>15</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." <sup>17</sup>The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; <sup>18</sup>for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." <sup>19</sup>The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. <sup>20</sup>Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. <sup>22</sup>You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from

the Jews. <sup>23</sup>But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. <sup>24</sup>God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” <sup>25</sup>The woman said to him, “I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things.” <sup>26</sup>Jesus said to her, “I who speak to you am he.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

### Apostles' Creed

**C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 824 May God Bestow on Us His Grace**

1 May God bestow on us His grace,  
With blessings rich provide us;

And may the brightness of His face  
To life eternal guide us,  
That we His saving health may know,  
His gracious will and pleasure,  
And also to the nations show  
Christ's riches without measure  
And unto God convert them.

2 Thine over all shall be the praise  
And thanks of ev'ry nation;  
And all the world with joy shall raise  
The voice of exultation.  
For Thou shalt judge the earth, O Lord,  
Nor suffer sin to flourish;  
Thy people's pasture is Thy Word  
Their souls to feed and nourish,  
In righteous paths to keep them.

D3 O let the people praise Thy worth,  
In all good works increasing;  
The land shall plenteous fruit bring forth,  
Thy Word is rich in blessing.  
May God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit bless us!  
Let all the world praise Him alone,  
Let solemn awe possess us.  
Now let our hearts say, "Amen!"

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## Sermon

**P** The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

**C** Amen.



*Stand*

## Offertory

*LSB 192*

**C** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

**C** Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

**C** Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

*Sit*

## Offering

*Stand*

## Prayer of the Church

## Service of the Sacrament

### Preface

*LSB 194*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**C** We lift them up unto the Lord.

**P** Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

**C** It is meet and right so to do.

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who overcame the

assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

*LSB 195*

**C** Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the  
name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

## Lord's Prayer

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

*LSB 197*

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the

disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

### **Pax Domini**

*LSB 197*

**P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** Amen.

### **Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*

**C** O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

*Sit*

### **Distribution**

*The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:*

*LSB 199*

**P** Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

**Amen.**

**P** Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

**Amen.**

*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

**The Dismissal**

*LSB 199*

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart † in peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**Communion Hymn: SOLO: In the Cross of Christ I Glory**  
**Soloist: Dana Salter**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis**

*LSB 199*

**C** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,  
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

**Thanksgiving**

*LSB 200*

**A** O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,  
**C** and His mercy endureth forever.

**Post-Communion Collect**

**A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

**Salutation**

*LSB 201*

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And with thy spirit.

**Benedicamus**

*LSB 202*

**A** Bless we the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Benediction**

*LSB 202*

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

**C** Amen, amen, amen.

**Closing Hymn: 699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    “Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
    Thy head upon My breast.”  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
    So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
    And He has made me glad.
  
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    “Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
    Stoop down and drink and live.”  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
    Of that life-giving stream;

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
And now I live in Him.

- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
“I am this dark world’s light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
And all thy day be bright.”  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk  
Till trav’ling days are done.

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## REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

**THANK YOU:** to those who helped out so we could celebrate this worship service: Altar guild, ushers, our musicians (organist & soloist), today's reader and Warren, for posting on our website. Your service to the Lord is appreciated!

**2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS:** The properties board has designated two capital projects to be completed in 2023. The carpet will be replaced throughout the church in late spring. This was an initiative that began before COVID, and funds are still required for the completion of this project. Due to the disintegration of the cement stairs off the parking lot, replacement will be completed in the summer of 2023. If you want to support special projects, please consider directing your funds towards the Building Fund. If you have any questions, please contact the church office and the secretary will direct you to the Properties Board. Thank you for your support.

**ENGLISH SUNDAY SCHOOL:** We are very excited to have some new members joining our church. We are blessed to have some beautiful children joining as well. The Christian Education board is looking for volunteers to begin a Sunday school program. No experience necessary and all materials

will be supplied. Sunday school will run during the service, beginning at the start of the sermon and returning back to the congregation for communion. If you have some time to commit and want to help in this blessed service, please contact Koreen.

**LENTEN SERVICES:** Please join us for Wednesday evening Lenten services.

We will have a **soup supper at 6 pm**, followed by an **evening service at 7 pm**. We will have guest Pastors on some Wednesday nights as follows:

**March 15:** Rev. Bode; **March 22:** our own Rev. Zeuch; **March 29:** Rev. Moffett. All are welcome!

**LADIES MONTHLY BAG LUNCH:** Hello ladies, I am wanting to see if any ladies would like to meet monthly for a bag lunch and fellowship? The day and time of the month are open for discussion. Contact Lorraine, Evangelism Chair. Thanks.

### **OUR CONGREGATION**

Since 1913 St. Matthew has been sharing God's word throughout the Calgary area. We are a bi-lingual congregation serving people in the English and German languages. St. Matthew has been at its present location since 1945.

### **FAMILY ROOM**

This room is located in our parish hall and is available to families with children who need special attention during the worship service (crying, changing, feeding etc.). Please feel free to use it.

### **PARKING**

Our parking lot on the east side has handicap access. Please note that the following stalls are currently available during the week, Monday-Friday: # **1-6, 8, 12, 19-20**.

## DAILY READING PLAN FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 13<sup>TH</sup>:

Mon.	Gen. 29:1-30	Mark 9:14-32
Tue.	Gen. 35:1-29	Mark 9:33-50
Wed.	Gen. 37:1-36	Mark 10:1-12
Thu.	Gen. 39:1-23	Mark 10:13-31
Fri.	Gen. 40:1-23	Mark 10:32-52
Sat.	Gen. 41:1-27	Mark 11:1-19

### IF THE BRIDEGROOM TARRIES -THE FOLLOWING WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW

Wednesday: *Lent Mid-Week*

Soup Supper 6 PM

Evening Service 7 PM

Sunday: *The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent*

German Service 9:30 AM

English Service 11 AM

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### LUTHERAN HOUR

**March 19: "Bad Karma vs. Good Creator";** Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. When bad things happen, is it "bad karma" or an opportunity for our Good Creator to be doing a greater work? (John 9:3) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM, on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am. Available in RealAudio at [www.lll.ca/TLHstnlist.html](http://www.lll.ca/TLHstnlist.html). Streaming audio and podcasts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

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