

Compelled by the love of Christ, St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School seek to reach out to our families, community and world, using Law and Gospel to make disciples, growing and nurturing them in their Christian faith and life.

*First Sunday in Lent
February 21 and 22, 2010*

We Welcome You! — To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome. To first time visitors, we extend our sincere greeting and to those who seek a church home, we offer fellowship with the living Savior. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Schultz, Pastor Schmidt and to others. We ask that everyone here today would sign our attendance record found in each pew during the offering. Please take a moment to greet one another and worship with us again soon.

Focus of Worship — During each of our Mid-Week Lenten services, we focus on our Savior, Jesus going the way of the cross to win our forgiveness. The Sundays in Lent have been referred to as "Little Easters". In the first of our "Little Easter" services we rejoice in the Good News that Jesus is our perfect Savior. He never gave in to the Devil's temptations.

Musical Prelude — As we prepare to worship, the prelude helps us direct our thoughts to God and makes the sanctuary a place of meditation and prayer.

We Thank the Lakeside A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Mr. James Buege for sharing the Gospel in song with us today. God be with these young Christians as they continue to learn His Word for their faith and their life of witnessing God's truth. A door offering will be taken this morning to show our gratitude to God for His Word through Lakeside Lutheran and to support Lakeside's proclamation of the gospel in music.

We Worship the Lord

Welcome and Call to Worship (A Cappella Choir of Lakeside Lutheran High School)

Order of Service **Sunday:** **Morning Praise** (Front of Hymnal, page 45)

Monday: **Evening Prayer** (Front of Hymnal, page 54)

Prayer of the Day

Minister: Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

The Scripture Lessons

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:5-10

Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. NIV

The Second Lesson

Romans 10:8b-13

But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." NIV

(Sunday Morning) A Cappella Choir of Lakeside Lutheran High School

The Gospel (Read as our Sermon Text)

Luke 4:1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" "The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: " 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. NIV

Message from God's Word: Luke 4:1-13

“Away from Me Satan!”

Part One — Do Not Tempt Me to Stop Trusting in My God

Sung Response: #200 v. 1 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Part Two — Do Not Tempt Me to Worship a False god

Sung Response: #200 v. 2 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Part Three — Do Not Tempt Me to Tempt God Himself

**Sung Response: (8:00 AM) #200 v. 3 – 4
(10:30 AM and Monday) #200 v. 3**

The Offering & Friendship Registers

Prayer of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

(8:00 AM) A Cappella Choir of Lakeside Lutheran High School

(10:30 AM and Monday) Closing Hymn: #200 v. 4 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Serving God and Us Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan Schultz

Preacher: Pastor Daniel Schmidt

Organist: Joy Elowski

Usher Captains: (8:00a.m.) Mike Bouche' (10:30a.m.) James Bence
(Monday) Larry Johnson

Greeters: (8:00a.m.) Rick and June Abendroth

Worship Music: Lakeside Lutheran High School *A Cappella Choir* directed by Jim Buege. (Grades 3-8 will sing along with the *A Cappella Choir*.)

Upcoming Usher Teams:

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 (4:00p.m.) Chad Lauersdorf (7:00p.m.) Joel Watson

Sunday, February 28, 2010 (8:00a.m.) Greg Thurow (10:30a.m.) Jon McGarvey

Monday, March 1, 2010 (7:00p.m.) Jerry Wendt

Upcoming Singing Groups:

Wednesday, February 24, 2010 (4:00 p.m.) Early Childhood Ministries of St. Matthew's School

Next Week's Message: What would the Lord say if He were giving the message at your funeral? What would He comment about the things that make your life memorable? Join us next week as we look at what truly makes our life a “success” in the eyes of the Lord.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Bible Study 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Adult and Teen Study – Fellowship Center: We all wrestle with the question, “How could a good God allow suffering, sickness, and other evils in the world?” Join us today as we learn the answer in our study of Genesis 3, “God's Record of Beginnings.” We'll also learn how the Evil Foe continues his deception today and how the Lord keeps us strong to withstand the devil's schemes.

Bible Information Class continues today. We'll meet in one of the classrooms on the 2nd floor of our school.

Sunday Bible School (ages 3-year-olds through 7th Grade) 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. We'll meet in the school gym for an opening devotion and then go to our classrooms for our study of God's Word.

Monday Bible Study is offered on Mondays, 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. for those who are unable to attend on Sundays. We'll repeat the study from Sunday morning.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in the Fireside Room at 6:30 a.m. Come and join us!

Women in the Word Bible Study continues this Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. We invite all our women to join us for spiritual growth, fellowship, and a time of intercessory prayer as we study the topic, “The Glory of Jesus' Suffering, Death, and Resurrection.”

Bible Information Class

Members – this is a great chance to review the main teachings of God's Word (and invite an unchurched friend to learn with you so they too understand the reason for your joy and hope in Christ).

Guests or Inquirers – it's a great chance to learn the truths God revealed through His sacred writers – and ultimately revealed through His Son Jesus, without obligation to join our congregation, but with the opportunity to become a communing member when the classes are finished. Whether learning for the first time or reviewing for the 100th, we're always blessed when we study, discuss, and apply these core foundational teachings to our faith and life.

Saturday Bible Information Class meets 10:00a.m. – Noon for 8 sessions. This week's topic - "What is the Christian Church?" We'll learn not only what it is and the blessings Christ gives it, but also why there are so many "churches" or denominations. Is it important to know what a denomination teaches, or can we just pick and choose whatever we like? Join us to learn why it's so important to hold on to God's truth.

Easter for Kids – March 20th – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Following the program there will be a lunch offered for the students and their families. Children 3 years old thru 4th grade are welcome to come. Ask your neighbors, family and friends children to come and hear about the story of Easter. We will have a Bible study, games, craft and an egg hunt for all the kids. There are several volunteers needed – adults to help with registration, parking lot attendants, craft helpers, people to help with the egg filling and hunt. We are also in need of casseroles and desserts. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fireplace room. Egg Hunt – we are looking for donations of the plastic eggs and any little thing that we would be able to put inside the eggs – like stickers, tattoos, etc. There will be a box labeled EGG HUNT for you to place your donations in.

Doorhanging party for Easter for Kids - Sunday, March 7th from 1-4 p.m. We will meet in the Fireside room to get your area of distribution, when you are done return to church and there will be a pizza party. Adults and kids are welcome especially if you are 5th grade to college age! A sign-up sheet is posted for this with the Easter for Kids opportunities.

A Parting Word: *The New York Times* reported a survey by the Barna Group which noted that two-thirds of Americans do not believe in the devil as a living being. Most said they believe the devil is only a symbol of evil. One of Satan's greatest tricks is to deceive people into thinking he doesn't even exist. And so he continues to lead countless souls to hell. Because of his power, the devil is called a "lion." He tries to terrify Christians by causing persecution and suffering. His one purpose is to destroy us spiritually and eternally.

Therefore the Lord admonishes, *"Be self-controlled and alert! Resist the devil standing firm in the faith"* (1 Peter 5:9). Let us not rely on our own strength, but on the almighty Christ who has overcome the devil for us by His perfect life, His death to pay for our sins, and His victorious resurrection. God's Word is the means by which the Holy Spirit gives us power to withstand the devil's deception and temptations to false belief, despair, and other great and shameful sins. Luther was right - "One little word can fell him!"



"Father, Forgive Them"

Mid-Week Lent Worship will continue on Wednesday, February 24 at 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Lent Worship Services will continue through March 24.

A Lenten Supper will be served between services from
5:00pm – 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Center.

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Maundy Thursday Service with Lord's Supper April 1 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
On the night Jesus established the Lord's Supper, we receive His blessing.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service April 2 1:30 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service with Lord's Supper April 2 7:00 p.m.

We remember with a service of darkness the Son of God suffered in darkness.

Easter "Son-Rise" Service April 4 6:00 a.m.

At daybreak the women learned "He is risen." With Word & Song we celebrate!

Easter Fellowship Breakfast served from 7:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Easter Festival Service with Lord's Supper April 4 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

We receive blessings from the living Lord Jesus as He comes to us in Word and Sacrament, and we respond in worship and praise!

Monday after Easter, April 5 – There will be no worship service or Bible study.



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