

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.

*Second Sunday in Lent
February 28 & March 1, 2010*

We Welcome You! — 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 please 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.

Please note that crying children can be quieted in the Fireside Room, where you can observe the service on our TV monitor or in the Parents Room located in the church basement.



We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper today. In his Word, God makes it clear that Holy Communion is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). So without judging anyone's hearts, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our congregation or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) to receive the Sacrament.

Guests, we would love to have you attend. Please speak with one of the pastors about instruction in our Christian faith and this Sacrament so you will be ready to partake of this wonderful meal in full unity with us after that instruction. Thank you for respecting the way we celebrate the Lord's Supper in our congregations.

Communicants, if you feel comfortable please hold out your hand to receive the bread as it is distributed. Non-alcoholic wine, light in color, is in the center of the tray. Please reserve it for those who will be using it for health reasons.

Focus of Worship — What is your mission in life? You could be successful by this world's standards, yet fail eternally if you misplace your life's goals. Today we learn from Jesus, who fulfilled the Father's mission to rescue us from sin, the mission He intends for our faith and life.

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.

Our Order of Worship: "Divine Service II"

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| <u>Opening Hymn</u> | 382 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" |
| <u>Hymn of the Day</u> | 345 "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" |
| <u>Distribution Hymns</u> | 397 "Just As I Am, without One Plea" |
| | 372 "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" |
| <u>Closing Hymn</u> | 319 "On My Heart Imprint Your Image" |

The Scripture Lessons

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 26:8-15

But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!" Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing." NIV

The Psalm of the Day

Psalm 42-43 (front part of hymnal, page 82)

The Second Lesson

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends! NIV

The Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" NIV

Message from God's Word - Luke 13:31-35

"What Is Your Mission in Life?"

1) Focus on the Father's mission.

- a. The Pharisees' mission – to bring about Jesus' destruction.
- b. Jesus' mission – to carry out God the Father's plan for the world's rescue from sin.

What is your "mission" in life? Focus on the Father's will for your salvation through Jesus!

2) Focus on Jesus and His Word.

- a. The fate of those who reject His Word – desolation forever.
- b. The blessing of all who trust His Word – blessing forever.

What is your attitude toward Christ's Word? By His Word Jesus will gather you and keep you safe in His eternal kingdom.

Divine Service II Booklets Please leave the Divine Service II booklets in the pew racks so that they can be used again for our Monday Worship Service. Thank you!

Serving God and Us Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Daniel Schmidt

Preacher: Pastor Jonathan Schultz

Organist: Tracy Schmidt

Communion Assistant: Charles Boehme

Usher Captains: (8:00 a.m.) Greg Thurow (10:30 a.m.) Jon McGarvey
(7:00 p.m.) Jerry Wendt

Greeters: (8:00 a.m.) Dr. Boyd, Ann, Boyd and Adler Peterson
(10:30 a.m.) Thomas and Nancy Heimsch

Upcoming Usher Teams:

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 (4:00 p.m.) Eric Ziel (7:00 p.m.) Michael Bouche'
Sunday, March 7, 2010 (8:00 a.m.) Harold Redfield (10:30 a.m.) Chad Lauersdorf
Monday, March 8, 2010 (7:00 p.m.) Rick Jorgenson

Next Week's Message: When hardship and tragedy come our way, we may find ourselves thinking, "What sin is God punishing me for?" The Good News of the Gospel is that Jesus was willing to be punished for all our sins. Tragedies and hardship are reminders that this world is infected with sin. We look forward to our final deliverance and salvation in heaven when Jesus comes again.

Upcoming Singing Groups:

Wednesday, March 3, 2010 (4:00 p.m.) Grade 3 of St. Matthew's School

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Bible Study 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Adult and Teen Study – Fellowship Center: Join us as we continue our study of "God's Record of Beginnings." We've seen the beginning of evil. Join us today to learn the beginning of God's plan to save us from a world cursed by sin (Genesis 3).

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.

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 will be “The Blessings of the Holy Spirit.” Join us to learn who Jesus is and what He has done to make sure we have eternal life.

We’re pleased to announce that retired seminary Professor Jeske, of Watertown, will be guest presenter at our Bible study on the Dead Sea Scrolls, Sunday, April 11th. He had been to Jerusalem to see the Dead Sea Scrolls during his seminary teaching days. Professor Jeske was one of the Old Testament translators of the NIV and has vast knowledge of the importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls, so he’ll give a very fitting presentation during our Bible class. On Sunday, March 21st a free will offering will be taken in the Bible class as a thank you to Professor Jeske.

Lenten Dinners - We will again be serving Lenten dinners. With 2 church services we will start the serving at 5:00 p.m. Please bear with the groups if they are not quite ready at the end of the first service as church may get over earlier than 5:00 p.m. This is great fellowship and you don't have to cook or do dishes when you get home. The groups serving are as follows:

March 3rd – Choir/Handbells/Praise Team – to be announced
March 10th – Lutheran Boy Pioneers – chili and sandwich
March 17th – Lutheran Girl Pioneers – BBQ sandwiches
March 24th - ACTS group - Pizza Hut pizza and salad
April 4th – EASTER BREAKFAST - starts at 7 a.m. - Ladies Guild will serve the Easter breakfast.

WELS Mission Work on the Island of Grenada One of our members, Lorybeth Green, will be teaching Vacation Bible School at our mission in Grenada with a group of teachers from Wisconsin Lutheran College. They desire to give Bibles to the children and to any adult family members that don't have a Bible. We're making available the opportunity for you to participate in this mission effort through an offering for the Bibles. The total cost is about \$1,500. The Bibles will be purchased through Northwestern Publishing House and sent via ship after April 1. If you wish to participate in this offering, please make your check to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Note "Grenada Mission Bibles" in the memo section. Please drop it off at the church office. You may view pictures from the 2008 mission trip in the church office as well. God bless every effort to proclaim and spread His saving Gospel!

Board of Trustees Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 6th at 8:00 a.m.

Forward in Christ Magazine This monthly magazine, published by our Wisconsin Synod, is available for you in the back of church this week.

March Monthly Messenger is ready for pick up. They can be found on the credenza in the back of church.

New Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Materials Bulletin materials will now be due on Tuesday evenings at 9:00 p.m. instead of Wednesday mornings.

Bible Hour Helpers will start supplying us with wonderful treats for our fellowship hour between church services beginning Sunday, March 7th. A sign-up sheet has been passed around at our Adult Bible Study for volunteers willing to supply cookies/bars and juice. Listed below are the Bible hour helpers that have volunteered for the month of March. Volunteers please feel free to contact the other two ladies on your specific Sunday to see what the other person is bringing. Thank you to everyone who has so graciously agreed to supply us with these refreshments. If you would like to sign-up or have any questions please contact Amy Bence at abence@smls.org or 262-567-2418, ext. 32.

March

March 7, 2010 - Joan Fletcher, Robin Koltz and Lila Weide
March 14, 2010 – Michelle Cox, Evelyn Behrend and Marlene Miller
March 21, 2010 – Thekla Schneider, Liz Rupnow and Elsie Lemke
March 28, 2010 – Laura Wittenburg, Kristal Widmar and Pat Porter



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