

*5th Sunday in Lent  
March 17, 2024*



*St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
Presiding: Worship Assistant:  
Pew Edition*

*WELCOME and INTRODUCTION*

Welcome to St. Matthew's! We're glad you're here!

**PRELUDE** O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

**J. S. Bach**

St. Matthew's vision is a community deeply rooted in the love of God, energetically engaged in meaningful relationships with our neighbors near and far, committed to rich diversity, intentional inclusion, bold advocacy, and care for creation to connect people to God and transform lives.

**PM:** God promises Jeremiah that a "new covenant" will be made in the future: a covenant that will allow all the people to know God by heart. The church sees this promise fulfilled in Christ, who draws all people to himself when he is lifted up on the cross. Our baptismal covenant draws us to God's heart through Christ and draws God's love and truth into our hearts. We join together in worship, sharing in word, song, and meal, and leave strengthened to share God's love with all the world.

*Let us take a moment to quiet our hearts and minds from the business of the week and prepare for worship.*

*Gathering*

*The Holy Spirit Calls Us Together as the People of God.*

**PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PM:** We gather together to build our relationships.

**C:** Our relationship with God. Our relationship with each other. Our relationship with our neighbor.

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

**PM:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God,

who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.   **C: AMEN**

**PM:** Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**PM:** Holy God,

**C: we confess that we are caught in snares of sin and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know, forgive us, Lord. AMEN**

**PM:** Here is a flood of grace:

Out of love for the whole world,

God draws near to us,

breaks every snare of sin,

washes away our wrongs,

and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ.   **C: AMEN**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

### **GATHERING SONG My Song Is Love Unknown**

**ELW343**

My song is love unknown,  
my Savior's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
Oh, who am I that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow;  
the world that was his own  
would not its Savior know.  
But, oh, my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes we strew his way  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to our king.  
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath,  
and for his death we thirst and cry.

We cry out; we will have  
our dear Lord made away,  
a murderer to save,  
the prince of life to slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes  
that he his foes from thence might free.

## GREETING

**PM:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** And also, with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**PM:** O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: AMEN**

## PLEASE BE SEATED

### Word

*God Speaks to Us in Scripture Reading, Preaching and Song.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The Judeans in Babylon blamed their exile on their ancestors, who had broken the covenant established at Sinai. Here the prophet looks to a day when God will make a new covenant with the people. There will be no need to teach the law, because God will write it on their hearts.*

## WA: A Reading from the book of Jeremiah

**Liz Hawke**

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

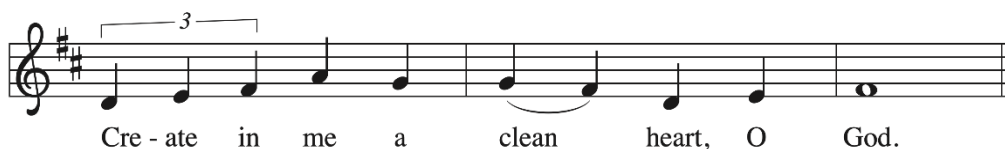
**WA:** Word of God Word of Life

**C:** Thanks be to God.

## PSALM: 51:1-2

**Cantor Leandra Ludlam**

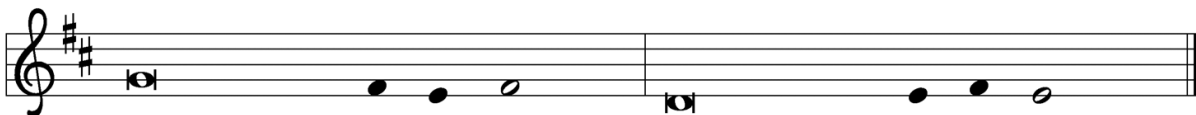
### Refrain



**Psalm  
ELW5**

**Tone**

**The congregation will sing the bold faced verses.**



<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your <sup>1</sup>steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out <sup>1</sup>my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through <sup>1</sup>from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me <sup>1</sup>from my sin.**

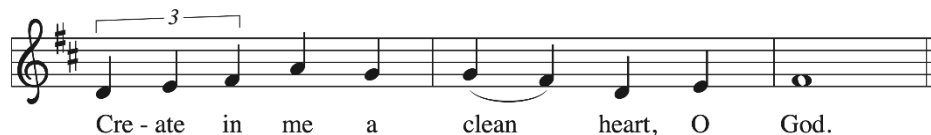
<sup>3</sup>For I know <sup>1</sup>my offenses,

and my sin is ev- | er before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil | in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right | in your judgment. R**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born | steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my | mother's womb.

### Refrain



<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth | deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom | deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and I | shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be pur- | er than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear | joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken | may rejoice. R**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face | from my sins,  
and blot out | all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean | heart, O God,  
and renew a right spir- | it within me.**

<sup>11</sup>Cast me not away | from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spir- | it from me.

<sup>12</sup>**Restore to me the joy of | your salvation  
and sustain me with your boun- | tiful Spirit. R**

### NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 5:5-10

Liz Hawke

*Using priestly imagery and references to the Old Testament, the author explains how Christ lived in trusting obedience to God, and so God has made Christ the source of our eternal salvation.*

### WA: A Reading from the book of Hebrews

<sup>5</sup>Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,  
“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;

<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

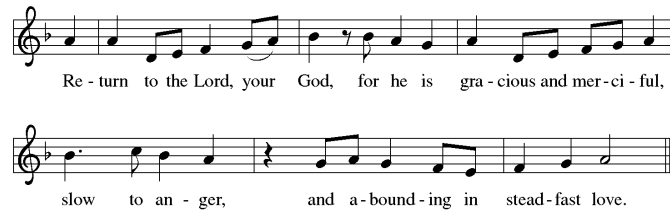
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C: Thanks be to God.

**PLEASE RISE IN BODY OR SPIRIT**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW Setting 4



## GOSPEL JOHN 12:20-33

Pastor Brigitte Weier

**LP:** The Gospel of the Lord

**C:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**LP** <sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

<sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

**LP:** This is the Gospel of the Lord

**C:** Praise to you, O Christ.

**PLEASE BE SEATED**

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

Pastor Brigitte Weier

## SERMON

Pastor Brigitte Weier

**Please Rise in Body or Spirit**

# HYMN OF THE DAY Tree Of Life And Awesome Mystery (vs 1-3, Lent 5)

ELW334

1 Tree of Life and awe - some mys - t'ry, in your  
 2 We re - mem - ber truth once spo - ken, love passed  
 3 Christ, you lead and we shall fol - low, stum - bling

death we are re - born; though you die in all of  
 on through act and word; ev - 'ry per - son lost and  
 though our steps may be; one with you in joy and

his - t'ry, still you rise with ev - 'ry morn, still you  
 bro - ken wears the bod - y of our Lord, wears the  
 sor - row, we the riv - er, you the sea, we the

rise with ev - 'ry morn.  
 bod - y of our Lord.  
 riv - er, you the sea.

*One of the following may be sung as a final stanza at the appropriate time.*

## General

Light of life beyond conceiving,  
 mighty Spirit of our Lord;  
 give new strength to our believing,  
 give us faith to live your word

## Lent 3

Living Water of salvation,  
 be the fountain of each soul;  
 springing up in new creation,  
 flow in us and make us whole.

## Lent 1

From the dawning of creation  
 you have loved us as your own;  
 stay with us through all temptation,  
 make us turn to you alone.

## Lent 4

Give us eyes to see you clearly;  
 make us children of your light.  
 Give us hearts to live more nearly  
 as your gospel shining bright.

## Lent 2

In our call to be a blessing,  
 may we be a blessing true;  
 may we live and die confessing  
 Christ as Lord of all we do.

## Lent 5

God of all our fear and sorrow,  
 God who lives beyond our death,  
 hold us close through each tomorrow,  
 love as near as every breath.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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**Please Be Seated.**

*The Worship Assistant leads the prayers and assembly responds at the conclusion of each petition.*

## Prayers Of The People

**WA:** 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.**

**WA:** God of all that exists, ..... Hear us, O God.

**C:** Your mercy is great.

**WA:** Let us join together to offer our prayers to the One who Loves.

Whether inscribed on paper or etched upon our hearts, we weave them into the hearts of this community and let them rise like incense during the Easter Vigil.

*As the congregation comes forward with prayers, quiet music is played in the background. When all is complete, the presiding minister continues.*

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

### *Peace*

**PM:** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C:** And also, with you.

**PM:** Say to the people viewing online Peace be with you.

**PM:** Say to your neighbors next you Peace be with you.

### *Meal*

*God Feeds Us with the Presence of Jesus Christ.*

### **OFFERING**

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need, As the offertory is played, please use this time for reflection and silent prayer in preparation to receive God's blessed gift of life.*

**PM:** The gifts we offer are given as thanks to the Lord for the abundant blessings in our lives. These gifts of time, talent and treasure are used to support the mission and ministry of St. Matthew's the wider church, the community in Taylorsville and beyond into the world. We thank you for your generosity as we lift our hearts in praise for God's generosity here in this place for gifting us, with you!



1 As the sun with long - er jour - ney melts the win - ter's snow and ice,  
 2 Through the days of wait - ing, watch - ing, in the des - ert of our sin,  
 3 Praise be giv - en to the mak - er of the sea - sons' year - ly round:



with its slow - ly grow - ing ra - diance warms the seed be - neath the earth,  
 search - ing on the far ho - ri - zon for a sign of cloud or wind,  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it—Source, Sus - tain - er, Lord of life,



may the sun of Christ's up - ris - ing gent - ly bring our hearts to life.  
 we a - wait the heal - ing wa - ters of our Sav - ior's vic - to - ry.  
 as the ev - er turn - ing a - ges roll to their e - ter - nal rest.

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## OFFERTORY As The Sun with Longer Journey ELW329

## OFFERING PRAYER

**WA:** Let us pray:  
 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.**

**PM:** At St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, all are welcome to receive Holy Communion at Christ's table. Who is all? New worshipers, babies, toddlers, teenagers, middle-aged and older, members, non-members, those who aren't sure of their faith, those who are sure of their faith, those who are doubting, wondering and wandering. You are wanted at the table of God's grace, mercy and love.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING DIALOGUE

*The presiding minister greets the assembly and invites all present to give thanks.*

**PM:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also, with you.

**PM:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them to the Lord.

**PM:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

## TABLE PRAYER

**PM:** Holy God,  
 We long for your Spirit, Come among us.  
 Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us.  
 Awaken your people. Fill us with your light.



Bring the gift of peace on earth. **C: AMEN**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*The presiding minister continues:*

**PM:** In the night ..... both now and forever. **C: AMEN**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**PM:** Together, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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

*As the communion hymn is played, please follow the usher's directions*

## **COMMUNION HYMN Seed That In Earth Is Dying**

**ELW330**

Seed that in earth is dying  
grows into ears of grain.  
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel  
turn into golden wine.  
God, through this mystery grant us  
faith in our deepest darkness,  
life in our night and death.

We were baptized in Jesus,  
into his death and grave,  
to resurrection's promise:  
praise and eternal life.  
Heaven's own praises begin here  
where you yourself are near us,  
deep in our night and death.

Seed that in earth is dying  
rises to bear much fruit.  
Christ, as we meet at your table,  
give us the bread of life.

Lord, we do thank and adore you!  
 Unceasing praise of the ages  
 rises from night and death.

Text: Svein Ellingsen, b. 1929; tr. Hedwig T. Durnbaugh, b. 1929

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## 2<sup>ND</sup> COMMUNION HYMN *By Grace We Have Been Saved*

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*Refrain*

By grace we have been saved— saved by grace through faith,  
 not be-cause of what we do; it is the gift of God.

1 On the days when you are weak, on the  
 2 Rest your bod - y, rest your mind, in the  
 3 You don't need to be a - fraid. You will

days when you are strong, rich or poor,  
 still - ness you will find you're a love - ly,  
 nev - er be a - lone. There is mer - cy,

*Refrain*  
 young or old, just lis - ten to the song.  
 pre - cious child, part of the great de - sign.  
 there is hope, and love will take you home.

Text: Jonathan Rundman, b. 1971

Music: BY GRACE, Nathan Houge, b. 1977, and Jonathan Rundman

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## COMMUNION

**PM:** The Body of Christ Given for You. The Blood of Christ Shed for You.

## TABLE BLESSING

**PM:** May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood nourish and strengthen us for his service, now and forever. **Amen.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**WA:** Let us pray:

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*

*God Blesses Us and Sends Us in Mission to the World.*

## SENDING OF COMMUNION

**PM:** Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care:  
 As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread,  
 assist Karla and Pam who are set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are *sick,*  
*homebound, and imprisoned.*

In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C:**  
**AMEN**

## *MINISTRY MOMENT*

### **PRAYER SHAWL**

### *GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS*

- Thank you to Brian for bringing worship today into our homes.
- Thank you to Kathleen, Pastor Brigitte, and Liz Hawke for leading worship this morning,
- The meetings schedule for this week are:
  - Council Monday 3/18 7PM
  - Stewardship Tuesday 3/19 7PM
  - Faith Formation Wednesday 3/20 7PM
- Lenten Zoom Devotional with Pastor Brigitte Wednesday 3/20 at 7PM. Watch the Worship Bulletin email for the link. It will be the same link each week.
- Newsletter articles are due to Amanda by tomorrow 3/18.
- Advocacy & Outreach will be doing a brunch for Family Promise 3/23 at Christ United Church at 2375 East and 3300 South. Please see Rhonda Joa and she will have a sign-up sheet for what is needed.
- Maundy Thursday 3/28 7PM
- Good Friday 3/29 7PM
- Easter Vigil 3/30 6 PM – Please bring your potted plants to decorate for Easter. Please take them to beautify your home after the Easter service.
- Easter Morning 3/31 10 PM with brunch served after service by the Evangelism & Hospitality ministry.
- Annual St. Matthew's Yard Sale – June 22, 2024. You can begin to bring your donated items to the church and place them in the narthex. Someone will make sure they get put in the basement in readiness for the yard sale.
- Please check the following for the latest updates on church news: St. Matthew's Facebook page, the website, the bulletin boards, your personal emails, text messages and voice mails.

### **PLEASE STAND IN BODY OR SPIRIT FOR THE BLESSING**

### *BLESSING*

**PM:** 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 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth**

**ELW340**

**See last page**

**WA:** We are all called to proclaim God's grace by telling the story of Jesus  
go out this week to bring light, hope and healing to the world.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **POSTLUDE O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Johannes Brahms**

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## SENDING SONG A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining

ELW340



1 A lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth to save a world of sin - ners.  
2 This lamb is Christ, our great - est friend, the Lamb of God, our Sav - ior,  
3 Our Sav - ior an - swered from his heart that he would take the bur - den:  
4 Of death I am no more a - fraid; your dy - ing is my liv - ing.



He bears the bur - den all a - lone, dies shorn of all his hon - ors.  
whom God in mer - cy chose to send to win us reb - els o - ver.  
"My Fa - ther's will is my com - mand; I'll do as I am bid - den."  
You clothe me in your roy - al robes that you are al - ways giv - ing.



He goes to slaugh - ter, weak and faint, is led to die with -  
"Go down, my child," the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren  
Oh, won - drous love! Oh, lov - ing might! To right what mor - tals  
Your love is dress e - nough for me to wear through all e -



out com - plaint; his spot - less life he of - fers. He bears the shame,  
from their dread of death and con - dem - na - tion. The pain - ful stripes  
can - not right the Son was sent from heav - en. What love, O Love,  
ter - ni - ty be - fore the throne of heav - en, where we shall stand



the stripes, the wrath; his an - guish, mock - er - y,  
are hard to bear, but by your death they all  
who came to save by lov - ing e - ven to  
close by your side, your church, the well - ap - point -



and death for us he glad - ly suf - fers.  
can share the joy of your sal - va - tion."  
the grave un - til the stone was riv - en.  
ed bride, when all the faith - ful gath - er.