



Third Sunday in Lent
Baptism of Michael William Zommer
New Member Sunday
Holy Communion
March 12, 2023 9:00 a.m.

Welcome to worship this morning!

If you are new to the congregation, please know that **children** are welcome to remain in worship or take a break in our “Kids’ Korner” in the gathering space where the service is piped in for parents. **Bathrooms** are located down the hall past the church office. All who desire the sacrament are welcome for **communion**. Pre-filled communion cups are available at the usher’s table. During Holy Communion we will invite all who desire to come forward to kneel at the altar rail. Please bring your communion kit with you at that time. The **hymns** are printed in the red book available in the pew rack.

PRELUDE: *An Wasserflüssen Babylon*

Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,
and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. I invite you to kneel or remain standing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

OPENING HYMN: *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer*

ELW 618

GREETING

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

KYRIE

ELW 157

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The congregation may be seated.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

Because the thirsty Israelites quarreled with Moses and put God to the test, Moses cried out in desperation to God. God commanded Moses to strike the rock to provide water for the people. The doubt-filled question—“Is the Lord among us or not?”—received a very positive answer.

A reading from Exodus:

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us or not?”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 95 (Read Responsively)

¹Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

²Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

³For you, Lord, are a great God,
and a great ruler above all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns of the earth;
the heights of the hills are also yours.

⁵The sea is yours, for you made it,
and your hands have molded the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

⁷For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of God's pasture and the
sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would hear God's voice!

⁸"Harden not your hearts,
as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert.

⁹There your ancestors tested me,
they put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Setting Four



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,



slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 4:5-42

Jesus defies convention to engage a Samaritan woman in conversation. Her testimony, in turn, leads many others to faith.

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵[Jesus] came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

⁷A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."⁸(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)¹⁰Jesus 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."¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?"¹²Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,¹⁴but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back."¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband';¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!"¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet."²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem."²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem."²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him.²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us."²⁶Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you."

²⁷Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, “What do you want?” or, “Why are you speaking with her?” ²⁸Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ²⁹“Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?” ³⁰They left the city and were on their way to him.

³¹Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, “Rabbi, eat something.” ³²But he said to them, “I have food to eat that you do not know about.” ³³So the disciples said to one another, “Surely no one has brought him something to eat?” ³⁴Jesus said to them, “My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. ³⁵Do you not say, ‘Four months more, then comes the harvest’? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. ³⁶The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. ³⁷For here the saying holds true, ‘One sows and another reaps.’ ³⁸I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.”

³⁹Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I have ever done.” ⁴⁰So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of his word. ⁴²They said to the woman, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Brian

HYMN OF THE DAY: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

ELW 611

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

The baptismal party gathers at the font. Presiding minister addresses the assembly.

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth
into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism.

By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death
and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ.
We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ,
anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit,
and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The presiding minister addresses the parents:

Michael and Stephanie, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Michael baptized into Christ? If so, please respond "we do."

Response: We do.

As you bring Michael to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with him among God's faithful people,
bring him to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in his hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture him in faith and prayer,
so that Michael may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Michael grow in the Christian faith and life?

If so, please respond "we do."

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses sponsors:

Mia, Elizabeth, and Brooke, you have been asked to fulfill the sacred responsibilities of godparents, that is baptismal sponsors. Do you promise to nurture Michael in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help him live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church? If so, please respond "we do."

Response: We do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Michael and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The assisting minister addresses parents and sponsors.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Water is poured into the font.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Water is poured on the candidate's head:

Michael William, I baptize you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The presiding minister continues:

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God,
that through water and the Holy Spirit
you give this your child, new birth,
cleansing him from sin, and raise him to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain Michael with the gift of your Holy Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the love of the Lord,
the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The minister anoints the forehead of the newly baptized with the sign of the cross:

Michael William, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the † cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Assisting minister presents candle to sponsors:

Michael William, let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Presiding minister addresses congregation:

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ

and into the mission we share:

join us in giving thanks and praise to God

and bearing God's creative and redeeming word

to all the world.

The baptismal party returns to their seats.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Sustained by God's abundant mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. I invite you kneel or remain standing.

A brief silence.

We pray for your church. Bless partnerships with other Christians and inter-religious dialogue. Guide the daily work of denominational and congregational leaders. Strengthen our witness for the sake of the gospel, that all experience your life-giving love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the universe. All creation teems with life, from the depths of the earth and seas to the skies above. Fill us with awe and reverence for the diversity and preservation of life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world. Topple the dividing walls that separate us from our neighbors. Form us into your beloved community where diversity of gender, race, language, ability, and ethnic origin is celebrated and affirmed. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Be present with all who are lonely, and give courage to all who are afraid. Comfort those who live with chronic illness or other sickness. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. We especially pray for Michael William Zommer on this day of his baptism. Bless his life in Christ. May he grow up to know and love you and to embody your goodness in the world. We pray also for our new members, for: Elaine, Joe, Grant, Deacon, Tommy, Erica, Delia, Cooper, Kathy, Gary, and Debra. Nurture their faith and pour your love into their hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray? (*Here worshippers may raise other prayers, aloud or silently, ending each prayer with the words, Merciful God, to which the congregation may respond, receive our prayer.*)

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your steadfast love and your promise to renew your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Tommy, Erica, Delia, & Cooper Connors
Joe, Elaine, Grant, & Deacon Menezes

Kathy & Gary Kurtich
Debra Ryder

PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING

Thank you for your continued generosity and faithfulness! At this time ushers will pass the offering plate if you desire to give a financial gift. Donations may also be given online at www.stmatthewavon.org or mailed to the church.

OFFERTORY: *Bread of the World in Mercy Broken*

arr. Carlton R. Young
Text: Reginald Heber

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead:

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be your feast to us a token
That by your grace our souls are fed.

Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed,
By whom the words of life were spoken,
And in whose death our sins are dead.

Amen.

DOXOLOGY

All rise as the communion elements are brought forward.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

God of good gifts,
receive these and all our offerings
as we present them in faithful service
for the sake of your gospel.
Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal
as you pour out your very presence
through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

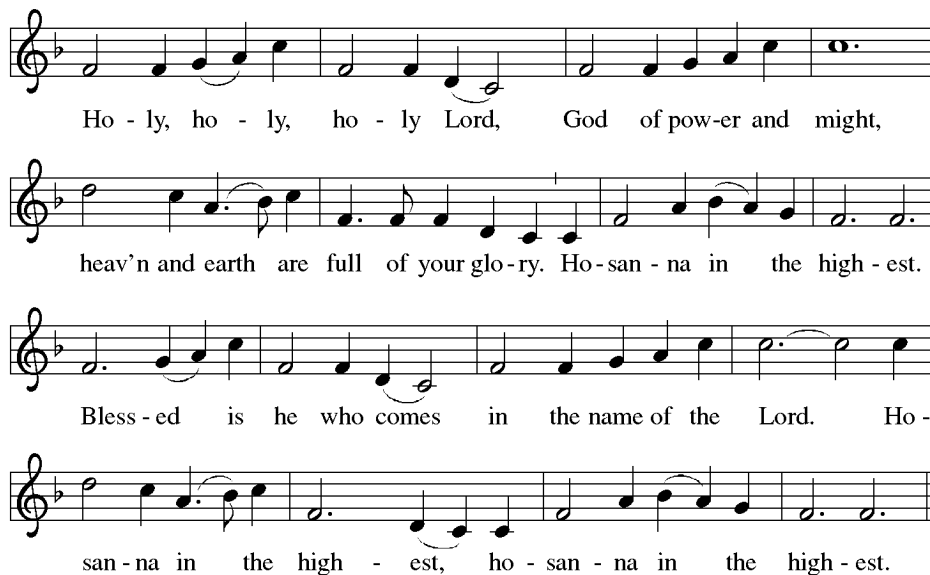
Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that, renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.
Your mercy is everlasting
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness
to the land of milk and honey.
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

O God of resurrection and new life:
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Bless this feast.
Grace our table with your presence.
Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.
Breathe new life into us.
Send us forth,
burning with justice, peace, and love.
Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones of all times and places,
with the earth and all its creatures,
with sun and moon and stars,
we praise you, O God,
blessed and holy Trinity,
now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.
**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

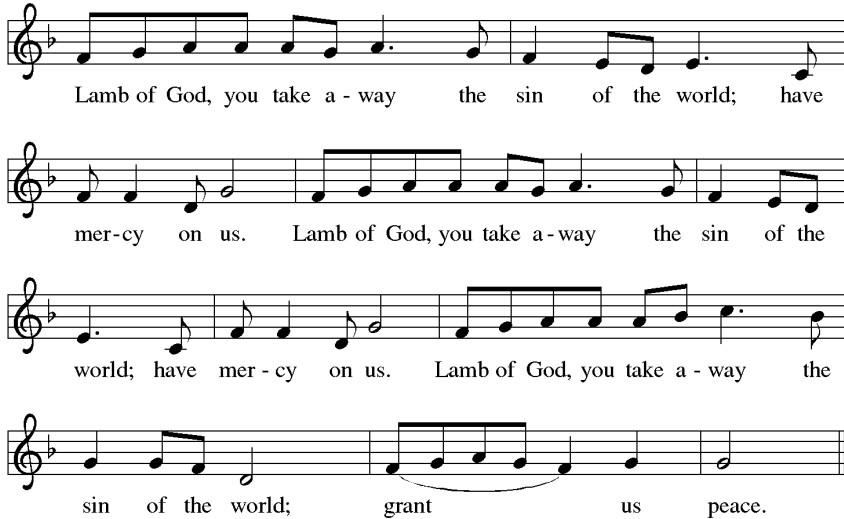
Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

At this time, we invite you to come forward with your communion kit and kneel at the altar rail or to remain in your seat to commune there. Trash bins will be available at the side of the altar rail and as you exit the church.

THE DISTRIBUTION

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*

ELW 658

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Embodied God,
at your table, we have tasted the goodness of Jesus.
With the eyes of our hearts open to your promise,
empower us to hear the needs of our neighbors
and touch the world with your love. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey. **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN: *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW 547

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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This morning, altar flowers are given by Mj Bennett-Sandell in memory of Elizabeth Wilson.

Please join us after today's service for a reception to meet our new families and enjoy a beautiful cake together.

MANY THANKS THIS MORNING TO OUR:

Usher: Brooke Cody

Lector: Brooke Mehler

Assisting Minister: Mia Mehler

Live Stream: George Spoering

Altar Guild: MJ Bennett-Sandell & Robin Lindquist

Acolyte: Ellie Mehler

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THE WEEK AHEAD

- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Communion Service
10:20 a.m. Sunday School
10:20 a.m. New Member Meet-and-Greet
- Monday:** 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting
- Tuesday:** 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
7:00 p.m. Avon Land Trust (Fireside Room)
- Wednesday:** 9:30 a.m. Weight Watchers (Hall of the Evangelists)
5:00 p.m. Weight Watchers (Hall of the Evangelists)
- Thursday:** 10:00 a.m. Bible Study
2:00 p.m. Centering Prayer
6:00 p.m. Mid-week Taizé Service
7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal
- Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. Sanctuary Communion Service
10:20 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PALM SUNDAY BREAKFAST SIGN-UP

Fellowship Committee needs your help! We're looking for volunteers to prepare and/or bring food to the Palm Sunday Breakfast that will take place following Worship Service on April 2nd. There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board whether you want to help, or simply want to join us for the meal. We are looking to get an estimate of how many people are attending for set-up purposes. You can also use the sign-up links in the weekly Constant Contact email, or simply notify the office that you're attending, or willing to help.

EASTER LILIES AVAILABLE

Orders must be placed by March 22nd

St. Matthew Altar Guild is starting to prepare the Easter lily order for this year. If you would like to purchase one in honor of a loved one, or for the glory of God, the cost will be \$20 each. Please contact the office by **email**, or phone: 860-673-3301. There will also be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the Gathering Space.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

Worship & Music Committee will be meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28th. All are welcome to join the meeting, provide their insights, suggestions, and work with the various ministries that help make service so special.

SMLC CHOIR

During Lent, the St. Matthew Choir will rehearse on **Thursday** evenings at **7:00pm**, following the midweek Lenten services. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join us.

GRACE LUTHERAN FUNDRAISER

SMLC is partnering with our friends at Grace Lutheran Church to divert food *away* from landfills and *into* the hands of those in need like shelters, pantries, and soup kitchens. If you wish to donate, or read more about this project, please go to **Patronicity.com** and search "**Food Recovery**". Thank you for your support and generosity!

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Date: Sunday, March 19, 2023

Time: Immediately following 9:00 a.m. worship service

Purpose: **Pastor Brian Rajcok** has been unanimously nominated by the call committee and unanimously referred by the church council for the candidacy of Lead Pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. The purpose of this meeting is to hold the official election of Pastor Brian and approve his compensation package.

Vote by written ballot to be presided over by representative of the bishop; two-thirds majority vote required for election; vote on candidate and compensation package only.

Following the votes on the pastoral call and compensation, Ben Wright will present the background and changes to the cell tower lease and provide an opportunity for Q & A. Please refer to the congregation letter dated March 1, 2023 (also linked to the button below) for further information.

ELCA WORLD HUNGER'S 40 DAYS OF GIVING

During Lent we remember our dependence on God and one another and reflect on the many ways we have fallen short of what God calls us to be. These are not easy times for many of us. We know the challenges our world faces. Yet the season of Lent reminds us that God is not yet through with us or our world.

We know by faith that God is at work drawing us toward the resurrection and restoration of the world. **ELCA World Hunger's 40 Days of Giving** invites us to be part of that work and to bear witness to it with partners, companions, friends and neighbors.

If you'd like to know more, please visit: elca.org/40days

St. Matthew Mission Statement:

St. Matthew Lutheran Church is a worshipping community called to proclaim God's love for all and to grow spiritually together. Challenged by Jesus' example, we strive to connect people of all ages, abilities, and needs, and to nurture them to be disciples of Christ. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we reach out to the wider community and welcome our neighbors to a life of worship, preaching, teaching, Christian care, service, and spiritual growth.

***In Christ, We Are
Digging Deep, Reaching Out, Changing Lives.***