

**A warm welcome to you.** Members & Visitors: Please complete a yellow "caring card" **each time you attend a service.** They can be found in the pew racks. Please place your card in the offering plate. If you have a **Prayer Request**, please put that information on the back of the card. Thank You!

***ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION***

*Using Scripture as our guide, we believe that when we eat this bread and drink this wine, we receive the true body and blood of our Savior. It assures us of His love for us, of the forgiveness of our sins, and of His empowering presence in our daily lives. Any who have not been instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or one of our elders. NOTE: If you would like to receive communion at any service from the pew, please tell the pastor or an elder before the service. Thank You!*

THOSE MINISTERING AMONG US TODAY

Organist	Linda
Keyboardist	Rebecca
Elders	Paul, Philip
Ushers	(8) Myron; (10:15) Carson
Acolytes	(8) Isabella; (10:15) Sawyer
Readers	(8) John; (10:15) Jeanette
Tech Crew	(8) Camren, Lynn, Avery

*(We welcome you to the balcony to help or train with us.)*  
(10:15) Jason, Holly, Madison, Monroe

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Short-term Specific Prayer Requests: *Bill, Lorenda, Lula, Bill, Jan, Logan, and those we name in our hearts.*

**Altar flowers** were given by Gary & Velma Cortright in honor of their grandchildren's, Kessey & Krew Aljets, birthdays.

**Piano in need of a New Home!** The baby grand piano in our basement Fellowship Hall needs a new home. You will need to move it. If you are interested, please contact Bev in the church office. We may be able to provide some assistance getting it out of the church, but the rest of the move is on you.

NOON FELLOWSHIP is TOMORROW, March 9 at 12 noon in the Fireside Room. The main entrée will be smoked pork loin and mashed potatoes & gravy. If you are able, please bring a dish to share. The March health topic will address sleep and our body's need for adequate sleep.

**A member of our Church Family**, Ilona Benson, is celebrating her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Her family is doing a card shower for her. Well wishes may be sent to: Ilona Benson, 221 9<sup>th</sup> Ave., Worthington, MN.

**Have you pick up your 2026 Offering envelopes?** They are in the Great Hall by the restrooms. If you see a family member, friend, or neighbors box, please consider delivering it to them.

## **Attention all High School and Adult Singers Please join us for our Passion Week Choir.**

We will sing an anthem at our 9AM Palm Sunday Service on March 29 and at our 6:30PM Good Friday service on April 3.

Rehearsals for this special choir will be on Wednesdays, 5:00-5:30/5:40, February 25-March 25. You will have time to enjoy our Lenten meals following our rehearsals.

Our Holy Week services this year will be less involved than they have been in the past, so there will be minimal rehearsal time commitments for you during Holy Week. **If you sing, your voice is needed!**

**Our Mid-Week Lent Worship services at 6:30PM will continue each Wednesday through March 25.** Come early and enjoy a delicious supper served from 5-6PM. A free-will donation will be received for the meals. Next week's meal will be hosted by our Youth. They will serve Nachos with all the fixings! **Bookmarks that list daily Scripture readings, which go along with our Lent theme, are available on the bulletin table in the Great Hall.** Pick up yours today!

## THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Monday	9:00 a.m. Pastor at The Meadows 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m. Noon Fellowship <b>5:30 p.m. Council Meeting</b>
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Bible Study in Conference Room 3:00 p.m. Hope Circle in Fireside Room
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Women in the Word 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline <b>5 p.m.-6 p.m. Lent Supper</b> 5:00 p.m. Choir Practice 5:30 p.m. Confirmation and Kids in the Word 5:30 p.m. Youth Group <b>6:30 p.m. Lent Worship</b> 7:15 p.m. Bell Choir
Thursday	<i>Roxie's Day Off</i> 9am-1pm Mission Sewing in lower-level education- wing large classroom
Friday	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Classic Worship, Communion 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Parent Sunday School in Fireside Rm 10:15 a.m. Modern Worship

Attention Everyone: ALL worship bulletins, children's bulletins, sermon note sheets, and any other important handouts are on the table near the "Welcome" banner in the Great Hall. Please use the Great Hall for fellowship before and after worship services. Please keep the elevator area uncongested for those who need to use that service. Thank You!

LOOKING AHEAD: Palm Sunday is on March 29, there will be one Worship Service at 9 a.m. The Sunday School children will be singing during this service. Parents, please watch for more information in upcoming worship bulletins. April 2 is Maundy Thursday with a 6:30 p.m. Worship Service. April 3 is Good Friday with a 6:30 p.m. Worship Service.



Third Sunday  
in  
Lent

March 8, 2026

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## **8:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – Divine Service Setting 1**

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Welcome/Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship Song *"Sanctuary"*

Invocation

Opening Hymn *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"* LSB 761

Confession & Absolution (pg. 151)

Kyrie (pg. 152-153)

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Scripture Lessons Exodus 17:1-7  
Romans 5:1-8  
*"Return to the Lord..."*  
John 4:5-26

Nicene Creed

Children's Message

Hymn *"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"* LSB 699

Sermon *"Rejoice in Your Suffering"* Romans 5:3-5

Prayers of the Church

Offertory (pg. 159)

Offering *"Living Waters"* Linda Lang, Soloist

Thank the Lord (pg. 164)

Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn *"When Peace, like a River"* LSB 763

*Thank you for joining us in worship today!  
Blessings on your week!*

## **10:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE**

Preservice Countdown Video

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Welcome/Ringing of the Bell

Call To Worship Song "*Sanctuary*"

Invocation

Worship Song "*Jesus, Messiah*"

Confession of Sins

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

Confession of Faith Song "*We Believe*"

Apostles' Creed

God' Word

Exodus 17:1-7

Romans 5:1-8

John 4:5-26

Children's Message

Message "*Rejoice in Your Suffering*" Romans 5:3-5

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Singing of the Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

The Lord's Supper

Distribution Songs "*Same God*"

Closing Prayer

Benediction Song "*The Blessing*"

Closing Song "*It is Well*"

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