

**A warm welcome to you. Thank you for joining us this morning!** 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 completed 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!*

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Those with health concerns or for healing: *Bill, Arnie, Jen, Lula, Bill, Greg, Jan, Logan, and those we name in our hearts.*

RINGING OF THE BELL

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *"Praise and Exultation"*

SONGS BY THE SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS

*"Jesus Loves Me" "Do You Know Who Died for Me?"*

*"The B-I-B-L-E" "Love in a Box" "Goodness of God"*

INVOCATION & CALL TO WORSHIP

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CHOIR ANTHEM *"Rejoice and Sing Hosanna to the King"*

OLD TESTAMENT READING – Psalm 118:14-23

EPISTLE READING – Revelation 5:11-13

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (vs.1)*

HOLY GOSPEL READING – Matthew 21:1-11

GOSPEL RESPONSE *"Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (vs.2)*

APOSTLES' CREED

SERMON HYMN *"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" LSB 443*

SERMON *"Blessed is He!" Matthew 21:1-11*

OFFERING *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory" LSB 427*

PRAYERS

SACRAMENT OF THE SACRAMENT

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

The Words of Our Lord

Distribution & Music *"The Lamb" LSB 547*  
*"King of Kings"*

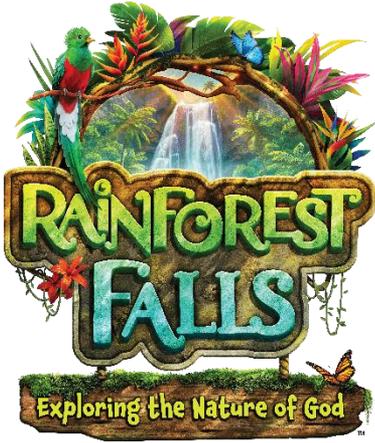
BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *"No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet" LSB 444*

***Thank you for joining us this morning! Have a Blessed Week! We invite you to our special Holy Week worship services. See schedule in this bulletin.***

THOSE MINISTERING AMONG US TODAY

Organist/Keyboardist	Lorenda
Acolyte	Jace
Elders	Philip, Arnie
Usher	Mike
Reader	David
Tech Crew	Jen & Ron, Camren



Plans are in the works for our **Vacation Bible School** to be held **June 15-19** from **9AM to 12:30PM**. A kid-friendly lunch will be served. It is going to be so much fun! **More information will be available soon! Watch our weekly worship bulletins, May Newsletter, and our church website for updates!**

PILLOWCASE DRESSES are one of the projects of our Mission Sewing Group. The dresses are constructed, collected, boxed, and brought to the Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, Nebraska. They are then distributed worldwide where the need is greatest. **The dresses our ladies have made are on display in our Great Hall.** Donations of pillowcases, extra wide bias tape, 3/8" elastic, lace, and embroidered doilies are greatly appreciated and can be put in the "Blanket" drawer of our north entrance cupboard.

In 2025, we (St. Matthew Lutheran Church) received \$5,770 through the Thrivent Choice program. These funds were used for several things, including Baptism medallions and the engraving on them, parament cloths for our altar, VBS supplies, an iPad for the youth, and a whiteboard and accessories. **Thrivent members, don't forget to direct your 2025 Choice Dollars, by the March 31 DEADLINE, to support our church.** You just need to go to [thrivent.com/thriventchoice](https://thrivent.com/thriventchoice) to direct your Choice Dollars! Thank you for the support!

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*March 29, 2026*

*"Blessed is the King who comes  
in the name of the Lord!"*

*Luke 19:38 ESV*

## **HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES:**

\*Maundy Thursday, April 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
with communion

\*Good Friday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

\*EASTER SUNDAY at 8:00 and 10:15AM  
communion at both services.

REMINDER: NO Confirmation classes, Kid in the Word, or Youth Group this Wednesday, April 1. Join us for the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday worship services!

**For those bringing in plants or lilies for our Easter service,** please bring them on **Friday, or AT 9 a.m. on Saturday.** Make sure your name is on your plant to ensure you get the correct one back. Thank You!

**EASTER FAMILY EVENT THIS Friday, April 3.** Parents and children of ALL ages, join us as 10:30 a.m. for egg dying, an Easter egg hunt, the Easter story, crafts, and goodies! What a wonderful way to begin the celebration of Easter! **Please bring your own eggs to dye.**

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

*Thank you for the prayers, cards, and well wishes I received following my recent surgery. I am truly blessed to be a part of this caring congregation.*

*Lorenda Glade*

**St. John's Lutheran Church in Rushmore, MN** is sadly closing. **Everyone is invited** to attend a service for the closing rite on April 19, 2026, at 2PM at the church. We thank God for 132 years of service to Him and community history.

**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 **by April 26**. We may be able to provide some assistance getting it out of the church, but the rest of the move is on you.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Monday	11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Bible Study in Conference Room <b>12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline</b>
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Women in the Word in Fireside Room NO CONFIRMATION, KIW, OR YOUTH GROUP 5:00 p.m. Bell Choir 5:45 p.m. Adult Choir
Thursday	<i>Roxie's Day Off</i> <b>6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship</b>
Friday	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 10:30 a.m. FAMILY EASTER EVENT <b>6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship</b>
Saturday	9:00 a.m. Plants/Lillies at Church
Sunday	<b>8:00 a.m. Easter Worship, Communion</b> <b>10:15 a.m. Easter Worship, Communion</b>

Do you enjoy attending our Modern Worship Service? Do you have a talent for singing? If you answered "yes" to both questions, please consider joining our worship band crew. Please contact Lorenda Glade at the church, or at 712-330-1523 if you are interested in joining us. **We need band members for our Modern service to continue, so please prayerfully consider this opportunity.**