

# *St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 25, 2023

6:00 PM

So Abraham called the name of  
that place, "The Lord will provide";  
as it is said to this day, "On the mount  
of the Lord it shall be provided."

Genesis 22:14



## OUR MISSION

As a Lutheran community of faith, we continue our history of proclaiming Christ crucified through Word and Sacrament in joyful service to God and our neighbor.

### ***WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH***

We welcome all who worship with us today. We gather as the Body of Christ to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to God. Ushers are available to answer any of your questions. The church is equipped with a hearing impaired system. If you need a listening device, it may be obtained from an usher. In the minutes prior to the beginning of each service, the doors to the nave are closed, and quiet is encouraged. Music is offered which prepares worshippers to receive God's gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

**Celebrating Holy Communion:** We believe, teach, and confess Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All *baptized* Christians, who share this belief, are invited to receive Jesus as He comes in the Holy Communion to forgive the sins of the penitent. Children and others who are not yet receiving the sacrament, or who choose not to commune with us, are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest.

As we continue our return to our pre-Covid practice, ushers will direct you to the altar where you may kneel or stand. Please continue to receive the host in your flattened palm. If you cannot receive alcohol, please inform the pastor before the host is dipped in the chalice. If you need a gluten free host, please ask before the host is dipped in the chalice. Once you have communed, please return to your seat. If you need to be communed at your seat, please inform an usher. The pastor(s) will come to you.

**The Altar Flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by James and Karen Burton in loving memory of Dana Lynn Burton, and by Perry and Diane Guy in honor of their sister, Denise Bock, on her birthday.

**Sunday School** is sponsored by Janet and Denis Hall in honor of all Sunday School teachers.

**RETURN TO THE LORD YOUR GOD, FOR HE IS GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL, SLOW TO ANGER, AND ABOUNDING IN STEADFAST LOVE!** Welcome in Jesus' name to this celebration of the Fifth Sunday in Lent. In the Old Testament lesson from Genesis 22:1-14, the LORD tests Abraham and, then, provides the sacrifice of a lamb as a substitute for Abraham's son, Isaac. What the LORD does not require of Abraham, He requires of Himself. Jesus is the Lamb of God, who by His death on the cross takes away the sin of the world. In gratitude for the unmerited grace and mercy of God in Christ Jesus, we offer in limitless, humble service what He has first given us: ourselves, our time, and possessions. As we receive the Lord Jesus' true Body and most precious Blood at the altar today, we receive His eternal life and love that gives us power to live as God's beloved children.

I will strive to .....**Pray daily**

**Worship weekly**

**Read the Bible**

**Serve at and beyond St. Matthew's**

**Be in Relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others**

**Give of my time, talents and resources**

### **Those Serving in Worship**

**Greeters:**

**Lector:** Gabriela Walters

**Altar Guild:**

**Ushers:**

**Acolytes:**



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(\* Please stand as you are able.)

**Silence for Meditation**

**THE PRELUDE**

*All for Christ I Have Forsaken*

**Edwin T. Childs**

**THE WELCOME**

**\* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

**Congregation: we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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 the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**\* THE OPENING HYMN**

*Christ, the Life of All the Living*

**LBW 97**



1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of death, our foe,  
2 You have suf - fered great af - flic - tion and have borne it pa - tient - ly,  
3 Then, for all that bought my par - don, for the sor - rows deep and sore,



Christ, your - self for me once giv - ing to the dark - est depths of woe:  
e - ven death by cru - ci - fix - ion, ful - ly to a - tone for me;  
for the an - guish in the gar - den, I will thank you ev - er - more;



through your suf - f'ring, death, and mer - it life e - ter - nal I in - her - it.  
for you chose to be tor - ment - ed that my doom should be pre - vent - ed.  
thank you for the groan - ing, sigh - ing, for the bleed - ing and the dy - ing,



Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
Thou - sand, thou - sand thanks are due, dear - est Je - sus, un - to you.  
for that last tri - um - phant cry, praise you ev - er - more on high.

Text: Ernst Christoph Homburg, 1605–1681; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Music: JESU, MEINES LEBENS LEBEN, *Das grosse Cantional*, Darmstadt, 1687

**\* THE GREETING**

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Almighty God, look favorably upon your family. Graciously rule our bodies lest we are enticed to love the world; and guard our spirits lest we fail to recognize your love. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 22:1-14**

After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."<sup>2</sup> He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you."<sup>3</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac. And he cut the wood for the burnt offering and arose and went to the place of which God had told him.<sup>4</sup> On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place from afar.<sup>5</sup> Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; I and the boy will go over there and worship and come again to you."<sup>6</sup> And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on Isaac his son. And he took in his hand the fire and the knife. So they went both of them together.<sup>7</sup> And Isaac said to his father Abraham, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"<sup>8</sup> Abraham said, "God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So they went both of them together.<sup>9</sup> When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built the altar there and laid the wood in order and bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood.<sup>10</sup> Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to slaughter his son.<sup>11</sup> But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."<sup>12</sup> He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me."<sup>13</sup> And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.<sup>14</sup> So Abraham called the name of that place, "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 130**

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!

O Lord, hear my voice!

Let your ears be attentive

to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

**If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,**

**O Lord, who could stand?**

But with you there is forgiveness,

that you / may be feared.

**I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,**

**and in his word I hope;**

my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning

more than watchmen for the morning.

**O Israel, hope in the LORD!**

**For with the LORD there is steadfast love,**

**and with him is plentiful redemption.**

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## **SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:6-11**

<sup>6</sup> For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup> For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup> Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup> You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup> But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**\* THE VERSE**            **Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.**

### **\* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Pastor:**            The HOLY GOSPEL according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

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

### **HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:1-45**

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." <sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." <sup>11</sup> After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." <sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world." <sup>28</sup> When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup> And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup> Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him. <sup>31</sup> When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup> So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup> But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?" <sup>38</sup> Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it. <sup>39</sup> Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup> Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." <sup>45</sup> Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

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

\* THE HYMN OF THE DAY

*All for Christ I Have Forsaken*



1 All for Christ I have for - sak - en And have  
 2 Who is sweet - er than Christ Je - sus? No good  
 3 Gone the past, un - known the fu - ture— Grace sup -  
 4 When God takes me home to heav - en, Should this  
 5 Though the road a - head be thorn - y, Though dark



tak - en up my cross; World - ly joy, its  
 thing in Him I lack! Hand to plow, at  
 plies my dai - ly breath; Strong in Christ through  
 be the day I die, God will keep my  
 clouds all light ob - scure, Though my cross - shaped



fame and for - tune, Now I count as worth-less dross.  
 peace I fol - low Where He leads me . . . why look back?  
 death's dark val - ley, Firm and faith - ful un - to death.  
 spouse and chil - dren As the ap - ple of His eye.  
 path grows steep - er, With the Lord, I am se - cure.

Text: Calvin Chao, 1906-96; tr. Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955  
 Tune: *Southern Harmony*, New Haven, 1835

\* THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Lord, in your mercy.  
 Congregation: Hear our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
 Congregation: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

*Out of the Depths, I Cry to You*

Martin Luther

\* THE DOXOLOGY

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.

**\* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Heavenly Father,

**Congregation:** we worship you for our daily bread, but we bring these offerings because you have given us your saving Word. Thank you for this precious food which truly makes us live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed....

**\* THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: We give you thanks...both now and forever.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**\* THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**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.

**THE DISTRIBUTION**

**\* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Lord Jesus, we have celebrated in memory of your gift of life. Make us bold to hope in your victory so that we strive to imitate your unselfish love. We bless you now and evermore.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**Congregation:** I will strive to pray daily, worship weekly, read the Bible, serve at and beyond St. Matthew’s, be in relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others, and give of my time, talents, and resources.

**\* THE BENEDICTION**

**\* THE CLOSING HYMN**

*Be Thou My Vision*

(next page)

*(At this time anyone desiring prayer for healing is invited to approach the altar rail.)*

**THE DISMISSAL**

Assisting Minister: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

**THE POSTLUDE**

*Christ the Life of All the Living*

**J. S. Bach**

**LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:**

Isaiah 50:4-9a; Philipians 2:5-11; Matthew 27:11-54

## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.  
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,  
thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.  
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.  
Music: SLANE, Irish tune



## Holy Communion: The LORD Does Provide

### Praying

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen” (*The Daily Prayer of the Church, 986*).

### Listening

*Genesis 22:1 “After these things God tested Abraham and said to him, ‘Abraham!’... ‘Here I am.’”*

Origen [Late 2<sup>nd</sup> – early 3<sup>rd</sup> century Bible scholar in Alexandria, Egypt]: “Give your attention, you who have approached God – who believe yourselves to be faithful. Consider diligently how the faith of the faithful is proved from these words that have been read to us” (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: Genesis 12-50*, 101).

*Genesis 22:2 ““Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love... offer him there as a burnt offering”*

Origen of Alexandria: “What do you say to these things, Abraham? What kind of thoughts are stirring in your heart? A word has been uttered by God that is to shatter and try your faith. What do you say to these things? What are you thinking? What are you reconsidering?” (102).

*Genesis 22:7 ““Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?””*

St. Ambrose [4<sup>th</sup> century Bishop of Milan, Italy]: “Therefore he brought his beloved son to be sacrificed, and him whom he had begotten so late he offered without delay. Nor was he held back by being addressed as father, when his son called him ‘father’ and he answered ‘my son’” (105).

*Genesis 22:13 “Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son.”*

St. Athanasius the Great [4<sup>th</sup> Patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt]: “... God accepted his intentions, but he prevented him from slaying Isaac. The death of Isaac would not buy freedom for the world. No, that could be accomplished only by the death of our Savior, by whose stripes we are healed” (110).

*Genesis 22:14 “So Abraham called the name of that place, ‘The Lord will provide’”*

Origen of Alexandria: “For when you have approached God joyfully, he again gives back to you what you have offered and says to you, ‘You will see me again, and your heart shall rejoice, and no man shall take your joy from you... So, therefore, we appear at least to engage in business for the Lord, but the profits of the business go to us. And we appear to offer victims to the Lord, but the things we offer are given back to us. For God needs nothing, but he wishes us to be rich; he desires our progress through each individual things” (111).

### Reflecting

1. Do I approach the Lord’s altar conscious that He is the Lamb of God, who died in my place?
2. Do I willingly offer my entire life, all that I have and all that I am, in gratitude for His sacrifice?

## **Learning**

### **THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR (from Luther's Small Catechism)**

AS THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH IT IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD

*What is the Sacrament of the Altar?*

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink.

*Where is this written?*

The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul write: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

## **Doing**

1. Pray for every unbaptized child and adult you know and for the child's parents, too. Place their pictures and/or names in a prominent place as a reminder to pray for them.
2. Pray for your unchurched loved ones and friends. Place their pictures and/or names in a prominent place as a reminder to pray for them. Invite one or more of them to worship.
3. Discuss with your spouse, your family, or a friend what the Lord Jesus promises in the Words of Institution. Read 1 Corinthians chapters 10 and 11 for a greater sense of context.
4. Consult Lutheran Book of Worship, p. 181, for the daily lessons appointed for Lent 5 (Year One) and read them daily before offering your prayers on behalf of your family, the world, our nation, our state, and our local communities.
5. Read Luke 24:13ff., the road to Emmaus experience, to learn Luke's favorite name for the Lord's Supper, "the breaking of the bread." Read Acts 2 for further understanding of that.
6. Plan to attend as many of the services of Holy Week (which begins next weekend with Palm Sunday) as you are able. Pray for and, then, invite your unchurched dearest ones and friends to the services of God's house during Holy Week and Easter (April 2 – 10).

## **For Husbands and Wives**

Repeat daily: "I (name) take you (name) to be my wedded wife (husband), to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish until death do us part, according to God's holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge you my faith."

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*The family of Connie Pearson (sister-in-law of Karin Cook) The family of Joseph Capozio, Carol Comeskey, Ron Asmus, David Pearson, Rev. Dr. William White, Elaine Mcabee, Nicole Anders, Elizabeth Anders, Joanne Purnell, Bill Baldwin, Arthur Moore, Wanda Slocum, Barbara Haack, Joe Ramm, Nell Walker*

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Barbara Colton	David Searle	Jennifer Stirrat
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David Schwartz	Ashley Lawson	Cynthia Brown
John Tullous, Jr.	Kathryn Webster	Wilma Reed
David Hunsberger	Tom Seip	George Taft
Jo Beth Brinkley	Melvin Proctor	Pr. Harry Wolpert
Hudson Dingfelder	David Case	Sue Brehm
Rufus Horne	Jim Villa	Jack Bell
Jim Campbell	Corrie Formica	Terry Caldwell
Gene and Marian Poythress	Lloyd Moore	David Logan
Peter Thomas	Beth Jarrott	Mary Cromarti
Alice Copeland	Sharon Hatcher	Mary Pat Jones
Megan McKinney	Barbara Brennaman	Dalton
Ron Bloom	Patricia Kucker	Bp. Tim Smith
Wilhelmina Stanland	Deanna Hart	Sally Jo Capozio
Elena Scalora	Annie and Elizabeth Ferry	

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:**

Elsie Cates	Laura Gray	Nancy Miller
Nancy Fauser	Jane McDougald	Regina Ryder
Ruthann Getsinger		

<b><u>Operating Fund: February 2023</u></b>		
	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	33,046.87	70,546.62
<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>41,539.44</u>	<u>78,887.12</u>
<b>Income/ (Loss)</b>	(8,492.57)	(8,340.50)
<b>2023 Annual Budget</b>		638,707.00

<b><u>Operating Fund through March 19</u></b>	
<b>Receipts</b>	
Projected receipts:	53,226.00
Received this month:	<u>24,460.05</u>
Additional anticipated:	28,765.95
<b>Expenses</b>	
Projected March expenses:	65,692.00
Bills paid to date:	<u>16,104.02</u>
Anticipated remaining:	49,587.98
Anticipated Income/(Loss)	<u>(20,822.03)</u>

### Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday - Eucharist, 6 p.m.    Sunday - Traditional Eucharist. 8:30 and 11 a.m.    Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
2nd and 4th Sundays - Contemporary Eucharist, 8:30 a.m.    Monday - Evening Prayer and Bible Study, 5 p.m.  
Wednesday - Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 p.m.

A nursery is provided for all Sunday Services and during the Sunday School hour.

**First Time Visitors** - Please stop by our *Welcome Center* to sign our guest book and get information about St. Matthew's.

Baby changing tables are available in the two restrooms across from the church offices and in the nursery.

### This Week at St. Matthew's

#### **Sunday, March 26 Fifth Sunday in Lent**

8:30 Contemporary Eucharist  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Eucharist  
12:30 First Communion Class

#### **Monday, March 27**

9:00 Counting Team  
12:00 Conversations - Rm. 117  
6:00 Evening Prayer  
7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs  
7:00 Harbour Towne Band - Choir Room

#### **Tuesday, March 28**

10:00 Prayer Group - Library  
10:00 Staff Meeting - Rm. 117  
11:00 Social Ministry - Library  
5:15 Girls Choir of Wilmington - Choir Room  
6:00 Girl Scouts 354 - Rm. 117

#### **Wednesday, March 29**

8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study - McCombs  
12:00 Lenten Eucharist  
6:00 Handbells  
6:00 Crossways  
7:00 Lenten Evening Prayer  
7:30 Confirmation Class  
7:30 Adult Choir

#### **Thursday, March 30**

10:00 Crossways  
10:00 Quilt Ministry - Rm. 117  
7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs

#### **Friday, March 31**

#### **Saturday, April 1 Palm/Passion Sunday**

11:00 Fellowship Team  
6:00 Eucharist

#### **Sunday, April 2 Palm/Passion Sunday**

8:30 Traditional Eucharist  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Eucharist

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Communion Class and Pizza lunch is today starting at 12:30pm.** One parent or guardian must attend with the student. Please sign up on the board in the Narthex, and be sure to indicate if you will be having pizza.

**All worship server sign-ups for April and May are now located in the Narthex on the back wall.** Many slots are open for Ushers, Greeters, Acolytes and Crucifers, and Altar Guild. Please consider signing up and if you have any questions, contact Donna Capozio ([dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org))

**The Endowment Team** requests for 2023 are due by March 31, 2023. Forms are available in the Church Finance office.

**As a reminder, in observance of Holy Week all classes and activities are canceled,** except for those listed on the calendar.

**Holy Week Services:** Monday-Wednesday, 12 pm Eucharist; Maundy Thursday, 12 and 7 pm Eucharists; Good Friday, 12 pm worship and 7 pm Tenebrae; Saturday, 6 pm Easter Vigil and Eucharist; Easter Sunday, 6:30 am Sunrise, 8:30 and 11 am Traditional Eucharists.

April 2 and 9 are still open for Altar flowers. See the chart in the Narthex and please fill out the yellow information form when you sign up.

**The Christkindlmarkt Team** is offering a Lenten T-shirt designed by Tina Medlin. Profits from marketing activities will go for new office furnishings. A picture of the T-shirt and order forms are in the Narthex. Please make payment at the time of order. Our goal is to deliver them by Palm Sunday. Thank you for your generous support.

**The Young Adults and College Students Group** will have a Movie Night on April 14th at 6:00 p.m. We will enjoy a hot meal and a good movie in McCombs Hall. If you wish to join us, you are encouraged to please sign up on the big board in the commons so we may have a headcount.

**The 2023 Hospice Meals still has the following dates open: June 23, July 28, Aug. 4 & 25, Oct. 6 & 27, Nov. 3, and Dec. 1 & 22.** Please see details and sign-up on the board in the Narthex. If you have questions, contact Sue Mowrey.



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