

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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First Sunday in Lent

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“The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Opening Song

Savior, Precious Savior

O Savior, precious Savior, Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor, All other names above,
We worship You, we bless You, To You O Christ, we sing;
We praise You and confess You, our holy Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation, Who wondrously has brought
Yourself the inspiration Of love beyond our thought,
Then shall we praise and bless You Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess You, Our Savior and our King.

In You all fulness dwells, All grace and pow'r divine;
The glory that surpasses, O Son of God, is Yours.
We worship You, we bless You, To You O Christ, we sing;
We praise You and confess You, our holy Lord and King.

Invocation & Prayer

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, all hearts and desires are known to You. No secrets are ever hidden from You. We ask You now to come to us and help us so that we might turn away from our rebellion against Your will and live according to Your will alone. Send to us Your Holy Spirit so that we may hear with our hearts and follow Your word -- confess our sins -- receive

Your forgiveness -- and mature into the full likeness of Jesus, Who is our Lord and Redeemer.

ALL: Almighty and merciful Father, I am a deeply troubled and sorrowful sinner. I come to You confessing all that I have said and done that is not in accord with Your Word and will. I know that I have disrespected and ignored You and deserve nothing from You but punishment. I beg in the name of Jesus that You would give me Your underserved mercy and forgive my sinful disobedience. May Your Holy Spirit dwell in my heart and help me to respect You and be obedient to You in all things, and through the sacrifice of Jesus bring me to eternal life in Your presence. Amen.

P: As the called servant of our Lord Jesus Christ I declare to you that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Genesis 3:1-21	Thanks be to God
Romans 5:12-19	Thanks be to God
Matthew 4:1-11	Glory to You, O Lord
	Praise to You, O Christ

We Declare What We Believe

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hades. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will return to judge both the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church – the fellowship of saints – the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song O Lord, throughout these Forty Days

O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.

You strove with Satan and You won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us Your nerve, Your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.

Though parched and hungry, yet You prayed And fixed Your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves, Since we have known God's love.

Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.

Message

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings (We rise to sing the Doxology)

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

All: Our Father Who is in heaven, holy be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. **And forgive our sins as we forgive the sins of others.** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Jesus

Sharing the Sacrament

We believe that in, with, and under the simple elements of the consecrated bread and wine we truly receive the body and blood of Jesus and His forgiveness for our disobedience. If you have questions, please speak to the Pastor.

Prayer & Blessing

Song **"Abide, O Dearest Jesus"**

Abide, o dearest Jesus, Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us Nor we to sin give place.

Abide, o dear Redeemer, Among us with Your Word

And that now and hereafter True peace and joy afford.

Abide with heav'nly brightness Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us From ever gloomy night.

Abide with richest blessings Among us, bounteous Lord;
Let us in grace and wisdom Grow daily through Your Word.

Video

Announcements:

Doing the Works of God:

Pasta, pasta sauce (marinara, alfredo); pizza crust, pizza sauce;
cling wrap

Message Notes

What do you consider to be the main point of the message?

What is something you want to remember from the message?

What is something new you learned from the message?

What are ways you can apply the message in your life?

Did the message give you any other ideas for application?

Identify three specific things you can do differently this week.