

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

15617 Mason Road PO Box 774 Vermilion, Ohio 44089

March 1, 2026

10:30 AM

2nd Sunday in Lent

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**“HABITS ARE WHAT WE
DO. HABITUS IS WHO WE ARE.”**

Opening Song

Drawn to the Cross, Which Christ Has Blessed

Drawn to the cross, which Christ has blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in You my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.

You know of all my griefs and fears,
Your grace abused in misspent years;
Yet now to You with sorry tears, Christ crucified, I come.

Wash me and take away each sin;
Let nothing of these sins remain,
For cleansing, though it be through pain, Christ crucified, I come.

And then for work to do for You,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.

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 12:1-9

Romans 4:1-8 & 13-17

John 3:1-17

Thanks be to God

Thanks be to God

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 “God Loved the World So That He Gave”

God loved the world so that He gave
His only Son the lost to save,

That all who would in Him believe
Should everlasting life receive.

Christ Jesus is the ground of faith,
Who was made flesh and suffered death;
All then who trust in Him alone
Are built on this chief cornerstone.

God would not have the sinner die;
His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares
How we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

Be of Good cheer, for God's own Son
Forgives all sins which you have done;
And justified by Jesus' blood,
Your baptism grants the highest good.

Glory to God the Father, Son,
And Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To You, o blessed Trinity,
Be praise now and eternally!

Message "Rewired by Jesus" John 3:17

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 Savior, Again to Your Dear Name We Raise

Savior, again to Your dear name we raise
With one accord our parting hymn of praise;
Once more we bless You as our worship ends,
Then lowly bending, wait Your word of peace.

Grant us Your peace upon our homeward way;
With You began, with You shall end, the day.
Please guard the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
That in this house have called upon Your name.

Video

Announcements:

Crackers; packaged rice sides; cereal; applesauce

Doing the Works of God:

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.