

Midweek Lent Worship



Week Two

February 25, 2026

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and School ~ Oconomowoc, WI

Welcome to St. Matthew's!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today! It is our prayer that God would fill you with His grace and peace as we worship our Lord and Savior Jesus. If you have questions about St. Matthew's or would like to speak to one of the pastors, please feel free to reach out to us using the contact information on the back cover.

IT IS FINISHED - Holy Week Prophecies of Zechariah

“Look at the One Who Was Pierced”

As we gather each week for worship, we will explore the prophecies of God's Old Testament Prophet Zechariah. Through God's messenger, we are given an enriching look at our Savior Jesus, particularly as these prophecies relate to the events of Jesus' Holy Week passion, death, and resurrection.

During our Midweek Lent services, we read of the **Passion History of our Lord**. Unlike the ordinary meaning of the word *passion*, the meaning of this word as it applies to this Lenten reading series is derived from the original Latin and Greek. *Passio* (Latin) and *pascha* (Greek) speak of suffering as reflected in our contemporary word *compassion* (“suffering with someone”). So we read a history of the suffering and death of our Savior. The readings each week are a composite, sequential account taken from all four gospels. They provide us with the complete story of the suffering and death of our Lord.

About the Altar Paraments: The clothes that adorn the altar, the paraments, change with each season of the church year. The purple of Lent reminds us of royalty as our king goes to war to defeat our enemy, but doing through his suffering and death. The crown of thorns and 3 nails on the ambo's parament recall his great suffering. Little did Pontius Pilate know the depths of his words when he ordered the sign to be posted above the cross – “**Jesus of Nazareth King of Jews**” hence the initials I.N.R.I. Latin doesn't have the letter “J” but instead uses “I”; the word for king is “Rex.”

For Your Convenience

- ◇ Restrooms are located down the hallway on the left.
- ◇ A Parents' room is available in the back of the sanctuary for those with small children.
- ◇ A Mother's room, located in the parents' room, offers privacy for nursing mothers.
- ◇ Large Print Service Folders are available from an usher upon request.
- ◇ Please silence your cell phones before worship.
- ◇ View services on Charter 985 on Thursdays at 12PM and 7PM or Sundays at 10AM. You can also visit https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st+matthews+oconomowoc
- ◇ St. Matthew's is on Instagram. You can follow us @St.MatthewsOconomowoc.

The Order of Worship for Midweek Lent 2

February 25, 2025

Call to Worship (4pm)

Do You Know Who Died For Me?

3K/4K

Hymn 409

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary

Confession and Absolution

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for personal reflection

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds, and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

Amen.

Psalm 32A

I Turn to You, O LORD

Refrain

I turn to you, O LORD, in time of
trou-ble, and you fill me with the joy of sal - va - tion.

Tone

Blessed is the one whose transgressions are for- / given,
whose sins are / covered.

Blessed is the one whose sin the LORD does not count a- / gainst them
and in whose spirit is / no deceit.

**When I kept silent, my bones wast- / ed away
through my groaning / all day long.
For day and night your hand was heav- / y on me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of / summer.**

Then I acknowledged my / sin to you
and did not cover up my in- / iquity.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions / to the LORD."
And you forgave the guilt / of my sin. *Refrain*

**You are my / hiding place;
you will protect me from / trouble.
Many are the woes of the / wicked,
but the LORD's unfailing love surrounds the one who / trusts in him.**

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Psalm Prayer

Lord, whenever we feel the crushing burden of our sin, show us again how blessed we are. You have lifted our transgressions from us. You have covered our sins with the robe of your Son's righteousness. You no longer count our misdeeds against us. For this great deliverance, we rejoice and sing your saving name.

Amen.

Anthem (6:30pm)

My Song is Love Unknown

Handbell Choir

Passion History – Part One

Preparations for the Passover

Hymn of the Day 434

Upon the Cross Extended

Sermon Reading

Zechariah 12:10-11

¹⁰“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. ¹¹On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be as great as the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Sermon Theme

Look at the One Who Was Pierced

Pastor Steven Hillmer

Connection Cards and Offerings

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today and we would love to stay connected with you. To help us do so, please fill out the Connection Card in the seat back. You may place it in the offering plate as the offering is gathered or hand it to one of the ushers. You also have the ability to record your worship or give a gift using the appropriate QR code below. Those who have downloaded the St. Matthew's App can check-in and give offerings directly through the app. You may also text GIVE to 833-921-6451.

Guest Form



St. Matthew's App



Give Online



Prayer of the Church

Hear my prayer, O Lord;
listen to my cry.

Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings.

In righteousness I shall see you;
when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

Be present, O Merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world may rest in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him.
Amen.

Closing Hymn 784

Now the Light Has Gone Away

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Please Join Us For
Lenten Worship Series

WEDNESDAYS | 4:00pm or 6:30pm

Ash Wednesday

*Exactly What I Need -
Forgiveness*
Isaiah 59:12-20

Feb 25

*Look at the One Who
Was Pierced*
Zechariah 12:10-13

Mar 4

The Kingly Priest
Zechariah 6:9-13

Mar 11

*The Truth, the Whole Truth,
and Nothing but the Truth*
Zechariah 8:14-17

Mar 18

*What's He Worth
to You?*
Zechariah 11:7-13

Mar 25

Return to Me!
Zechariah 1:1-6



Lent Meal Schedule

February 25 Boy Pioneers – Soup, Ham, Rolls and Salad

March 4 School Staff and Faculty – Tacos with all the fixings and desserts

March 11 Choir/Rejoice/Handbells

March 18 Church Council

March 25 Girl Pioneers



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St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School seek to reach out to our families, community and world, using Law and Gospel to make disciples, growing and nurturing them in their Christian faith and life.

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SUNDAY 9:15 AM



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