Midweek Lent Worship



Week Five

March 18, 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*

"What's He Worth to You"

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.

Thank You to Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven for sharing God's Word with us tonight. He serves as WELS as the Administrator for the Board of Ministerial Education. He is a member of St. Matthews.

About the Altar Paraments: The clothes that adorn the altar change with the church year. The purple of Lent reminds us of royalty as our king goes to war to defeat our enemy, doing so through his suffering and death. The crown of thorns and 3 nails on the ambo's parament caused great suffering. Little did Pontius Pilate realize his words when he ordered the sign posted above the cross – "**J**esus of **N**azareth **K**ing of **J**ews" thus the initials I.N.R.I. Latin uses the "I" instead of the "J," "Rex" is king.

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 5

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Hymn 717 **What Is the World to Me**

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 119D — Teach Me, O LORD

Refrain



Tone



Oh, how I / love your law!
I meditate on it / all day long.
Your commands are always / with me
and make me wiser than my / enemies.
I have more insight than all my / teachers,
for I meditate on your / statutes. *Refrain*

I have kept my feet from every / evil path
so that I might o- / bey your word.
How sweet are your words / to my taste,
sweeter than honey / to my mouth!
I gain understanding from your / precepts;
therefore I hate every / wrong path.
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, your Word is my delight. When I was lost in the darkness of sin, you penetrated my heart with the light of your Word. Let it enlighten my path each day that I may serve you in holiness. Let your Word shine through all I say and do that others may see you and praise your saving name. In Jesus' name I pray.
Amen.

Passion History – Part Four *Judgement and Crucifixion*

Hymn of the Day 823 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Sermon Reading Zechariah 11:7-13

7 So I shepherded the flock marked for slaughter, particularly the oppressed of the flock.
Then I took two staffs and called one Favor and the other Union, and I shepherded the
flock. 8 In one month I got rid of the three shepherds.
The flock detested me, and I grew weary of them 9 and said, "I will not be your
shepherd. Let the dying die, and the perishing perish. Let those who are left eat one
another's flesh."
10 Then I took my staff called Favor and broke it, revoking the covenant I had made with
all the nations. 11 It was revoked on that day, and so the oppressed of the flock who were
watching me knew it was the word of the LORD.
12 I told them, "If you think it best, give me my pay; but if not, keep it." So they paid me
thirty pieces of silver.
13 And the LORD said to me, "Throw it to the potter"—the handsome price at which they
valued me! So I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter at the house of
the LORD.

Sermon Theme What's He Worth to You

Pastor Charles Vannieuwenhoven

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



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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 794:1,3 Now Rest beneath Night's Shadow



Lent Meal Schedule

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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