



St. Matthias

Episcopal Church

Second Sunday in Lent

10:00 AM

March 5, 2023



Whoever you are, wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith, we welcome you to St. Matthias' Church. This is God's house and so it is your house because you are God's child. We hope that you will be at home here and find peace here. You are invited to receive Holy Communion.

The Holy Eucharist

Opening Hymn: “Now let us all with one accord”

Hymnal #147

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

People ***His mercy endures forever.***

Celebrant Jesus said, “The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.” (*Mark 12:29-31*)

Kyrie “Lord, have mercy upon us”

Hymnal #S91

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -

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on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

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The Collect of the Day

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Word of God

The First Lesson

Genesis 12:1-4a

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 121

BCP #799



1 I lift up my eyes to the **hills**; *
from where is my help to **come**?

2 My help comes from the **Lord**, *
the maker of heaven and **earth**.

3 He will not let your foot be **moved** *
and he who watches over you will not fall **asleep**.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over **Israel** *
shall neither slumber nor **sleep**;

5 The Lord himself watches **over** you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right **hand**,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by **day**, *
nor the moon by **night**.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all **evil**; *
it is he who shall keep you **safe**.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming **in**, *
from this time forth for ever**more**.

The Second Lesson

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”) —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People ***Thanks be to God.***

Gospel Acclamation “Surely it is God who saves me”

Hymnal #679 vs.1



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
 2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Holy Gospel

John 3:1-17

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who

descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

The Sermon

Tammy Schuler

The Apostles' Creed

✠ *Officiant and People together, all standing*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymnal #S106

Reader: Let us pray to the Lord

The responses may be sung in harmony, a.

Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows a musical score for two voices (treble and bass clefs) in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and homophonic, consisting of four measures. The lyrics 'Lord, have mer - cy.' are written below the notes. The first measure has a treble clef and a bass clef, both with a sharp sign. The second measure has a treble clef and a bass clef. The third measure has a treble clef and a bass clef. The fourth measure has a treble clef and a bass clef. The notes are: G4, B4, D5, G4 (treble) and G3, B2, D3, G2 (bass).

The Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

All Most merciful God, we confess that 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. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

✠ *Offer one another a sign of peace.*

Announcements

Offertory Sentence

The Holy Communion

Offertory Hymn: “Spirit of God”

Hymnal #299

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Redeemer. He is your living Word through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfillment of your will, he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Hymnal #S114

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of

Hosts: Hea - ven and earth are full of thy glo - ry. Glo -

- ry be to thee, O Lord Most High. Bless - ed is he that com - eth

— in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.”

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worth to stand in your presence and serve you.

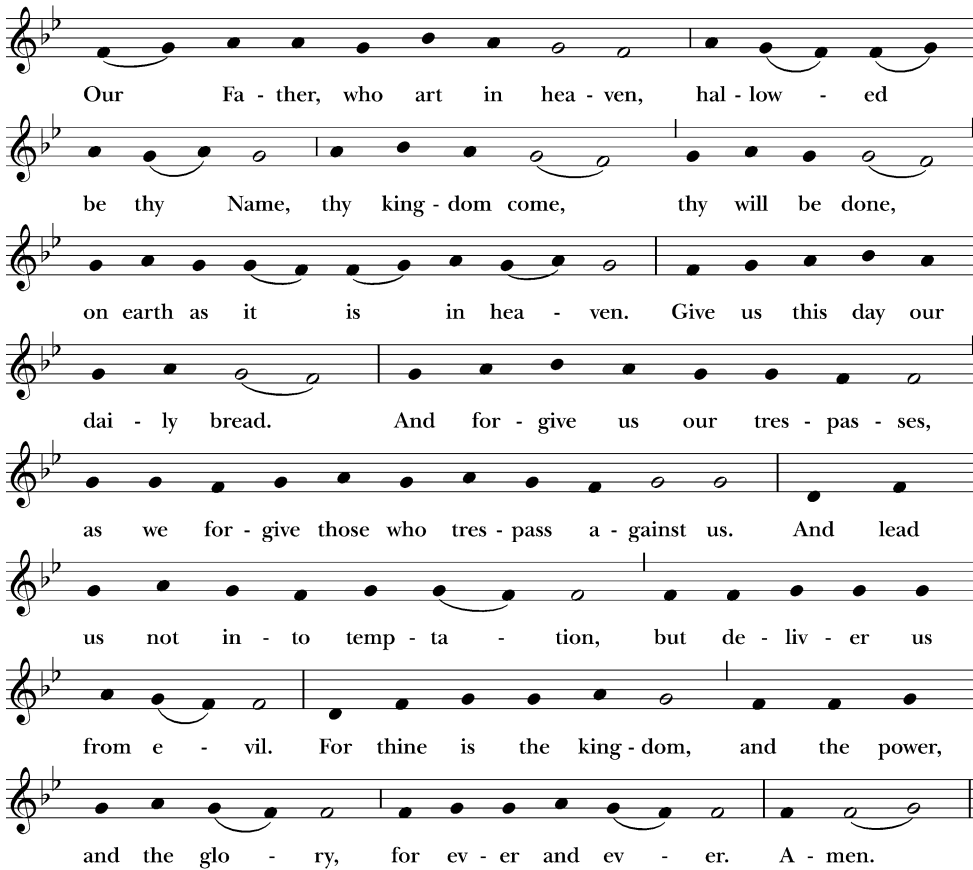
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honor are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal #S119



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
 be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
 dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
 as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
 us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
 from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
 and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread,

People **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

People **If we have died with him, we shall live in him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

Agnus Dei

Hymnal #S158

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -
 way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -
 on us. O Lamb of God, that
 ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have
 mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of
 God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the
 world, grant us thy peace.

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Invitation to Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Hymn: "Bless the Lord my Soul"

WLP #825

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Words: Psalm 103. Music: Jacques Berthier (1923-1994).

Communion Hymn: "Baptized in Water"

LEVAS #121

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Dead in the
 3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit, Marked with the

1. blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion,
 2. tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing,
 3. sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther,

1. trust - ing his prom-ise,— Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 2. freed and for - giv - en,— Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 3. we are his child-ren,— Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

Words: Michael Seward (b. 1932). Music: Eugene Hancock (b. 1929).

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Benediction

Closing Hymn: "How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord"

Hymnal #637

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

March 5, 2023 - Weekly Messenger

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

St. Augustine's, Rhineland; Masasa Mission District
Chivhu, Masvingo

Anniversaries This Week

Birthdays:

5-Karen Gries Roehrich

7-Turi Stolen

9-Betsy Matz

10-Tammy Schuler

11-Ivan Holt

Weddings:

Departed:

7-Daniel L. Hagge

7-Marica Lee Moore Dunaway

8-Marybeth McKinney

9-Jane R Binkley

9-Stephen Geis

10-Albert Tomko

Calendar & Upcoming Events

Sunday, March 5, 2023

10:00am – Holy Eucharist
6:00pm – NA (Parish Hall)

Thursday, March 9, 2023

9:00am – Men of Matthias
9:00am-Women of Matthias
10:00am – Caritas Outreach

Friday, March 10, 2023

9:30am – Gentle Yoga

Sunday, March 12, 2023

10:00am – Holy Eucharist
6:00pm – NA (Parish Hall)

Lay Ministry Schedule

March 5, 2023

Usher- Mike & Deb
Acolyte – Susan
Lector – Barb
Prayers – Laurie
Zoom – Ron

March 12, 2023

Usher- Dale & Mendy
Acolyte – Dale
Lector – Chris
Prayers – Dennis
Zoom – Bob

St. Matthias transition prayer:

Almighty God, one who sees who we are and where we are going; allow your Holy Spirit to guide us throughout our time of transition. Equip us with readiness, respect, humility, patience, trust, and joy when exploring where you are leading us and engaging with each other. You have placed our congregation within a unique and wonderful surrounding community. Guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may lovingly receive a faithful pastor you have called for this place and time. With gratitude for where we have been and doors you are opening, we pray; Amen

We acknowledge that we are standing on the ancestral lands of the Lake Superior Chippewa Indians, who have been stewards of this land for centuries and respect the interconnected relationships among everything on this land. We acknowledge the many legacies of violence, boarding schools, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together today. We pay respect to their elders, past, present, and future.

Vestry

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