

A warm welcome to you. Members & Visitors: Please complete a yellow "caring card" **each time you attend a service.** They can be found in the pew racks. Please place your card in the offering plate. If you have a **Prayer Request**, please put that information on the back of the card. Thank You!

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Using Scripture as our guide, we believe that when we eat this bread and drink this wine, we receive the true body and blood of our Savior. It assures us of His love for us, of the forgiveness of our sins, and of His empowering presence in our daily lives. Any who have not been instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or one of our elders. NOTE: If you would like to receive communion at any service from the pew, please tell the pastor or an elder before the service. Thank You!

THOSE MINISTERING AMONG US TODAY

Organist/Keyboardist Lorenda

Elders Arnie, Philip

Ushers (8) Lyle; (10:15) Paul

Acolytes (8) Kaisley; (10:15) Kyra

Readers (8) John; (10:15) Nancy

Tech Crew (8) Jen & Ron, Myron

(We welcome you to the balcony to help or train with us.)

(10:15) Jen & Ron, Zoie

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: *Bill, Lula, Bill, Logan, and those we name in our hearts.*

Altar flowers were given "To The Glory of God" by Gary & Velma Cortright.

The 2026 Altar Guild Flower Calendar is posted on our north entrance bulletin board. If you'd like to provide a bouquet for our Altar on a certain Sunday, please sign-up on this calendar. If you would like something printed in the bulletin for that Sunday, please let Bev know, in the church office, 2 weeks before the date. Thank You!

It is our 135th Anniversary in 2026! We are publishing stories or memories about St. Matthews, from our members, in upcoming newsletters. If you have one to share please submit it to Bev in the church office by the 15th of the month. Did you read the stories in our January and February newsletters?

**"Kids in the Word" class will NOT be held
THIS Wednesday, February 18th.**

There WILL be Confirmation and Youth Group.

On February 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 we will be short a volunteer for the "Kids in the Word" class. Therefore, we need 1 parent to function as a helper each of those nights from 5:30-6:25 p.m. You can come early and eat supper beginning at 5 p.m. **We will need this assistance to keep the ministry going.** Please contact Roxie with the date(s) that you can help either by calling the church office or emailing Roxie at stmatthumancare@gmail.com.

Please pick up your 2026 Offering envelopes. They are on a table in the Great Hall by the restrooms. If you see a family member, friend, or neighbors box still here, please consider delivering it to them. Thank You!

Attention all High School and Adult singers: Please join us for our Passion Week Choir. We will sing an anthem at our 9AM Palm Sunday Service on March 29 and at our 6:30PM Good Friday service on April 3. Rehearsals for this special choir will be on Wednesdays, 5:00-5:30/5:40, beginning February 25-March 25. You will have time to enjoy our Lenten meals following our rehearsals. Our Holy Week services this year will be less involved than they have been in the past, so there will be minimal rehearsal time commitments for you during Holy Week. **If you sing, your voice is needed!**

TAKE NOTE: **Bell Choir** will rehearse following our Ash Wednesday service and each of our midweek Lenten services.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Monday	11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m. March Newsletter Deadline
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Bible Study in Conference Room 12:30 p.m. Health Cabinet Meeting 3:00 p.m. Sarah Circle in Fireside Room
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Women in the Word 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Lent Supper is served. 5:30 p.m. Confirmation (NO Kids in the Word) 5:30 p.m. Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Worship
Thursday	<i>Roxie's Day Off</i> Circuit Pastors' Meeting Here
Friday	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Classic Worship 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Sunday School & Adult Bible Study 9:15 a.m. Parent Sunday School in Fireside Rm 10:15 a.m. Modern Worship, Communion 11:45 a.m. Family Skate at Wgtn. Arena

Please see our north entrance bulletin board for more information about these upcoming events:

- Trinity Lutheran Church, Brewster, MN Soup & Pie Meal on February 15 from 4-7PM. Options are: Chicken Noodle, Corn Chowder, and Chili with all the fixings!
- Love INC Fundraiser Comedy Show on February 20.
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jackson, MN is hosting a Chili & Soup Fundraiser at the American Legion in Jackson on February 22.
- Immanuel Lutheran School in Lakefield is having a Fine Arts Festival and Science Fair and a Youth Chess Tournament in March.



“THIS IS
MY
BELOVED
SON ...
LISTEN
TO HIM.”

MATTHEW 17:5, ESV

Transfiguration of Our Lord Sunday February 15, 2026

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Worthington, MN (507) 376-6168**

Administrative Pastor, Rev. David G. Hahn – ext. 3

Administrative Assistant, Bev Spittle – ext. 2

Director of Human Care & Children's Ministries, Roxann Leckband – ext. 5

Director of Music, Lorenda Glade – ext. 6

Youth, David & Alexie Cross – ext. 4

Email – stmatrchurchoffice@gmail.com

Website – www.stmatthewworthington.com

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8:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – Divine Service Setting 4

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Welcome/Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship Song *"Sanctuary"*

Invocation

Hymn *"Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain" LSB 435*

Confession & Absolution (pg. 203)

Kyrie (pg. 204)

Gloria in Excelsis (pg. 205)

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Scripture Lessons Exodus 24:8-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Alleluia & Verse

Matthew 17:1-9

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Hymn *"O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair" LSB 413 (stand on vs. 5)*

Sermon *"Strength for the Journey" 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9*

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Sacrament of Holy Communion (pgs. 208-212)

Preface

Sanctus

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Distribution *"Jesus Comes Today with Healing" LSB 620*

"Beautiful Savior" LSB 537

Nunc Dimittis

Post-Communion Collect

Benedicamus & Benediction

Closing Hymn *"Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here" LSB 414*

10:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preservice Countdown Video

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Welcome/Ringing of the Bell

Call To Worship Song *"Sanctuary"*

Invocation

Worship Songs *"How Great is Our God"*
"King of Kings"

Confession of Sins

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

Confession of Faith Song *"We Believe"*

Apostles' Creed

God' Word

Exodus 24:8-18

2 Peter 1:16-21

Matthew 17:1-9

Children's Message

Message *"Strength for the Journey"* 2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Prayers of the Church

Offering *"Shine, Jesus, Shine"* Dea Klumper, Flutist

Singing of the Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Closing Prayer

Benediction Song *"The Blessing"*

Closing Song *"This Is Amazing Grace"*

Thank you for joining us in worship today!
Wishing you blessings on your week!

DYING HIS DEATH LIVING HIS LIFE

SERVICES FOR LENT

February 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25
at 6:30 PM

In Lent and in this series, we are reminded that we are buried with Christ in his death so that we might live with him in his resurrection. The old is gone. The new has come. Each day affords us a chance to die to self and live for him. In word and song in these worship services for the holy season, contemplate those things that were put to death on the cross so that we might receive the blessings of new life in Christ.

Ash Wednesday • Dying to Sin, Living in Forgiveness

We lay our sins on Jesus and receive his forgiveness in return.

Week 1 • Dying to Pride, Living for Others

We turn away from self to turn to others in love.

Week 2 • Dying to Greed, Living for the Treasures of Heaven

We release our grip on earthly things that we might grasp those things above.

Week 3 • Dying to Doubt, Living by Faith

We rid ourselves of uncertainty in exchange for total trust in Christ.

Week 4 • Dying to Turmoil, Living in Peace

We trade our troubles for the comfort of Christ.

Week 5 • Dying to Judgment, Living in Grace

We are released from punishment to dwell in Christ's mercy.

LENT SERVICES & SUPPERS

Join us for "Dying His Death, Living His Life," a special worship series for Lent, starting on Ash Wednesday, as we remember that Christ enables us to daily die to our sins to live a new life in him. More information is included in this bulletin on the Lent series we are using this year. **Free Devotion books, that go along with this theme, are available in the Great Hall on the table the worship bulletins are located on.**

**Ash Wednesday Worship Service
is THIS Wednesday, Feb. 18th
at 6:30 p.m.**

Come early and enjoy a delicious meal served from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

This week our Church Council will be hosting a meal of pork sandwiches, beans, coleslaw, desserts, and beverages.

A free-will offering will be received for the meal.

We are looking for individuals/groups to prepare and serve our Lent Supper on March 25th. Please contact Lynn Dierks, 507-507-360-6067, if you can host that date, or have any questions! Thank you for serving in this ministry!

FAMILY SKATE: **Join us TODAY** for a Family Skate Event at the Worthington Hockey Arena from 11:45AM-2:00PM. Pizza, snacks, and drink will be served at 11:45. Skating is from 12:00-2:00. Ice skates are available at the arena if you do not have any.