

Welcome to St Matthew!

If you have any prayer requests and wish them to be included in today's prayers, **please write them on a pink prayer request slip** found in the pew racks and hand them to the usher as he collects the offering plates. We request that all attendees to fill out the **blue attendance slip for each worship service** so we may track attendance and can update records as necessary.

Celebrating Children in Worship

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

- ✦ Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ✦ Sit toward the front where it's easier to see and hear.
- ✦ Quietly explain the parts of the worship service.
- ✦ Sing the songs, pray, and speak the responses. Children learn worship by copying you.
- ✦ If you need to leave the worship service with your child, please feel free to do so... but please come back! For your convenience there is a "Wiggle Room" that looks into the sanctuary and is piped with audio for you to use. The entrance is in the entry way of the church.

To all who worship with us today...

- ✦ Remember, the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to church and to God. Let them know they are at home in this worship gathering.
- ✦ A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.
- ✦ If you see a family could use some assistance, graciously offer your help.



*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.* Mark 10:14

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EASTER SUNDAY

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD



EASTER DAY - *Fruit Beyond the Grave*

As We Gather

Jesus' resurrection from the dead is the single greatest event in all history. It is the turning point of history and the birthplace of all hope, peace, and true joy. What a day to celebrate! Christ lives! And because He lives, we too shall live a forgiven, abundant, and eternal life. As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15, "For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man." When Adam and Eve sinned, death arrived on the scene. When Jesus Christ rose from the dead, death was "swallowed up" in His resurrection victory. We celebrate a variety of victories in our lives, but Christ's victory is certainly the greatest! Heaven is ours, through Christ. Hope is ours, through Christ! Let the victory celebration begin and never end!

Prelude – Brass Quintet

CALL TO WORSHIP

✠ PROCESSION OF CROSS ✠

Please stand and face the processional cross at the entrance to the narthex.

P People of God --- Friday was not the end of God's story! Our God is a God of the living! Jesus Christ has risen to save you! He has risen to give you life! People of God --- look! The tomb is empty! He has risen!

C **The tomb is empty! Alleluia!**

R Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

EASTER PROCESSIONAL

Please follow the cross as it progresses to the center of the church and sing.

457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

- 3 But the pains which He endured, Alleluia!
Our salvation have procured; Alleluia!
Now above the sky He's king, Alleluia!
Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

△4 Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!
Praise eternal as His love; Alleluia!
Praise Him, all ye heav'nly host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Alleulia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P Do you believe in the one Lord, your God---Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

C Yes. **May the name of the living Lord be praised!**

P But you are only able to say, "Jesus is Lord" by the power of the Holy Spirit.

C **The Spirit of God has created within us a living faith in our Savior, Jesus Christ, who on this day rose from the dead. He is alive and lives with us, within us, and for us!**

P How were you brought to this faith?

C **Through Baptism and God's Word. We have been raised to new life in Christ. Because He lives, we too, shall live.**

P The abundant, forgiven, and eternal life is a gift from God---rejoice in it always. Revel in His gifts of love and life, and gracefully follow in His ways.

O Death Where Is Thy Sting – song by Rod and Kari Larson

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS AND RECEIVING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

- P** The transformation of our lives and God's world begins with the acknowledgment that Jesus is Lord over sin, death, and the devil. Then we come to Him, confessing our sins, seeking His gracious forgiveness. With sincere hearts and minds, let us confess our sins. Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Victor over death and the grave. You have risen from the tomb. We also want to rise victoriously over the death and defeat we face every day.
- C** **We confess, Lord, that we so easily live only for ourselves. We have neglected to live whole-heartedly for You and others.**
- P** We are trapped in the tombs of self-centeredness. We need the power of Your forgiveness. Roll away the stone of sin and crush the hardness of our heart.
- C** **Forgive us! Let us die to sin and be raised to new life in You, through Your resurrection. Make us alive in You! Amen.**
- P** Jesus has carried our sins to His own death. His sacrifice is complete and full. He has won the victory! He is Your living, personal, and sure Redeemer. Hardened hearts are crushed! Stone walls of sin have been rolled away! Alleluia! In Jesus' name, and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen! We have been forgiven! We have been restored to new life in Christ! Alleluia!**
- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*As the cross is carried to the center of the church,
all are to follow the cross with their eyes and sing.*

464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

- 1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun.
Alleluia!

✠ WORD ✠

Holy Gospel Reading

Mark 16:1-8

*(Will be read from the center of the Church indicating that
Christ is at the center of all that we confess and celebrate.*

Please follow the cross which precedes the reading and after the reading is finished.)

- P** When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other,

Women: "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

- P** But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

Men: "Don't be alarmed. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid Him. But go, tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him, just as He told you.'"

P Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. This is the Easter Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Men: Let us not be afraid. Let us live as Easter people.

Women: Let us tell everyone that Jesus is alive!

As the cross returns to the front, please follow the cross with your eyes and sing.

464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed.
Let shouts of holy joy outburst.

Alleluia!

3 The three sad days have quickly sped,
He rises glorious from the dead.
All glory to our risen Head!

Alleluia!

4 He broke the age-bound chains of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell.
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell.

Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Children's Message

St Matthew Preschoolers: "No, No, He Is Not Dead"

An Easter Hallelujah (Duet by Taylor Smith & Laurel Williams)

SOLO 1 Let a crown of thorns placed on His Head
He knew that He would soon be dead
He said "Did you forget me, Father did You?"
They nailed Him to a wooden cross
Soon all the world would feel the loss
Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah

C



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - - - - jah.

SOLO 2 He hung His head and prepared to die
Then lifted His Face up to the sky
Said "I am coming home now Father, to You"
A reed which held His Final sip
Was gently lifted to His lips
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory

C



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,
hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - - - - jah.

SOLO 3 The soldier who had used his spear
To pierce the body of our Lord
Said "Truly this was Jesus Christ, our Savior"
He looked with fear upon the spear
Then turned to face His Christ and Lord
Fell to his knees crying "Hallelujah"

C

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - - - - jah.

SOLO 4 Took from His head the thorny crown
 And wrapped Him in a linen gown
 Then lain Him down to rest inside the tomb
 The holes in His hands, His feet and side
 Now in our hearts we know He died
 To save us from ourselves, oh Hallelujah

C

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - - - - jah.

SOLO 5 Three days went by, again they came
 To move the stone, to bless the slain
 With oil and spice anointing Hallelujah
 But as they went to move the stone
 They saw that they were not alone
 For Jesus Christ has risen, Hallelujah

C

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - - - - jah.

✠ WORD ✠

Sermon Text

Luke 24:13-35

¹³That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁴and they were talking with each other about all these things that had happened. ¹⁵While they were talking and discussing together, Jesus himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷And he said to them, “What is this conversation that you are holding with each other as you walk?” And they stood still, looking sad. ¹⁸Then one of them, named Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹And he said to them, “What things?” And they said to him, “Concerning Jesus of Nazareth, a man who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, ²⁰and how our chief priests and rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. ²¹But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things happened. ²²Moreover, some women of our company amazed us. They were at the tomb early in the morning, ²³and when they did not find his body, they came back saying that they had even seen a vision of angels, who said that he was alive. ²⁴Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see.” ²⁵And he said to them, “O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

²⁸So they drew near to the village to which they were going. He acted as if he were going farther, ²⁹but they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, for it is toward evening and the day is now far spent.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at table with them, he took the bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And he vanished from their sight. ³²They said to each other, “Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us on the road, while he opened to us the Scriptures?” ³³And they rose that same hour and returned to Jerusalem. And they found the eleven and those who

were with them gathered together, ³⁴saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and has appeared to Simon!” ³⁵Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Sermon

Video: “At the Center”

Offering

Choir: “He is the Risen Lord”

Easter Prayer

- P** Jesus, with sorrowful, repentant hearts we watched the soldiers nail You to the cross on Good Friday.
- C** **We heard Your words of love and forgiveness that You spoke from the cross.**
- P** We watched as they carried Your limp body into the tomb.
- C** **Friday we cried. Today we rejoice! You have turned our tears of sorrow into tears of joy!**
- P** What a miracle to watch You turn a tree of death into a tree of life.
- C** **Your tomb is empty, but Your promises are not! You rose in the midst of our mourning and gave us fullness of life. You have changed our lives!**
- P** We give You our eternal praise as the Son rose in the morning to disperse our gloom, fear, and anxieties. You have replaced them with peace, as only You can give.
- C** **For victories large and small, we give You thanks!**
- P** We also bring before Your throne of grace this morning We commend our lives, joys, and sorrows into Your care, the One who cares for us.

- C** Bless us and grant us Your peace as we live as Your Easter people, proclaiming Christ crucified and Christ, our living Savior. Amen and alleluia!

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P The Lord continues to come to us boldly and lovingly through His true body and blood---in, with, and under the bread and wine in this meal. He is the host. He is the gift. It is His meal---the Lord's Supper. He "gifts" us with forgiveness, while strengthening our faith and joining us together as one body, confessing a common faith.

C Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

P Let us speak to the Lord, through the prayer He taught us to pray.

✠ Lord's Prayer ✠

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom

**and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

✠ Distribution Hymns ✠

Hymn sung to the Tune of 461 I Know My Redeemer Lives

In this, His holy meal, Christ lives.
Forgiveness, strength, new life He gives.
Once crucified with Him we're free,
Raised to new heights of victory!

525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,

Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.

5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

Text (sts. 1-3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903 Text: Public domain

Low In the Grave He Lay

- 1 Low in the grave He lay—Jesus my Savior!
Waiting the coming day—Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

- 2 Vainly they watch His bed—Jesus my Savior!
Vainly they seal the dead—Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

- 3 Death cannot keep his prey—Jesus my Savior!
He tore the bars away—Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose a victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Text: Robert Lowry (1874) Text: Public domain

I Serve A Risen Savior

- 1 I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!

He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

- 2 In all the world around me I see His loving care;
And tho' my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading, thro' all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

- 3 Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.

Text: A.H. Ackley (1933) : Public domain

Because He Lives (God Sent His Son)

- 1 God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

2 How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

3 And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

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Thanksgiving

Hymn sung to the Tune of 461 I Know My Redeemer Lives

Raised to new heights of victory,
Through Jesus' blood He shed for me,
Eternal thanks and praise I'll give,
Because Christ lives, I, too, shall live!

Benediction

P In the Name of the Risen Christ, Go in peace.
May He wipe the furrows from your brow;
Smooth the lines from your face;
Lift the load from your heart,
And remove any fear from your soul.

C Amen.

Easter Response

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Postlude



HE IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!

WELCOME VISTORS! What a joyous day! The members of St Matthew Lutheran Church worship the Risen Lord with you this morning and pray that you will be uplifted as you once again hear the wonderful news of His resurrection. And while we celebrate, we not only know that He is risen but that He wants us to rise and come to Him, to be where He is, to do what He needs us to do, to be where He needs us to be. If He wants you to be part of His ministry at St Matthew Lutheran Church, please join us in celebrating Easter **every Sunday of the year at 10 am.**



Adopted Easter Lily

In Memory of William F Ludke from Tim and Linda Stone

In Memory of Olga Eldridge from Tim and Linda Stone

In Memory of Steve & Cindy's Schlaffman's Parents

In Honor of Steve & Cindy's Schlaffman's Children

In Honor of St Matthew's Congregation from Pastor & Robin Sonnenberg

In Honor of Ken & Belinda Young from the Clemens Family

All Praise to our Lord from Barb Thompson

*Thanksgiving for our wonderful family - past & present
from Bill & Kay Hermann*

In Memory of Beulah Meade from Richard & Jean Marshall.

In Memory of Margie Marshall from Richard & Jean Marshall.

In Honor of our Children from Patricia & the late Fritz Clemens.

In Memory of Loren & Lois Adolphson

from Scott Adolphson & Lorinda Kennedy.

In Memory of Hattie Smith, from Scott Adolphson & Lorinda Kennedy.

In Memory of Barbar Jean Smith

from Scott Adolphson & Lorinda Kennedy.

In Memory of Lael-Locksley Uhrhardt

from Scott Adolphson & Lorinda Kennedy.

In Memory of Leon Hosch from Scott Adolphson & Lorinda Kennedy.

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:	Rev. Roger Sonnenberg
Organist:	Ken Young
Choir Director:	Rod Larson
Sound Technician:	Bob Hicks
Video/PowerPoint Technician:	Bob Edmunds/Kathy Smith
Usher:	Steve Schlaffman
Elder Servers:	Bill Hermann & Pete Pettit
Lay Reader:	Andrew Clemens
Altar Flowers from:	In Memory of Lynda Williamson's Grandparents

Guest Musicians from Sequim City Band:

Bass Trombone:	Tom Hartig
Trumpets:	Jim Bradbury & Cheryl Smoker
French Horn:	Megan Sander
Trombone:	Cindy Mackay

Our Elders:

Tim Stone, Bill Hermann, Dave Hoglund, Rod Larson, Craig Smith, Bob Hicks, Jason Reid, Gary Neske, Dan Smith, Pete Pettit, Mike Ashton, Andrew Clemens

Altar Guild:

Lillian Holttum, Kay Peters, Lynn Vernon, Belinda Young, Marcy Hoglund, Karla Newgard, Jan Smith, Idah Smith, Sylvia Drake, Kathy Peterson,

Our Mission is to be the living evidence of the mercies of Christ
John 13:34-35



Participation in Holy Communion

With respect to the gravity of the benefits received with the bread and wine, and to your spiritual health (1 Cor 11:27-29) we invite to the Lord's Table those who make this confession:

- ❖ *I acknowledge that I am a sinner, and desire Christ's forgiveness.*
- ❖ *I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.*
- ❖ *I believe that the Risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament - in, with, and under the bread and wine that I receive for the forgiveness of my sins. (Matthew 26:26-28)*
- ❖ *I do intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins.*
- ❖ *I resolve to dedicate myself to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular worship, sacrificial giving and thankful living.*

Visitors who wish to commune at St Matthew are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so. Non-alcoholic wine is the light-colored wine offered in the center portion of the individual cup trays.

If you do not wish to participate in Communion, we invite you to spend the time in silent meditation or prayer. You may be interested in meditating on Psalm 6, 23, 32, 46, 51, or 90 which can be found in the either the Bibles or the Hymnals in the pew racks in front of you.

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