Today... We have with us, Rev. Arie Bertsch, LCMS North Dakota District President Emeritus. We thank him for coming from Minot to lead us in worship this morning. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall for Bible Class following worship.

Stewardship Thought: Philippians 3:19 – "Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things." St. Paul does not want us to set our minds on earthly things, for they are passing away. This is similar to what Jesus says about storing up treasures on earth rather than storing them in heaven. Our heart tends to go where we put our treasure. This is why God commands us to live generously: not to spoil our fun, but to help train us in keeping our priorities straight and our minds off earthly things.

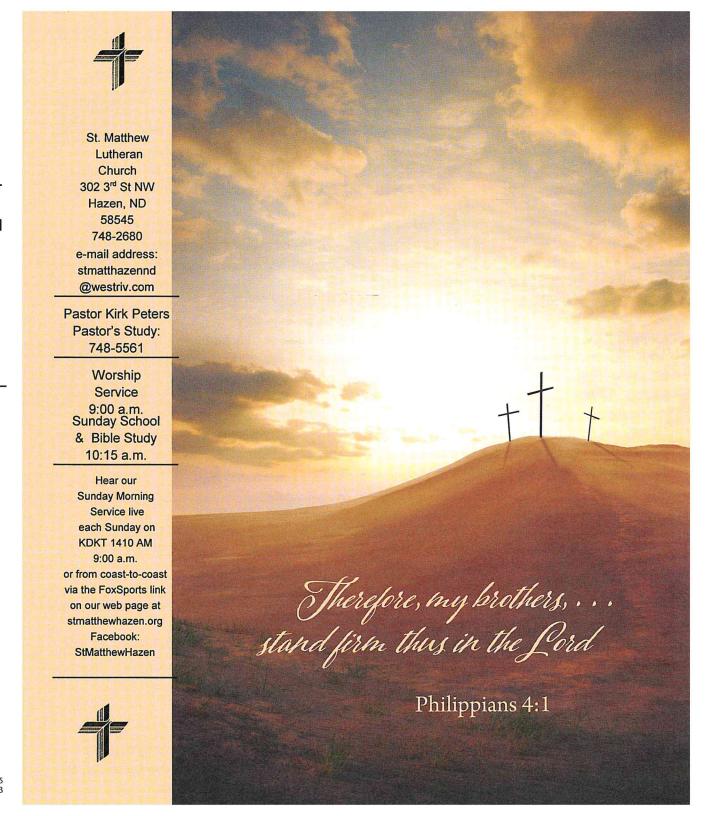


Please tear out the used page in the "Record of Fellowship" and hand it to the usher as you leave. If there are no more pages left, hand the entire book to the Usher. Thank you, for this, and the continued help of taking all items home with you or disposing of them. It helps to keep our pews tidy.

## **Intercessory Prayers**

- † Those struggling with cancer: Sheila Faut / Becky Post/ Marcia & Elwood Grushow / Beth Wangler / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson / Laverne Faut / Christie Tomes / Hanna Link / Eleanore Krumm
- † Sophia Fischer / Carla Morast / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Stan Hanewald / Dawn Phillips / Allegra Boeckel / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Emma Huber / Elmer Schiermeister / Chloe Graberek / Bob Johnstone / Orville Miller / Eva Olin / Christina / Rev. Jason Wolter / Kinsey Tomes / Tanya Schlamann / Esther Gerving-Grosz / Carla Morast / Lisa Peters for strength and healing.
- † Dallas / Loretta / Christine / Rodney / Delmer who reside in a care center.
- † Pastors of our LCMS ND District
- † Large Print Work Center #193 / Dakota Hope Clinic / Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads
- † International Missions of the District
- † Our Military Personnel, Law Enforcement, and Rescue Workers

Prayer chain contacts: Bonita Maas 748-6145 & Marie Mathisen 748-6347



## The Second Sunday in Lent

March 16, 2025

Are you a member or a guest? Pastoral Care - All Visitor's and members, please notice the red book on one end of your pew titled "Record of Fellowship". In order to help the pastor provide good care for you please fill out one line and pass it to the next person in the pew. If someone comes after the book has passed to the other end of the pew, please assist by making sure the



book is available to them. Please check all of the boxes in the middle of the line which are applicable to you. If you require a large print copy of the worship service, to better help you, please ask an usher.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold membership in a congregation other than a congregation in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod should refrain from receiving communion. If you are a member in good standing of another congregation of the Lutheran



Church Missouri Synod and would like to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor or an elder prior to the service. We ask this out of Christian love and concern for you. (Please, indicate to Pastor if you require a Gluten Free Wafer.)

## About our Lord's work at St. Matthew this week

TODAY ...... Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM; Sunday School and Bible

Class following Worship 10:15 -11:30 AM

MONDAY.... NO Bible Class

TUESDAY . . . . NO Bible Class

WEDNESDAY . . . Confirmation Class 3 PM; Lenten Supper 5:30 PM; Vespers 7:00 PM

SUNDAY . . . . . Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM;

Sunday School and Bible Class following Worship 10:15 -11:30 AM

## The Church Business Office will be open on Monday.

. ATTENTION: Lenten suppers are here! Would you or your group be willing and able to serve supper during lent? Here are the available dates-March 26, & April 9... Please leave a message in the office if you would like to sign up.

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$7,823.00 (3-9)

Mission 1-1-1: \$ 33

Together in Worship: 46 (3-9) Ash Wednesday: 40 (3-12)

Please consider this information in the light of God's Word, which encourages regular worship and the joyful giving of our offerings for the expansion of His Mission at St. Matthew by Reaching, Caring and Sharing Christ!



Gifts to the Lord: If you would like to help with the Lord's work at St. Matthew, please drop your gifts in the box located in the narthex, before or after worship. Guest envelopes are available in the holder on of the front of the box or in the pew.

**About the Cover**: When it feels as though everything around us is crumbling, Jesus offers us the foundation we can stand firm on: Him! He has accomplished what we could not. His cross stands as a testament to His determination and love for us. By dying on the cross and rising again, Christ won for us the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Therefore, in all trials and temptations, we can stand firm in Christ alone.

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on LUTHERAN KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear "Even Me, Even You" presented by HOUR MINISTRIES Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge - Jesus the Good Shepherd invites all to be His sheep and find pasture. His words of promise will amaze some but anger others. (John 10:1-21)

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chapters 26-30. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we are beginning a deep dive into the book of Hebrews! Join us as we study chapters 3-6. Tune in for a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service this Wednesday (3/19 at 11 a.m. CT), live from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis!

Sharathon 2025 is almost here! Save the date for April 3rd, 4th, and 5th! Start, sustain, or strengthen your partnership with us during this year's giving drive. To learn more, visit: kfuo.org/sharathon.