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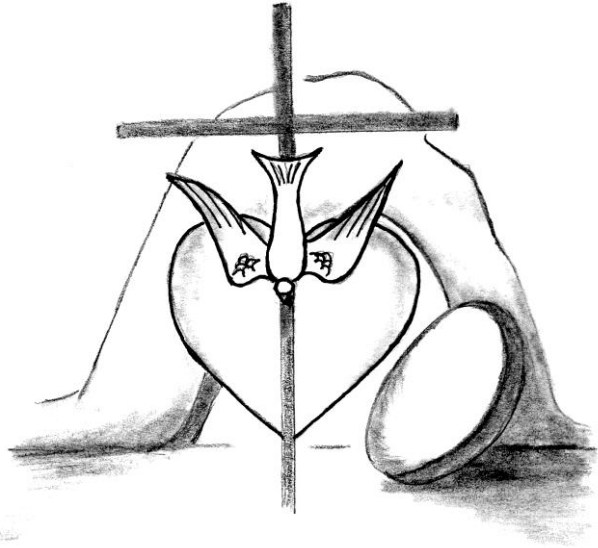
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<b>English Service</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
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Sunday School	11:20 AM

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## February 25, 2018. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent



**“Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

**Welcome to St. Matthew Lutheran Church!** If you are visiting us for the first time, please fill out a "Visitors Welcome Card" located in the pew racks and place it in the plate during the offering. Please honour us by signing our guest book located at the main entrance to the church. If you would like to join St. Matthew, please speak with our pastor.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *By celebrating Holy Communion, I give witness that I believe that Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Lord. I have examined my life in the light of God's Word, and have confessed my sinfulness to God. I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. I believe that in this sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of my sins. I believe that God the Holy Spirit strengthens my faith and renews my life and I resolve, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful ways. Before communing here for the first time, please introduce yourself to the pastor or to an usher first. Please announce your participation today by filling out a registration card and handing it to an usher as you come forward. If you have difficulty coming up the steps for communion, remain seated in the front pew and the pastor will come to you. If you are a visitor and don't meet our requirement, you are still invited to come forward and receive a blessing. As you stand at the altar, please cross your arms over your chest to signal that you are not taking the communion but still desire to be blessed. You are welcome to the altar either way!*

*The order of service is found on page 203 in the hymnal.*

**HYMNS:**

- # 437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
- # 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
- # 439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken
- # 837 Lift High The Cross

*Today's Psalm is Psalm 22:23-31, found in the front of the hymnal.*

**REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**2017 TAX RECEIPTS:** Tax receipts for 2017 are in the church mailboxes. If you don't have a mailbox, tax receipts are mailed out. If you have any questions or found a problem with your receipt, please contact Andrea, our secretary @ 403-266-1458. Thank you.

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service. Today's coffee hour is sponsored by the LLL Calgary Chapter. All are welcome!

**CONCORDIA CONCERT CHOIR IS COMING AGAIN!** This is what we got from them: *"The Concordia Concert Choir is heading toward BC again this spring and looking to put the final pieces in place for the itinerary--including the first night, Monday, **April 30**, in the Calgary area. Would St. Matthew be interested in hosting the group for a concert again? We currently have 38 choristers, 24 women and 14 men, who would need billeting and dinner".* Our board of Elders has gladly approved this as long as we have enough families or members to host them for that night. We are looking for members who can help with a supper for the choir on April 30<sup>th</sup> and/or can provide billeting for the choir members on the Monday night (2 choir members per home). Please use the sign-up sheet in the back of the church to offer

you help with hosting the students. We are sure everybody will love to hear them again, as we did back in 2013 when we hosted them for our centennial celebration. Thank you so much for your support!

**ENGLISH BIBLE STUDY:** We continue our English bible study on **Wednesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1 & 6:30 pm** in the church basement. All are welcome!

**ELDERS MEETING:** The next elders' meeting is on **Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 at 7 pm** in the church basement.

**FOOD CUPBOARD:** We have received several requests from within and outside of our congregation to help with food items. We are asking our members to bring a non-perishable item for those in need. You will find a box with "**ST. MATTHEW FOOD CUPBOARD**" sign on it in the parish hall. These items will be collected and distributed for those who ask for help. Every help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

**KITCHEN RENO FUNDRAISER CONTINUES:** As we continue to raise funds for our kitchen renovation, we are delighted to offer a new fundraising item. We are offering aprons for the cooking enthusiast in your family. We have the aprons available in burgundy or navy colors at \$15/each. It's a great gift for the cooks in the family!!! Please see us after service on Sundays in the parish hall if you would like to purchase an apron, you can also call the office at 403-266-1458. Thank you for your generosity.

**LENTEN SEASON SERVICES & ACTIVITIES:** Our Lenten activities and services this year will be held on the following days: Potluck supper and Vespers service: **Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 6 pm**; Maundy Thursday Service: **Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7 pm**; Good Friday Service: **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:30 am German service; 11 am English Service**; Tenebrae Service is led by the Youth Group on **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 8 pm**. Sunday services are held at regular times.

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** All are welcome to participate in an extensive study on the book of Exodus, **Sunday mornings from 10:00 - 10:45** in the basement.

There are no studies held on Sundays when we have joint services.

**THANK YOU:** to all the helpers for their help during services;

**VESPERS LENTEN SERVICE:** On **March 14**, young adults from the LCC congregations in Calgary will host a **potluck at 6pm** at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (66 7 St NE), followed by **Vespers at 7pm**. Please bring a dish to share and then stay for this unique service! All are welcome!

**YOUTH GROUP EVENTS:** Events for our Youth Group are scheduled on the following dates: March 2, 16 & 30 (Tenebrae Service - 8 pm); April 13 & 27; May 11 & 25; June 8 & 22. For more information, please contact Elizabeth.

### **OUR CONGREGATION**

Since 1913 St. Matthew has been sharing God's word throughout the Calgary area. We are a bi-lingual congregation serving people in the English and German languages. St. Matthew has been at its present location since 1945.

### **FAMILY ROOM**

This room is located in our parish hall and is available to families with children who need special attention during the worship service (crying, changing, feeding etc.). Please feel free to use it.

### **PARKING**

Our parking lot on the east side has handicap access. Please note that the following stalls are available during the week, Monday-Friday: # **1-8, 16.**

### **DAILY READING PLAN FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>**

Mon: Psalm 50	Fri: Psalm 54
Tues: Psalm 51	Sat: Psalm 55
Wed: Psalm 52	Sun: Psalm 56
Thus: Psalm 53	

Hymn of the Day:

*Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

### **IF THE BRIDEGROOM TARRIES -THE FOLLOWING WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW**

Wednesday: English Bible Study	1 & 6:30 PM
Thursday: Elders' Meeting	7 PM
Sunday: <i>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent</i> German Service	9:30 AM

English Service	11 AM
Confirmation Class	9.30 AM
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## LUTHERAN HOUR

**March 4, 2018: “When God’s Darkness Surrounds You”** (Exodus 20:1-17);  
Speaker of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer. When times are darkest, God wants you to know how close He really is. It’s in those threatening times that you can especially learn and live in His love. Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM, Sunday morning at 8:00 am. Available in RealAudio at [www.lll.ca/TLHstnlist.html](http://www.lll.ca/TLHstnlist.html). Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

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## THE STAFF OF ST. MATTHEW

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Cantor: Dana Salter  
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*Office hours are  
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Monday-Thursday  
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