



# MARCH 2026

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH – Calgary AB**

*113 years proclaiming Christ in Bridgeland!*

By Rev. Markus Zeuch

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

**M**arch invites us into a season of deepening light. As the days slowly lengthen and we approach the spring equinox on March 20, creation itself seems to preach a quiet sermon: new life is coming. What has been dormant will rise again. What seemed lifeless will be renewed. And in this natural rhythm we hear an echo of the promise at the heart of our Lenten journey—Christ is making all things new.

During these weeks of Lent, we walk with Jesus toward the cross, not in despair but in hope. Each Wednesday evening, our Lenten services give us space to slow down, breathe, and return to the foundations of our faith. This year we are walking through the six chief parts of the Small Catechism, rediscovering the simple, sturdy truths that shape our life with God. I warmly encourage you to join us. These gatherings are meant to strengthen us, steady us, and prepare our hearts for the joy of Easter Sunday on April 5.

One of the great joys of this month will be the confirmation of our six Eritrean confirmands on March 29, Palm Sunday. Their journey of faith, perseverance, and learning has been a blessing to witness. As they stand before the congregation to confess the faith into which they were baptized, we are reminded again that the Holy Spirit is still at work—calling, gathering, enlightening, and sanctifying God’s people from every nation.

As we move toward Holy Week, may the growing light of spring remind you of the greater light of Christ, who breaks the power of darkness and brings forth new life. Let us walk together in faith, hope, and love.

In Christ’s peace,

P. Zeuch



Welcome Spring!



Liebe Brüder und Schwestern in Christus,

Der März lädt uns ein in eine Zeit des wachsenden Lichts. Während die Tage langsam länger werden und wir uns den Frühling am 20. März nähern, scheint die Schöpfung selbst eine leise Predigt zu halten: Neues Leben kommt. Was geruht hat, wird wieder aufstehen. Was leblos schien, wird erneuert werden. Und in diesem natürlichen Rhythmus hören wir ein Echo der Verheißung, die im Herzen unseres Weges durch die Fastenzeit steht – Christus macht alles neu.

In diesen Wochen der Fastenzeit gehen wir mit Jesus dem Kreuz entgegen, nicht in Verzweiflung, sondern in Hoffnung. An jedem Mittwochabend schenken uns unsere Passionsandachten Raum, um zur Ruhe zu kommen, durchzuatmen und zu den Grundlagen unseres Glaubens zurückzukehren. In diesem Jahr gehen wir gemeinsam durch die sechs Hauptstücke des Kleinen Katechismus und entdecken die einfachen, tragfähigen Wahrheiten neu, die unser Leben mit Gott prägen. Ich lade Sie herzlich ein, dabei zu sein. Diese Zusammenkünfte wollen uns stärken, festigen und unsere Herzen auf die Freude des Ostersonntags am 5. April vorbereiten.



Eine der großen Freuden dieses Monats wird die Konfirmation unserer sechs eritreischen Konfirmandinnen und Konfirmanden am 29. März, dem Palmsonntag, sein. Ihr Weg des Glaubens, der Ausdauer und des Lernens war ein Segen, den wir miterleben durften. Wenn sie vor der Gemeinde stehen, um den Glauben zu bekennen, in den sie hineingetauft wurden, werden wir erneut daran erinnert, dass der Heilige Geist weiterhin wirkt – er ruft, sammelt, erleuchtet und heiligt Gottes Volk aus allen Nationen.

Wenn wir auf die Karwoche zugehen, möge Sie das wachsende Licht des Frühlings an das größere Licht Christi erinnern, der die Macht der Finsternis bricht und neues Leben hervorbringt. Gehen wir gemeinsam in Glauben, Hoffnung und Liebe.

In Christi Frieden,  
Ihr Pastor Zeuch



**S**ome of these announcements below are repeated from previous editions of the Agape. I left them on purpose in case you missed the last edition. Please note you can read all the previous editions on our new website: <https://stmatthewlutherancalgary.com>



**HOW CAN YOU SERVE?** - If you have 10 minutes a month you can be a reader, 45 minutes a month you could be a counter. Do you like to talk to people? Consider serving as an usher. Have a passion for sharing the Word? Confirmation teachers are needed. The chairmen of the Properties Board and Christian Education became vacant in November, maybe that's where you're being called? The board of elders is looking out for a new elder! Interested in helping with rentals? Stewardship? Many hands make light work, and your hands are

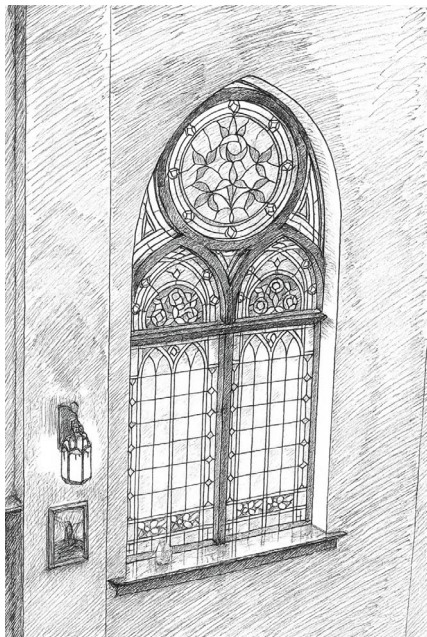
needed! Please prayerfully consider how you can serve The Lord and your church community. Reach out to the church office to get more information.

**BIBLE READING PLAN:** We began our One-Chapter-a-Day reading plan on November 30 with Matthew chapter 1. There is still time to join us and catch up! Great blessings await as you read the Scriptures. Welcome to this journey in God's Word! Check out where we are – look at the back of the Sunday bulletins!

**LENTEN EVENING SERVICES:** I want to strongly encourage all to come to these services, which are based of the six main parts of the Small Catechism. Each of these Wednesdays starts with a "soup and bun" supper at 6 p.m. We thank Lori Salter for putting these suppers together!

<b>Mar 4</b>	The Apostles' Creed - P. Dressler
<b>Mar 11</b>	Holy Baptism - P. Bode
<b>Mar 18</b>	The Office of Keys - P. Zeuch
<b>Mar 25</b>	The Confession - P. Zeuch
<b>Apr 2 Maundy Thursday</b>	Lord's Supper – P. Zeuch

**NEWS IN THE CALGARY CIRCUIT:** Currently, this is the situation of two of our vacant sister congregations. Grace Lutheran Church has called Rev. Lee Loveridge, from Immanuel, Lethbridge, AB. Status: **considering**. Foothills Lutheran Church has called Rev. Glen Worcester, from Peace, Winnipeg, MB. Status: **considering**.



#### **STAINED GLASS WINDOW:**

After six months of patiently waiting and a number of setbacks our largest stained-glass window is finally complete. The frames are still being worked on but should be done by the end of February. The window itself is beautiful and a great tribute to our faith, love of God and our Congregation's determination to honor and care for our place of worship.

The window was in far worse shape than anticipated during removal, especially the bottom half which literally fell apart due to the weakness in the lead holding the pieces together. Krauss Design needed to find replacement glass to match the pieces that were damaged beyond use and it was a challenge to make sure all was as close as possible to the original piece design. Challenge was met and we have a beautiful window that should last the next 100 years! The total cost of the window with the precise frame restoration and installation done by Dan Sanford is just under \$25,000.00.

We would like to extend our gratitude to our Congregation for their support and patience for this endeavour

We will continue to fund raise for the next windows that are in need of restoration. First in line are the two windows behind the choir loft in the Sanctuary, thereafter, the two smaller windows on either side of the large one we just restored.

In His service

Sherry Luft and Ingrid Feist-Anderson



**D**AYLIGHT SAVING TIME ON MARCH 8! Remember to "spring forward".



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN MARCH?

- March 1 Second Sunday in Lent:** Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.
- March 1 (Sun):** Online Bible study in Portuguese @ 4 pm
- March 3 (Tues):** Online Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
- March 4 (Wed):** Online confirmation class for new group @ 3:45 p.m.
- March 4 (Wed):** Soup supper @ 6 p.m. and Lenten evening service @ 7 p.m.
- March 5 (Thurs):** Board of Elders' online Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- March 8 Third Sunday in Lent:** Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m. Daylight Saving Time begins.
- March 10 (Tues):** Online Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
- March 11 (Wed):** Online confirmation class for the new group @ 3:45 p.m.
- March 11 (Wed):** Soup supper @ 6 p.m. and Lenten evening service @ 7 p.m.
- March 14 (Sat):** Men's Breakfast @ 9 a.m.
- March 15 Fourth Sunday in Lent:** Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.
- March 17 (Tues):** St. Patrick Day. Online Bible Study @ 7 p.m.
- March 18 (Wed):** Online confirmation class for the new group @ 3:45 p.m.
- March 18 (Wed):** Soup supper @ 6 p.m. and Lenten evening service @ 7 p.m.
- March 20 (Fri):** Spring Equinox!
- March 22 Fifth Sunday in Lent:** Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m.
- March 22 (Sun):** 12:15 pm Lunch with the elders and confirmands
- March 24 (Tues):** Online Bible Study @ 7 p.m.

**March 25 (Wed):** Pastor attends the circuit winkel at Shepherd of Peace Lutheran Church

**March 25 (Wed):** Online confirmation class for the new group @ 3:45 p.m.

**March 25 (Wed):** Soup supper @ 6 p.m. and Lenten evening service @ 7 p.m.

**March 26 (Thurs):** PPC meeting @ 7 p.m.

**March 29 Palm Sunday:** Worship – German @ 9:30 English @ 11 a.m. Confirmation Day!

**March 29 (Sun):** Online Bible study in Portuguese 5 p.m.

### **A LITTLE CLEAN "CHURCH HUMOUR":**

What kind of car did the disciples drive?

Answer: a Honda. They were all with "one accord" (Acts 2:1)



Thank you for your support and prayers.

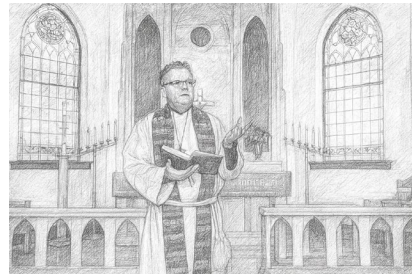
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