

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

March 16 & 17, 2019

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Sermon Notes

Greetings Friends,

Today's gospel lesson finds Jesus talking about prophets as he fends off a group of Pharisees. Twice, Jesus talks of prophets and how Jerusalem, the holy city itself, "kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it." This provocative gospel passage begs the question: what is a prophet?

In our Christian tradition, prophets are understood to be people who speak and teach the Word of God. Although Jesus is so much more than a prophet, Jesus is connected to the prophetic tradition that he inherits and that continues today. Prophets come in many shapes and sizes, and they speak about many different ideas, but the one thing they have in common, according to Jesus, is that their truth is quickly rejected by those who have a stake in maintaining power and the status quo.

Today we look at our own prophetic role.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

TODAY!

As part of our Lenten observance, we will once again forego the singing of the Hymn of Praise (following the forgiveness of sins), as well as the speaking or singing of "alleluia" during worship opportunities the next five weeks.

8:00 a.m.=Children's Choir will sing a favorite, "The Prayer of St. Patrick".

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10:45 a.m.=The choirs will respond to the Old Testament and epistle lessons with Michael Card's "By Faith". Our thanks to the choirs, soloists, music team (10:45), and all worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend.

To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of March 17

Dellie Mellum is hospitalized. **Amber Alman** (niece of Wendy Alman and Amy Rogers) is dealing with a number of health issues and chronic pain.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 76

March Tithes & Offerings to date: \$12,043

March Budgeted Offerings: \$38,125

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries
Kathy Rosenberg and Rose Davis, Parish Nurses † Ruth Petersen, Office Manager
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, March 19

6:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, March 20

4:30 PM WORSHIP, Nile-River of Deliverance

5:30 PM SUPPER, *Turkey Soup-Women's Bible Study*

6:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

6:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

7:00 PM WORSHIP, Nile-River of Deliverance

Thursday, March 21

9:30 AM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

12:30 PM GRIEFSHARE

6:30 PM YOGADEVOTION

6:30 PM YOUTH/ADULT CHOIR

7:30 PM EASTER FESTIVAL CHOIR

Friday, March 22

6:30 PM MUSICAL REHEARSAL

Saturday, March 23

5:30 PM WORSHIP

Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM WORSHIP

9:30 AM EDUCATION FOR ALL AGES

10:45 AM WORSHIP

2:00 PM MUSICAL REHEARSAL

THE PRAYER OF ST. PATRICK

I arise today through the strength of God in heaven: Light of the sun, splendor of fire, speed of lightning, swiftness of the wind, depth of the sea, stability of the earth, firmness of the rock. I arise today through God's strength to pilot me: God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me, God's hosts to save me afar and anear, alone or in a multitude. Christ shield me today against wounding: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I sit down, Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me, Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me. I arise today through the mighty strength of the Lord of creation.

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

Come chip away that snow.... With a Chocolate Chip cookie Sundae on Sunday March 24th! Our **Youth mission & NYG fundraising team** will be scooping up sundaes of fresh Culver's custard after services. Free will donation will be taken for sundaes to help our youth going on trips this summer. The teens are also selling **Butter Braids** that will be delivered before Easter. They will be taking orders on Sun/Wed. Cash or check to St. Matthew. \$13 each, variety of flavors.

NEW! - the Good Friday family event has changed. It is now an interactive journey through Holy Week, called 'Follow Jesus.' Please pick up a flyer or two (scattered around the gathering area) and spread the news!

Camp Omega Brochures are available in the church gathering area, or you can also check out their programs/register on-line at CampOmega.org.

I know there is still snow on the ground, but NOW is the time to volunteer for **VBS - "ROAR! Life is Wild. God is Good!** Info. & volunteer applications with details are available in the gathering area for this mission outreach event. (**VBS, June 23-27, evenings**)

Lenten Cookbooks are available! Pick one up at the Welcome Desk or call the church office to get a copy and start cooking!

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN! You are invited to join our St. Matthew Community Theater in a packing session at FMSC on Monday, March 25th. Carpooling from church leaves at 5:30 p.m., or you can meet us at FMSC in Coon Rapids (401 - 93rd Ave. NW) at 6 p.m. The need for these life-saving Manna Packs remains high, especially in places like strife-torn Haiti. Please join us in this effort by contacting Carol Blase today to sign up!

LOOKING AHEAD! St. Matthew Easter Band one-time rehearsal is Saturday, April 20th, 10:00 a.m. in the balcony. All are welcome to make a joyful noise with us as we praise the risen Lord! See Carol Blase today to sign up.

POBLO-March 24: On Sunday, March 23, Nader Alaraj from POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) will be here to speak with us about partnering with POBLO to reach our community through "International Friendship Centers." He will speak in both Sunday services and during the Bible Class hour.

Meals on Wheels St. Matthew's next drive time for Meals on Wheels will be March 18-22. Pray for warmer temperatures and if you wish to volunteer, call Pat Rosenberg @ 763-276-4893.

Wanted - Cookies for Sunday mornings!

Cookies for Sunday morning fellowship time are needed every week. If you would like to help provide some cookies for use, please bring them (labelled) to the kitchen. We will either use them immediately, or store for future use. Thank you!