

Sermon Notes

ST. MATTHEW

April 9 & 10, 2022



Greetings Friends,

What comes to mind when you think of the word “protester”? We have had a lot of protests in Minneapolis over the past few years. Some of them were probably helpful. Some of them probably weren’t. Protests tend to make us nervous because they carry with them an inherent risk of instability.

Today, set your feet in the dust of Jerusalem and look across the sunny stone streets. Hear the cries of a different kind of protest in an occupied land: the people are waving branches and spreading their coats along the road. The crowd is pressing in, clamoring to see the one they’ve heard about: Jesus of Nazareth. They even dare to proclaim Him “king.” These people had no legal right to call anyone king but Caesar. So the original Palm Sunday began with a protest of sorts. Let’s ponder that today as we enter into this Holy Week.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: The combined choirs will join their voices in the hosannas of Palm Sunday. Plan to wave your palm branches every time we say or sing “hosanna”! Our thanks to the choirs and music team (10:00 a.m.), and to all worship assistants for their leadership throughout the weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of April 10

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 84
April Tithes & Offerings to date: \$3,144
April Budgeted Offerings: \$30,123

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children’s Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries
Kathy Rosenberg, Parish Nurse † Sarai Kretschman, Pastoral Care Assistant † Martin Cornes, Pastor
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday, April 11

12:00 PM HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS

Tuesday, April 12

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

12:00 PM HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS

Wednesday, April 13

10:00 AM WOMEN'S GROUP

12:00 PM HOLY WEEK DEVOTIONS

1:15 PM THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

6:00 PM CHILDREN'S CHOIR

7:00 PM THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

Thursday, April 14

7:00 PM MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

8:00 PM FESTIVAL CHOIR

Friday, April 15

ARRIVE BETWEEN 4:00 & 5:30 PM GOOD FRIDAY FAMILY EVENT

7:00 PM GOOD FRIDAY TENEBRAE SERVICE

Saturday, April 16

7:00 PM EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

Sunday, April 17

7:00 AM EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AT HILLSIDE CEMETERY

8:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

9:00—11:30 AM EASTER BREAKFAST TO-GO

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE

“BRIGHT STAR” UPDATE! Tickets for our upcoming spring musical productions of “Bright Star” are on sale this weekend! Please see Carol Blase when you are in the building, or call her (763-788-9427), or e-mail her (carolblase@juno.com) to purchase your tickets (\$10 each). Performances are Thursdays through Sundays, April 28-May1 and May 5-8. Please see the posters around the building for further info.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! If you can help with any aspect of our upcoming spring musical, please speak with Carol Blase ASAP. Of particular need are ticket sellers and usher as well as snack sellers during our eight performances (see above dates). Thanks in advance for any support you are able to give to our community theater group!

MANY THANKS to Arno and Carol Sylwester, Jeff and Sara Soliday, and Will Rottler for serving throughout the Lenten season on our to-go soup and bread project!

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

Children's Ministries: (contact: brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org)

Good Friday Family Event

- * When? Friday, Apr. 15 Arrive anytime between 4:00 and 5:30 to walk through 6 events of Holy Week in connection with Resurrection Eggs
- * Where? St. Matthew gym
- * Who? Geared for families with young children, but all are welcome to attend. **Flyers are available outside the worship center to take and share.**
- * Can I help prep? Come to St. Matthew on April 9 at 1:00 P.M. to help cut/paint egg cartons, and stuff/number eggs. *(Let Sarai or Brenda know you plan to come.)*

What? VBS 2022 - “Monumental”

When? Sun., July 24 – Thurs., July 28

5:00PM-5:25PM (*pre-event meal served*)

5:40PM -8:00PM (*program time*)

Where? McKenna Park (Col. Hghts.)

Who? YOU!!! Volunteer application forms are available via email or - paper copies are available on the narrow table across from the Welcome Desk.

(Participant registration won't happen for a couple months yet.)



Cross Wall: Thanks to all who have donated the crosses which are mounted on the front door entry walls. They demonstrate the significance of what the cross of Calvary means for believers. We have room for many more crosses and encourage you to donate one or more. Bring them to the church office at your convenience. Thank you and blessings to everyone. Thanks to Carl and Florence Molin and Will Hugo for placing the crosses.

HOLY WEEK printed schedules are available on the information desk, outlining all of the worship opportunities available this week as we gather to journey with Jesus to the upper room, the cross, the tomb, and then into the joys of resurrection life!