

SAINT MATTHEW TODAY



Kids' News

Have you ever been part of something exciting where everyone was cheering and celebrating together? That is what it felt like this week when we waved palm branches and shouted "Hosanna!" as we remembered Jesus coming into Jerusalem.

As we hear in Matthew 21:1–10, Jesus sent two disciples ahead to bring him a donkey, and he rode into the city while crowds gathered all around him. People placed their coats on the road and waved branches, shouting, "Hosanna!" which means "Save us!" Most kings would ride big, strong horses to show power, but Jesus chose a donkey on purpose. He was showing everyone that he came as a peaceful and humble king.

This story reminds us that Jesus leads in a different way. He shows us that love is stronger than power and that serving others matters more than being the most important. As we move through this Holy Week, we remember that Jesus comes to bring peace, hope, and love to everyone.

What We Learned

- The people welcomed Jesus with joy and praise
- "Hosanna" means asking God to save us
- Jesus is a King who brings peace, not power
- We can follow Jesus by loving and serving others

Easter Celebration for Kids

This Sunday is a big day for our kids! Please have your kids, grandkids, and neighbors at the church by 10:00 AM. The Easter Bunny has been busy filling eggs with all kinds of goodies for our St. Matthew kids to hunt on Easter morning.

After the egg hunt, we will gather in our classroom for a movie, popcorn, fruit punch, and a special surprise as we continue to celebrate the resurrection story together. We have even heard there will be a couple of golden eggs hidden this year. Who will find them?

We hope to see you there as we celebrate the joy of Easter together. Blessings!

Holy Week and Easter

Maundy Thursday 7pm:
April 2, 2026

Good Friday 7pm:
April 3, 2026

Easter Sunday:
April 5, 2026
Egg Hunt at 10 am
Easter Service at 11 am

Easter Lilly's

If you would like to order Easter lilies, please contact Veta and she will be happy to complete the order form for you.

As we prepare for Holy Week, you are also invited to bring snack foods to share for our Maundy Thursday and Good Friday gatherings.

We are looking for a few volunteers to help set up lilies on Saturday morning at 10:00 AM. Thank you for helping make this season meaningful for our church family.

A word from Mary

I am still taking in all that is happening in the life of our church. This is a meaningful and tender time for all of us, and I find myself holding it with both humility and gratitude. Being named your senior pastor is a blessing I do not take lightly. Over the past year, God has been at work in my life in a deeply transformative way, and you have been an important part of that journey. Your faithfulness and commitment to Saint Matthew have given me strength and encouragement along the way.



I am also deeply grateful for Rev. Mike Love and Susan Love. Their presence among us is a gift, and I trust that God has brought them here to walk with us during this season. As we continue forward, we do so while honoring the many years of faithful service that have shaped this church, and we give thanks for the life and ministry that have brought us to where we are today.

This is a time to move gently and faithfully. We will take our time, honoring what has been and preparing for what is to come. We trust that God is guiding us, even now, and that we are being led where we need to be.

As we look ahead to Easter, we will have Easter lily order forms available on Thursday and Friday for those who would like to honor or remember loved ones during this holy season.

When I think about being in ministry together, my heart is filled with joy. I am thankful to be walking this path with you, and I trust that God is not finished with us yet.

With love,

Mary

Celebrating Milestones!

We give thanks for the joy of celebrating two special milestones in our church family – Sue Kelcey’s 80th birthday and Keith Butterfield’s 99th. What a blessing to share in these moments together!



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