

*St. Matthew's Church, Windsor, Ontario*

*"We are called to share God's love  
as we welcome and care for our community"*

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March 26, 2017

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*Priest:* The Rev'd Andreas Thiel  
*Deacon:* The Rev'd Cathy MacKendrick  
*Pastoral Musician:* Michael Ricketts

Prelude: Word of God, Come Down on Earth (J.S. Bach)

Processional: #397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Gathering of the Community ..... p. 185

Collect of the Day

Children's Focus: All I Want (D. Haas)

*Proclamation of the Word*

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalms #23 ..... p.731

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9: 1-45

Homily

Anthem: Christ, Be Our Light (B. Farrell)

Apostles' Creed ..... p. 189

Prayers of the People      Response: **Have mercy upon us**

Confession and Absolution: Make Us Turn to You (P. Inwood)

The Peace

*Celebration of the Eucharist*

Offering Hymn: #466 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

*The Great Thanksgiving*

Eucharistic Prayer: #3 ..... p. 198

The Lord's Prayer ..... p. 918

Breaking of the Bread: # 7 ..... p. 213

Communion Procession: Jesus, Be With Us Now (D. Haas)

Prayer after Communion and Blessing

Parish Announcements

Recessional Hymn: #460 Lord, the Light of Your Love Is Shining

Postlude: Fantasia in E Minor (J.S. Bach)

**Welcome visitors** – We are blessed you are with us. Please let us know how we can serve you. If you desire, there are Visitor's envelopes" on the table in the narthex (foyer) for your use.

**The Lenten Greenery in the Sanctuary** are given to the glory of God.

**Scheduled Ministers for Today's Liturgy:**

**Cantors :** Nicole Sussens, Richard Postovit, Margaret Kissau, Beth Felet

**Clarinet:** Gordon Drake

**Lectors:** Sue Bernard, Matt Bulley

**Server:** Nicole Sussens                      **Intercessor:** Ann Hucal

**Communion ministers:** Mary Davis, Jennifer McAlpine,  
Karen Camlis

**Collection supervisor:** John Rossi

**Sidespersons:** Pat Lown, Flora Smith, Kim MacKendrick, Mark Goldspink

**Fellowship Ministers:** Katie and Andy Hahn, Patti Weir and John Rossi

**Marlborough Breakfast Programme:** Carole Lawn, Sue Trenhaile, Mark Goldspink, Cathy MacKendrick. **Muffins:** Pat Lown.

**Scripture readings for Sunday, April 2, 2017** – Ezekiel 37:1-14; Ps.130; Romans 8:6-11; John 11:1-45.

**Would you like a pastoral visit?** – Please contact Rev'd Andreas (519-969-1510, church; 226-345-5085, cell) to arrange a convenient time.

**People who are ill or in hospital** – If you know of someone who is in hospital, please let Rev'd Andreas or Rev'd Cathy (519 966 5729) know so that they might have a pastoral visit.

**Special Lenten Offering** – During the season of Lent donations will be gratefully accepted to support our Backpack Ministry for the inmates being released from the Detention Centre.

**Lenten Soup Lunches** – Every Sunday in Lent, after the 10 am service. Sign up to donate soup, bread or butter. Stay for lunch and fellowship; freewill offerings to benefit the PWRDF.

**Lenten Season Midweek Communion Services – Wednesdays, 12:15-12:45 pm. All are welcome.**

**Easter Newsletter** – Deadline for submissions is Sunday, April 2; please submit your materials to Sue B. or Irene S., or send to [irene.savva3691@gmail.com](mailto:irene.savva3691@gmail.com).

**Just a little more** – As discussed at our Annual Vestry meeting (February 5, 2017), this year we face a projected shortfall of donations of approx. \$8500. We have around 85 regular donor families; if each family could donate an extra \$8.50/month (less than \$2/week or 30¢/day) we would be able to make up that shortfall. Of course, if you were able to give more, it would be even better! Several people have already contacted me to make amendments to their auto-deduction donation plan, just by letting me know how much to add, and then I contact the diocese to let them know. If you wish to consider either increasing your auto-deduction or getting signed up for it, or have any questions, please contact me: 519-969-3035 home, 519-817-9626 cell, or [efelet@cogeco.ca](mailto:efelet@cogeco.ca); thanks! Beth Felet, Envelope Secretary

**Crosses at St. Matthew's Scavenger Hunt and Photo Contest** – Count as many crosses as you can anywhere within the church property! Submit either a list of locations (altar cross on the wall, two crosses for procession, cross on roof, etc.) or a set of pictures identifying the crosses. Add your total count and include your names (individual or family entries are welcome.) **Highest number of crosses found wins a special prize!** A photo will be chosen as well, to be featured in our newsletter, for best composition and originality. Submit to Sue Bernard or send to [irene.savva3691@gmail.com](mailto:irene.savva3691@gmail.com); **deadline: Sunday, April 2.** WE ARE COUNTING ON YOU!