



Welcome! Whether you are a long-time member of St. Matthew, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we are thankful you are here today. If you have questions or need visual, audio, or mobility accommodations, please let a name-tagged usher know. We're excited about the many ministries of St. Matt's, and we hope you'll find a way to plug in that makes sense for you!

Our Purpose:

Welcoming all as we share God's love.

Our Core Values:

Celebrating together in worship

Deepening our faith in Jesus

Engaging children and youth

Walking with our neighbors

Embracing one another as God created us

About today: We gather as a community for worship around word, wine, and water. Put another way, in worship we meet Christ in scripture proclaimed in speech & song, in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism celebrated or remembered, and in community gathered together.

Our regular weekend schedule includes Saturday worship at 5 p.m., Sunday indoor worship at 8:30 a.m., and Sunday indoor worship at 10:30 a.m. (livestreamed).



Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

All Saints Sunday November 3, 2024 10:30

PRELUDE

Nimrod, From the Enigma Variations

Elgar

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our

delight, our beginning and our end.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has

freed us from our sin. Silence for reflection

Pastor: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

All: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the water of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the

servant way of Jesus. Amen.

Pastor: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his

sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your

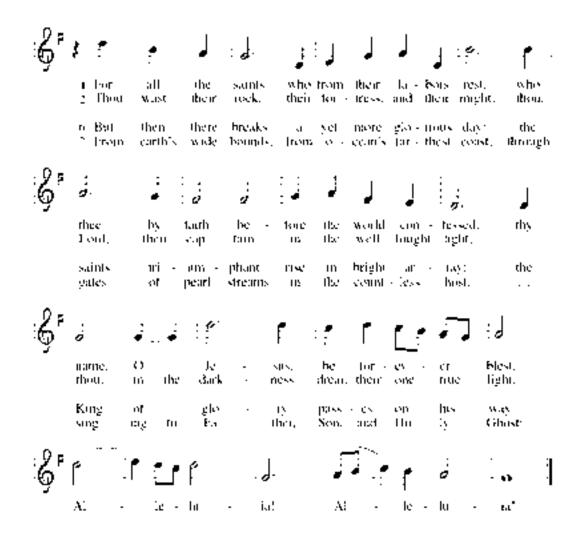
salvation.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

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ELW#422



APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the

communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Children second grade and under are invited to meet our children's leader at the baptismal font at the front of the Nave. She will take the children for Children's Church at the "Pray-ground" in the Fellowship Hall. They will hear a Bible story from this week's lectionary in an age-appropriate format and spend some time exploring their faith and creativity together. They will return during the passing of the peace.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

THE READING: Revelation 21:1-6a Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 11:32-44 Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

THE MESSAGE Pastor Faye Snyder

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

Please stand as you are able.

CONFESSION OF FAITH Apostles' Creed

Assisting Minister: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS

Assisting Minister: Each petition concludes, "Merciful God," and the congregation responds, "receive our prayer."

Children return from Children's Church.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

(The congregation is invited to greet one another with the words "Peace be with you," and gestures respecting personal space and comfort levels.)

See ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, And all these things will be added unto you; Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek, and ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be opened unto you; Alleluia!

GENEROSITY MOMENT Phil Covert

We celebrate God's generosity embodied in this community's time, talents and treasures shared with one another. **Thank you for your presence** in worship today. **Thank you for offering** the "first fruits" of your finances. Offerings may be placed in the baskets near the entrances/exits of the worship space or through online giving on our website. **Thank you for sharing** your spiritual gifts with our church, local, and global communities

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERTORY – VERSES 1&2 We Give Thee But Thine Own (Next Page)

ELW #686



THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Let us pray,

All: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup,

You offered yourself in love for the world,

And in this meal you nourish us with your life.

Fill us with your abundance,

That we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger,

Trusting in your name. Amen.

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

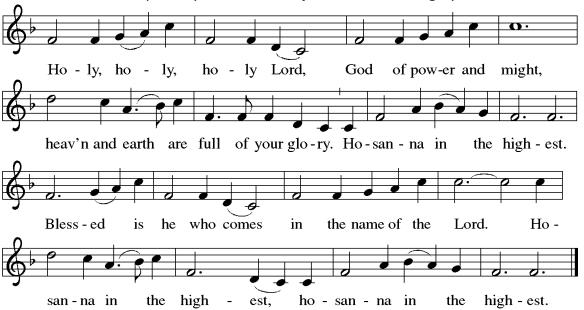
All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to the Lord's Supper. The meal is served in three ways. Choose what is appropriate for you.

Individual packets are available for those wishing to remain in their pew.

If you are unable to come forward, but would like communion served by the pastor, please let one of the ushers know and the Sacrament will be brought to you at your seat.

Continuous manner – Come forward at the direction of the ushers, take the wafer from the pastor, "The body of Christ, given for you", and eat it. (Gluten-free wafers are available) Then move to the next station and take one of the cups of wine (red) or grape juice (white) "The blood of Christ, shed for you", and drink it.

Children who do not yet receive communion are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

IN-PEW COMMUNION

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen. (Eat wafer)

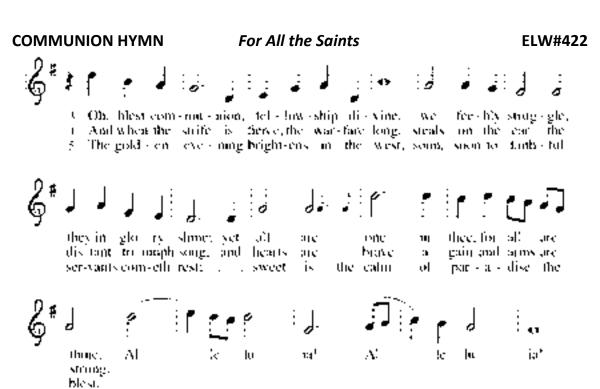
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Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen. (Drink wine)

LAMB OF GOD





Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you

and keep you in his grace.

All: Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assisting Minister: Faithful God,

You have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink

In the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, In service to the world you have made,

And among the people you have made your home,

In Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

BLESSING

Pastor: The Ancient One, enthroned,

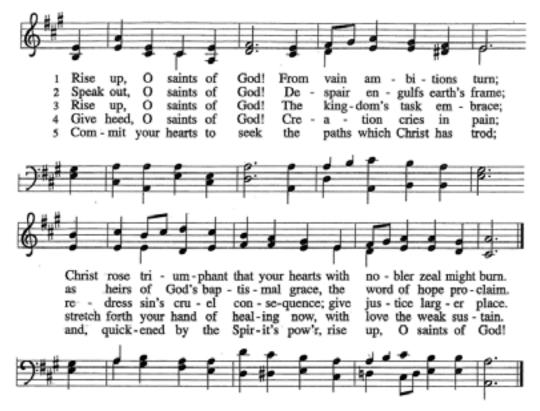
The Crucified One, now risen, The Indwelling One, poured out,

All: Amen.

SENDING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God! (Next Page)

ELW#669 Forness/Walter



DISMISSAL:

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Share the love of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE For All the Saints Haman

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Please note: Music for this service is covered under CCLI # 1000682 – Also #A-708989 One License.net

Our warm thanks to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

Musicians	Adult Choir
Altar Flower Delivery	Tina Schaffner
Altar Guild	Deb Anker, Judy Porowski
Assisting Minister	Jeremy
Children's Church Leader	Melissa Smith
Communion Assistants	Bobbie Lidard, Roland Kunde
Communion Preparers	Debby Seibert, Nancy Oppedal, Abby
Couriers	Roland Kunde, Ellen Shenk
Greeters	Sara & Meredith Staub, Doris Sterner
Lector	Hailey
Live Stream	Doug & Jane West
Candle Lighters	Claire and Liam
Ushers	Team 5 – Jay Bowersox, Hailey, Jeremy,
	Randy Kline, Jody Ruhlman, Ellen Shenk
Welcome Place	Barb Rupp

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Millie Weaver's birthday by daughters Tina Schaffner, Karen Haberern, Lori Hartley and son Mike Weaver.

THE BULLETINS have been given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gerald and Romaine Orndorff and Charlotte Orndorff who passed in 2017 by Clair Price.

RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week beginning November 3:

Sunday: John 11:32-44 Thursday: Romans 5:6-11 Monday: Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10 Friday: Hebrews 9:15-24

Tuesday: Acts 7:17-29 Saturday: Mark 11:12-14; 20-24

Wednesday: John 13:31-35

Attendance:	(10/26)	5:00 p.m. Service	34
	(10/27)	8:30 a.m. Service	84
		10:30 a.m. Service	180
	(10/21-1	0/27) Online views	123
		Total	421

PRAYER LIST: In our intercessory prayers we pray for individuals who have offered permission to have their names included. These names will be listed up to a month unless otherwise requested. After that time, prayers will continue for each person through our prayer chain. Newly added names will appear in bold. If you would like to be included in the prayers of the prayer chain **but not listed** in the bulletin, you may contact Beth Koontz at bethk9245@gmail.com or by calling the church office at 717-637-7101.

Gwyneth Patterson	Gladys Despines	Tom & Laurel Bell
Sid Erhart	Larry Mather	Brad King
Vicki Maloney	Shirley Moncrief	Tiffany Rudisill
Fred Ayers	Kathy McMaster	Nancy Leister
Bob Strangfeld	Emily Moul	Crystal Klein
Polly Heller	Bobbie Lidard	Harold Kepler
Phil Grove	Chuck Ehrman	Tom Zimmerman

DEATHS: Ernest Kepler (Brother of Harold Kepler)

We welcome all families of our loved ones who have passed this year. Know that you are in our prayers. In the bulletin is information regarding the Surviving the Holidays seminar available to anyone grieving or hurting this holiday season. We also have a Blue Christmas service planned for Monday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

IN LOVING MEMORY of the members and family members of St. Matthew called into the Church Triumphant from November 1, 2023, to November 1, 2024. These loved ones will be commemorated individually in worship.



Gerald Beresny

Donald Fuhrman

Bryce Little

Yvonne McDowell

Yvonne Hughes

Jean Herman

Nancy Brillhart

Thomas Fissel

Donna Folmer

Barbara Miller

Linda Zinn

Esther Ells

Walter Porowski

Sandra Meyers

Linda Bream

Kenneth Smith

Manoma Sterner

Linda Striganivicz

John (Jack) Shultz

David Nelson

David Hoffman

Mary Harman

Barbara Redding

Anna Trone

Arlene Tomecek

Allen Bowersox

Larry Blocher

Edna Koch

Erma Price

Louise Kauffman

Lucinda Anderson

Curtis Hoff

Sandra Smith

Thomas Shields

Fred Gable

Josie Luckenbaugh

Ernest Kepler

THERE WILL BE a budget forum this Sunday, November 3, in the Upper Room, during Faith Connections, 9:30-10:20, to discuss any questions on the proposed budget. Copies of the budget are available at the rear of the Nave.

THERE WILL BE a Congregation meeting on Sunday, November 10, after the 10:30 service. The purpose of the meeting is to approve a budget for 2025 and elect four new council members and a youth representative.



Last November we hosted our "Election Day Bake Sale" to benefit Discovery Place Preschool. It was a



BIG success, thanks to your donations of delicious baked goods! We predict more voters will anticipate the sweet treats and we will be ready for them. If you are willing to help with donations, we are requesting baked goods to be

bagged for sale at 50 cents OR \$1 per baggie (at your discretion). Our preschool is a "nut-free" zone, so please be sure to mark any donations that contain nuts accordingly. Donations can be dropped off at the church office on Monday, November 4. Thank you for your continued support.

What St. Matthew Means to Me.....

I work with families with babies and toddlers who have diagnoses or developmental delays. It is very rewarding work but can be very challenging and stressful as well. It involves meeting with families, listening, and helping them access services to meet their children's needs.

Sometime mid-2021, when things started opening up following the pandemic, my husband and I wanted to find a permanent church home. We wanted somewhere where we could feel God's presence and where we could contribute and possibly make a difference. We just wanted to fit somewhere. We found that in St. Matthew.

I was drawn to visiting ministry, partly because it is one-on-one, and partly because I already love to talk to people! I feel very supported by the training, by the other visiting ministers, and by the visiting ministry pastor. The positivity of the group is contagious! And I know going forward, as I meet with a community member, that I have lots of support and can reach out when I need to. I have met friendly and open people and look forward to connecting with them at services.

My hope is that the ministries of the church continue to work to make these meaningful connections and to show others the love of our Lord. My prayer is that all feel welcomed, accepted, loved, and supported going forward and that the next generation has the heart, the resources, and the support to continue reaching out to others in the love of Jesus Christ ~ Lisa Blake

I joined the church in May 2024, after the loss of a man, Walt Porowski. My father attended his funeral and after speaking to Pastor Kathy, decided to start going and they asked me to go as well. I joined because I finally found a place I felt at home. I feel like I belong here. I have met some amazing people and was invited to join the generosity team. The past year has been a rough one and the church has greatly improved my life. I feel a sense of belonging and peace, I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish. ~ *Katie Bennett*

I have been a member at St. Matthew for approximately 40 yrs. We lived close to the church after we moved to area and were looking for a church to have my young daughter attend. She attended Sunday school here and also attended many VBS. I joined the church and my husband and my mom also became members. Through the years, Sunday school and choir were important for my daughter. She learned how important faith was as well as I did. The church has helped in a few difficult times with family health issues and passing of loved ones. ~ Carolyn Markle

Generosity Ministry Team

DECEMBER COMMUNITY MEAL

Sunday, December 15, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

Plans are under way for our 2024 Community Holiday Meal and just like 2023, we need lots of help. The menu is turkey, ham, filling, corn, potatoes, rolls, and desserts. We need help setting up, preparing food, serving the meal, clean up, making centerpieces, photographers, and much more. If you can help, please sign up below and place in an offering basket by the door, or email Amy Beck at Abeck1976@comcast.net.

CO	OMMUNITY HOLIDAY MEA	AL
Name	Phone Number_	
Email		
Yes, Sign me up for:		
Baking a Turkey		Photographer
Baking a Ham		Serve Meal
Baking Centerpieces		Set Up
Preparing Other Food (Corn,	Potatoes, Gravy, Rolls)	Other
Making a Dessert	. otatoes, e. a. y,	Clean Up
GRIEF SHARE	GRIEFSHARE – SUR	RVIVING THE HOLIDAYS
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SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS	St. Matthey	w Upper Room #201
A helpful, encouraging semin The seminar features video interviews experienced the holidays after their lov reassurance. Those who attend will rec journaling ideas, and exercises for daily	with counselors, grief experts yed one's death and who offe ceive a Survival Guide filled w	er practical suggestions and vith practical tips, encouraging words,
For more information or to register, ca	ll Pastor Fave Snyder at 717-4	451-0851 or email
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SIGN-UP FORMS

Please fill out the pertinent part(s) for you, tear off this page and put in the offering basket or email the church office at *info@stmattlutheran.org*, listing what you are signing up for and the information requested.

See Announcements Page for more details.

I'm interested in joining the Faith Connections teaching team. (Provide name, e-mail,										
and phone number below) I'm interested in attending the Veterans Breakfast on November 10. (Provide name, e-mail, phone number, and number of people attending) I'd like to receive e-mail updates and/or newsletter in the mail. (Provide										
						name, e-mail, and/or mailing address)				
						I am a member of St. Matthew	and here is updated contact information.			
 Name	Phone Number									
E-mail	Number of People Attending (For Veterans Breakfast Only)									
Mailing Address	Name of Veteran									

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FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; "he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord Gop will wipe away the tears from all faces.

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

or Wisdom 3:1-9 [not printed]

Psalm 24

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; 'he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

5And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." 'Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." 35When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. 34He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." 35 Jesus began to weep. 36 So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" "But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

36 Then lesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. 35 Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." 40 esus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" "So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. "I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." "When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" "The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 17-8-16, Posin 146, Hebrers 824-28, Wark 12:36-44.

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