

Everyone
who belongs to
the truth
listens to
my voice

John 18:37b

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Liturgy

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ✝ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: **Amen.**

*Gathering Song

Come, Thou Almighty King

No. 408

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

WORD

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,

his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm

Psalm 93

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and
armed with strength.

The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²**Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴**Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of
the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come,
and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ,
the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the
earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

*Gospel

John 18:33-37

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” ³⁴Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” ³⁵Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” ³⁶Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” ³⁷Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Bernie Dougherty

Hymn of the Day

Beautiful Savior

No. 838

*Apostle’s Creed

**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 of Intercession

P: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a non-violent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community. Renew them in their work. Be with us as we look to the future of our Transitional Housing ministry. Guide us and help us to be open to your voice as we discern how we will continue to offer help to those in need. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering especially the Family of

Warren “Bud” Breese, Dean Hauptman, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Brenda Disbrow, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, and Greg Mckee. Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to guide us, we ask your blessing upon St. Matthew’s Call Committee. Give them insight and a spirit of enthusiasm for their work and raise up for our people a pastor to help lead us. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus’ reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Peace:** *The peace will be an acknowledgement with your neighbor of God’s reconciling love by nod or bow.*

MEAL

Offertory

You Alone Are God (11:00)
Mary McDonald

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

P: Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Lord’s Prayer**

**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**

P: A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

Communion Hymn

What Feast of Love

No. 487

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.
Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that
day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

***Sending Song**

Soon and Very Soon

No. 439

***Dismissal**

P: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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**St. Matthew's
ANNUAL MEETING
will be
Sunday, December 19.**

**Additional details about
time and format will be
shared in early
December.**

WORSHIP SERVANTS				
Date	November 21	November 21	November 28	November 28
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Mason & Eli Cooper	Emma & Luke Gierhart		Evan Hogan
Reader	Adam Scheid	Judy McLaughlin	Adam Scheid	Beth Johnson
Ushers	Bruce Reed	Todd & Melody Costello	Bruce Reed	
Communion Servers	Mary Dunham	Melody Costello		Nancy McNeal
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Mike & Alex Holthouse	Joe Obermeier	Mike & Alex Holthouse
Video	Rex Rickly	--	Brian Harris	--
Altar Guild	Louise Cadwallader & Kelly Obermeier			

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: The Family of Warren “Bud” Breese, Dean Hauptman, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Brenda Disbrow, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, and Greg Mckee.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God for the blessings of family and friends by Cindy and Rex Rickly.

TODAY’S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Christ the King Sunday, we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW* Liturgy and communion, livestreaming at 8:30 a.m.

We Welcome Pastor Bernie Dougherty as our Supply Pastor.

Youth Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room.

“Gospel of the Indians” - 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. John Burke will lead a discussion on this book written by Oglala Sioux, Charles Eastman, on Native American code of ethics and the ELCA declaration to the American Indian and Alaska Native People.

Luther League Thanksgiving Dinner - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Deacon Lindsay will be on vacation November 23 - December 2

THANKSGIVING DAY

This year, our Thanksgiving Day worship will be **pre-recorded**. It will be available on Facebook and sent by email.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, First Sunday in Advent, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *Praise* liturgy and communion and at 11:00 a.m. with *ELW* Liturgy and communion, livestreaming at 8:30 a.m.

We Will Welcome Pastor Bernie Dougherty as our Supply Pastor.

Youth Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room.

Adult Sunday School- 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall, led by Pastor Bernie Dougherty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for all your prayers, get well cards, and notes of encouragement. Your thoughtfulness and kindness were truly appreciated. ~*Mary Baker*

Advent Online Devotions - Beginning Sunday, November 28, start your day with an Advent Devotion, written by members of our own congregation. Go to the Home Page of our church website, www.stmatthewmedina.org, and you will find a link to a new devotion each day. If you miss a day or two, a "Devotion Archive" will be available for past devotions. May this be an Advent blessing for all!

Advent Mid-Week Worship - Join us on Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15 in the Fellowship Hall. 6:00 p.m. - Meal with Family Craft. 7:00 p.m. Brief Advent Worship Narrative.

Christmas Cookie Exchange - Please join us Sunday, December 5 after the late service (about 12:15 p.m.) in the Fellowship Hall for our annual Cookie Exchange. Bring three dozen of your favorite homemade (no store bought) cookies to exchange. Don't forget to bring a container for your cookies to take home. We will have prizes for the most festive Christmas outfit! Can't wait to see everyone's attire. If you do not wish to participate in the Cookie Exchange, please still come for our soup and salad luncheon, not to mention fellowship. Please RSVP here
<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showRSVPSignUp/10c0a44a9aa2ea5fa7-stmatthew3> or in the narthex.

Worship Team - Anyone interested and feeling the call to join or lead our Worship Team at St. Matthew is asked to please contact Cindy Rickly, Chair of Congregational Life, at cindyrickly@gmail.com or 330-321-9071.

Parish Nurse Update - As you know, our Parish Nurse, Brenda Disbrow, has been recovering from a car accident. Recently, she had to have an extensive, orthopedic surgery. This will require a lengthy recovery and rehabilitation, but her surgeon feels she will make a good recovery in time. At this time, Brenda has requested a Leave of Absence until sometime in the new year when she can return to her position healthy and able. Please keep Brenda in your prayers as she continues to heal.

If you need health assistance or have health related questions, you should continue to follow up with your health care provider.

Electronic Offering Updates - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Thaddeus Neururer 617-360-1342 or email at thaddeus.neururer@gmail.com.

Help Needed at St. Matthew

Video Help Needed - This past year our video ministry has become more important than ever. It has allowed St. Matthew to livestream worship services so we could still worship together. As with all ministries in our community of faith, it takes volunteers to make it happen. We are seeking a few more volunteers who would be willing to video our services on Sunday mornings (8:30 a.m. service, with occasional 11:00 a.m.) If you have interest or have questions about what is involved, please contact Lisa Burke or Melody Costello from Communication Evangelism or Brian Harris or Owen Blakslee, who can answer all your questions.

Seeking Nursery Volunteers - Our nursery at St. Matthew is an important service that we provide to our families with young children. It allows the parents the opportunity to worship without the disruption of their children allowing them to fully take in and participate in worship. As we continue to search for a full-time person (or 2 part-time people) to staff the nursery, we are looking for volunteers to be present with our younger members during worship and Sunday School in the nursery. In the interim, member Corey Neururer has agreed to help during Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149.

Nursery Attendant Needed - Our nursery at St. Matthew is an important service that we provide to our families with young children. It allows the parents the opportunity to worship without the disruption of their children allowing them to fully take in and participate in worship.

We are currently looking for one full-time person (or 2 part-time) to staff the nursery. The right candidate should enjoy children; be willing to play with them; change diapers/help them use the toilet, etc. The position would involve, roughly, 4 hours each Sunday (fall through spring) and 1 ½ hours during the summer and is a paid position.

If anyone in the church is interested, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149. If you know someone who could be a fit, please pass along my contact information for further discussion.

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Mask Mandate / Masks optional, but recommended

HVAC anti-COVID air treatment / Equipment installed earlier this year

No Singing / Restrictions Lifted

Limiting Attendance / Restrictions Lifted

Keep Exterior Doors Open / Restrictions Lifted

Fellowship After Worship / Casual fellowship after church is resuming

Ropes to Encourage Social Distance / Ropes removed June 18

Hymnals / Hymnals returned to pews June 18

Communion / Covid protocol still in place

Sharing of the Peace / Covid protocol still in place

Masks and Sanitizer available / Covid protocol still in place

Finance Report for September and Year-to-Date

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

St. Matthew had the following revenue
and expenses for October.

	Month of October 2021	Year-to-Date October 2021
Total Revenue	\$ 23,486.82	\$ 318,049.39
Total Expenses	\$ 17,900.16	\$ 288,258.62
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 10,596.66	\$ 29,790.77
Net Other	\$ 14.78	\$ 162.52
Net Revenue	<u>\$ 10,611.44</u>	<u>\$ 29,953.29</u>

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Heather Rohde	Youth Worship Music Director

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM