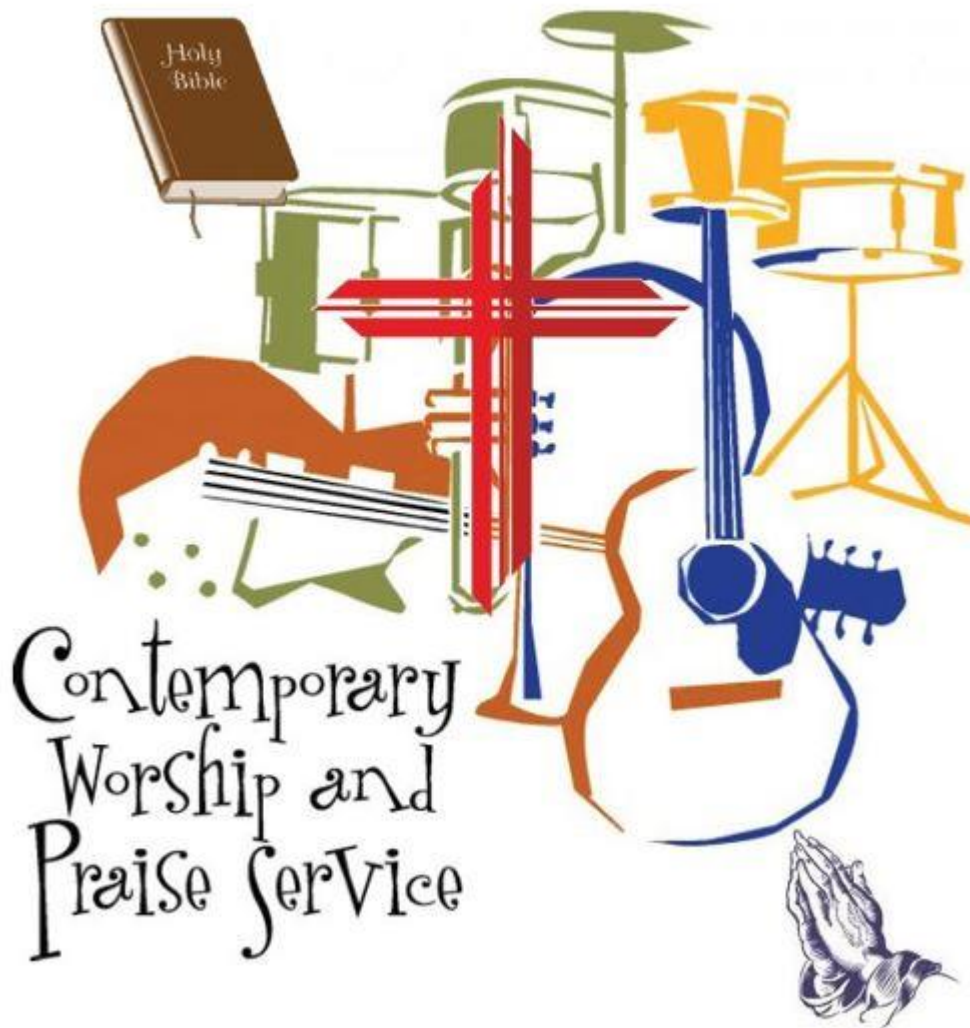


St. Matthew Lutheran Church & School
Hawthorn Woods, IL



Contemporary
Worship and
Praise Service

Sunday, January 17, 2021

PROTOCOL FOR THE SERVICE IN THE SANCTUARY

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:1

A. General Guidelines

1. The **Capacity limit is set at 100 attendees** per service per Illinois guidelines. Therefore a Reservation System has been established through the Church Office in order to obtain an estimate of anticipated attendance.
Email:smlcs@stmatts.net or phone 847-438-7709
2. Everyone is to practice **Social Distancing** (at least 6 feet).
3. If you are ill, have a fever, have a pre-existing condition or have come into contact with someone with COVID-19 or someone who is sick, within the past 14 days please visit us at another time when you are well. We will pray for you in your absence and please worship from home.
4. Each person will have their **Temperature Tested/Taken** upon entering the Narthex prior to entering into the Sanctuary.
5. A station is available for **Hand Sanitizing** upon entering the Narthex.
6. All who participate are to wear in place a **Face Covering**.
7. There will be **Limited Availability** to the campus which includes:
 - a. The Main Sanctuary, The Upstairs Rest Rooms outside the Upstairs Conference Room, The Downstairs Rest Rooms prior to entering Krueger Hall, and The Office Hallway Unisex Rest Room.
 - b. All other areas of the campus are closed.
8. Restroom - Only one person/family is permitted at a time.
9. Elevator - Only one person at a time.
10. The drinking fountains are not available. You may bring your own water.

B. Entering, Exiting and Seating in the Sanctuary

1. The Service begins at 9:00 a.m. — Seating will commence at 8:30 a.m.
2. All persons are to enter and exit the Church via **Door 13—the Doors to the Main Sanctuary**. No other doors will be made available.
3. There will be no **Narthex** Pastoral, Deacon or Comfort Dog greeting prior to the Service (weather permitting it is possible such a greeting may be outside). We apologize for this inconvenience.
4. The **Children's Activity Bags** will not be available or in use.
5. An "**Express Lane**" traffic pattern will be established in and out of the Sanctuary.
 - a. All worshippers are to enter through the door to the **Side Aisles**.
 - b. All worshippers are to exit through the same door through which they entered.

6. A face covered and gloved usher will offer a Service Folder to each worshiper.
7. Seating in the Sanctuary will consider Social Distancing.
 - a. All unmarked Pews are open and may be used.
 - i. Families are to sit together in a pew.
 - ii. Two (2) couples may share a pew, one couple on each end.
 - iii. Three (3) singles may share a pew.
 - b. After the Nave area is occupied
 - i. Use the Pulpit (Right) Side and Lectern (Left) Side Transept Balconies.
 - ii. The rear Balcony is reserved ONLY for the organist, choir members and their families.
8. All persons (members, guests, staff and volunteers) are required to fill out a “**We Care**” card so that there is a record of all who attended.

C. Participation in the Service

1. The congregation may participate in all aspects of the service. The face covering is to remain in place for singing and responsive reading.
2. The children will remain in the pews for the “**Feeding of the Lambs.**”
3. **The Sacrament of the Altar:** Please Maintain Social Distancing
 - a. The Sacrament will be distributed by gloved and masked Pastors.
 - b. The Sacrament will be offered in **Continuous Procession Distribution.**
 - c. The option of **gluten free hosts** will be made available.
 - d. Only **Individual Cups** will be used in the distribution of the wine.
 - e. Beginning on the Pulpit (Right) Side of the Sanctuary, communicants will approach the Altar, **Single File** down the Center Isle. After receiving the Sacrament the communicants are to return to their seat via the side aisle.
 - f. After the Pulpit (Right) Side has communed, the Lectern (Left) Side will commune in like manner, followed by those in the Rear Balcony.
 - g. If individuals are in the Transept Balconies they will then descend to the Nave, walk to the cross over division in the pews, proceed up the center aisle to the Altar and return to their seats in the balcony.
4. The **Offering** will be received in offering plates located in the Narthex as the congregation is dismissed.
5. At the conclusion of the service the usher teams will dismiss all attending beginning with the rear pews. All are to exit via the **Side Aisles.**
6. An **Exclusive** use of **Non-Contact Greetings** will be employed.

Thank you for being with us today. We ask that you do not gather in the Narthex. Please conduct all social activity outdoors, maintaining a 6’ distance in all interactions.



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WELCOME

WE BEGIN

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

G Amen.

SONG THERE'S NOTHING THAT OUR GOD CAN'T DO

Just one word
 You calm the storm that surrounds me
 Just one word
 The darkness has to retreat
 Just one touch
 I feel the presence of heaven
 Just one touch
 My eyes were opened to see
 My heart can't help but believe

There's nothing that our God can't do
 There's not a mountain that He can't move
 Oh praise the name that makes a way
 There's nothing that our God can't do

Just one word
 You heal what's broken inside me
 Just one word
 And you revive ev'ry dream
 Just one touch
 I feel the power of heaven
 Just one touch
 My eyes were opened to see
 My heart can't help but believe

There's nothing that our God can't do
 There's not a mountain that He can't move
 Oh praise the name that makes a way
 There's nothing that our God can't do

There's nothing that our God can't do
 There's not a prison wall
 He can't break through
 Oh praise the name that makes a way
 There's nothing that our God can't do

I will believe for greater things
 There's no power like the power of Jesus
 Let faith arise let all agree
 There's no power like the power of Jesus

I will believe for greater things
 There's no power like the power of Jesus
 Let faith arise let all agree
 There's no power like His power

There's nothing that our God can't do
 There's not a mountain that He can't move
 Oh praise the name that makes a way
 There's nothing that our God can't do

**There's nothing that our God can't do
There's not a prison wall
He can't break through
Oh praise the name that makes a way
There's nothing that our God can't do
Oh sing**

**Oh oh oh
There's nothing there's nothing
There's nothing there's nothing
Oh oh oh
There's nothing that our God can't do Oh**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Together, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

ANCIENT WORDS OF THE PROPHETS, APOSTLES AND THE CHRIST

FIRST READING

¹Now the young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place.

³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

⁴Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down

1 Samuel 3:1-10

again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

L This is the Word of the Lord

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

¹²“All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be enslaved by anything. ¹³“Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food”—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. ¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her?

THIRD READING

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.” ⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” ⁴⁸Nathanael said to him, “How do you know me?”

FEEDING OF THE LAMBS*1 Corinthians 6:12-20*

For, as it is written, “The two will become one flesh.” ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. ¹⁸Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

- L** This is the Word of the Lord
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand*John 1:43-51*

Jesus answered him, “Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you.” ⁴⁹Nathanael answered him, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” ⁵⁰**Jesus answered him, “Because I said to you, ‘I saw you under the fig tree,’ do you believe? You will see greater things than these.”** ⁵¹And he said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C** **Praise to You, O Christ**

SONG CALL UPON THE LORD

**We need no other hiding place
Our hope is safe within Your name
This we know this we know
You promised never to forsake
What You began You will sustain
This we know this we know**

**I will call upon the Lord
For He alone is strong enough to save
Rise Your shackles are no more
For Jesus Christ has broken every chain**

**All of the heavens and the earth
Announce the fullness of Your worth
This we know this we know
And every enemy will flee
As we declare Your victory
This we know this we know**

**I will call upon the Lord
For He alone is strong enough to save
Rise Your shackles are no more
For Jesus Christ has broken every chain**

**I will call upon the Lord
For He alone is strong enough to save
Rise Your shackles are no more
For Jesus Christ has broken every chain**

**Jesus' name will break every stronghold
Freedom is ours when we call His name
Jesus' name above every other
All hail the power of Jesus' name**

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SERMON

“WHERE JESUS FINDS US”

John 1:50

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**I believe in one God, the Father
Almighty, maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the
only-begotten Son of God, begotten of
His Father before all worlds, God of
God, Light of Light, very God of very
God, begotten, not made, being of one
substance with the Father, by whom
all things were made; who for us men**

**and for our salvation came down from
heaven and was incarnate by the Holy
Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made
man; and was crucified also for us
under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and
was buried.
And the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures and
ascended into heaven and sits at the
right hand of the Father.**

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life \ddagger of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

TITHES & OFFERINGS *There are various methods by which one may contribute to the Mission & Ministry of the Lord here at St. Matthew:*

1. At the **Service in the Sanctuary** you may place your offering and "We Care" Card into one of the offering plates in the Narthex;
2. You may **Mail your offerings** to the Church via the U.S. Postal Service;
3. You may use the **Pay Pal feature on Home page of the Website**; or
4. You may make an **automatic withdrawal** from your bank account.

Biblical Principles of Christian Stewardship #1 – All things belong to God – John 1:3

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Each intercession ends with the words **P** "Lord, in Your mercy."
to which the congregation is asked to respond **C** "Hear our prayer."

P All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who lived, died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C 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.

The Sacrament of the Altar is celebrated Sunday in the confidence that our Lord gives us His very body and blood to eat and drink “in,” “with” and “under” the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our union with Him and one another. As baptized Lutherans of the Missouri Synod, we trust His words, repent of all sin and by this act proclaim His death until He returns.

Since this act is a confession of our faith, anyone who is not yet instructed, in doubt, or comes from a different Christian tradition or confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament, is asked first to speak with the Pastor or Deacon. Peace and Joy!

Reminders for Those Coming to The Lord's Table...

1. The distribution will be Continuous, in single file up the center aisle to the front and returning via the side aisle.
2. Those not yet receiving the Sacrament (both Children and Adults) are encouraged to approach the Officiant and cross their arms to receive a blessing.
3. The cups in the center of the individual tray (containing the amber color liquid) are alcohol free.
4. Only the Individual Cup will be offered in this service.
5. Gluten-free hosts (wafers) are available upon request.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P** Indeed, we were bought with the precious blood of Christ, and God calls on us to glorify God with our bodies, but we have failed to do this. We have lived as if our bodies and lives were our own, as if Your Son had not bought them with His blood. Such sins cause deep shame, yet even now, our heavenly Father invites us to come to Him and ask for forgiveness.

Silence for reflection.

- P** Heavenly Father,

C **we have sinned by the things we have done and by the things we have left undone. Forgive us, remove the shame that clings to us, and make us new creations for the sake of Jesus. Amen.**

- P** Almighty God, in His infinite mercy and grace, sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our sins. In His resurrection, He removes our shame and makes us more than conquerors. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen. We are forgiven in Christ. Our shame is removed.**

JESUS' WORDS (OF INSTITUTION)

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

MUSIC FOR THE DISTRIBUTION AGNUS DEI

**Alleluia alleluia
For our Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia alleluia
For our Lord God Almighty reigns
Alleluia**

**Holy Holy are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy
Holy are You Lord God Almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
Amen
*(Repeat All)***

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SONG GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

**Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow Of turning with Thee
Thou changest not Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be**

**Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning New mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me**

**Summer and winter And springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars In their courses above
Join with all nature In manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness Mercy and love**

**Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning New mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me**

**Pardon for sin And a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence To cheer and to guide
Strength for today And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine With ten thousand beside**

**Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning New mercies I see
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness Lord unto me**

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DISMISSAL

CLOSING PRAYER

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

GOD'S BLESSING

P The LORD bless you and keep you.
The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The LORD look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

SONG COME HEAL THIS LAND

**Does a cry ring out from a broken nation
From a people who have been brought low
Was pride in our hearts
And did we grieve Your Spirit
Have we blocked the ancient wells that flowed
Here is our cov'nant prayer
Who call upon Your name
We humble ourselves before You
We humble ourselves**

**Come heal this land, Come heal this land
Come heal this land, Come heal this land**

**Do the tears of One who gave all things for us
Do they flow from heaven still because of us
For we have tasted grace
And we have known Your mercy
But we have not shown this grace to men
Here is our cov'nant prayer
Who call upon Your name
We humble ourselves before You
We humble ourselves**

**Come heal this land, Come heal this land
Come heal this land, Come heal this land**

**So may this land we love be a place of safety
Be a light for all the nations of this earth
May Your streams of love may they flow here freely
Here where ev'ry stranger finds a home
Here is our cov'nant prayer
Who call upon Your name
We humble ourselves before You
We humble ourselves**

**Come heal this land, Come heal this land
Come heal this land, Come heal this land**

**Come heal this land, Come heal this land
Come heal this land, Come heal this land**

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SENDING

- P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**



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