

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

**November 23 & 24, 2022 - Thanksgiving**

*for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. - 1 Timothy 2:2*



**Welcome to St. Matthew!**

We are pleased that you have come to worship the LORD with us today. Please introduce yourself to those around you, fill out a "We Care" card and turn it in after the service. We are eager to share with you the hope we have in JESUS CHRIST. If you have no church home, we invite you to consider St. Matthew that home.

**The Sacrament of the Altar** is celebrated at each service 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. Reminders for Those Coming to The Lord's Table 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 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.

**November 23 & 24 Service Outline—Classic Service (Divine Service Setting Four)**

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Prelude on "BUNESSAN" "Tis the Gift to be Simple" Prelude on "THE ASH GROVE" Two Settings on "KREMSEK" "We Praise You, O God"</i>	<i>Charles Callaban Noel Ramsthorne Charles Ore Dale Wood/Phil Lehenbauer</i>
<b>Hymn of Invocation</b>		<b>LSB 785</b>
<b>First Reading</b> .....	<i>Deuteronomy 8:1-10</i>	
<b>Epistle Reading</b> .....	<i>1 Timothy 2:1-4</i>	
<b>Gospel Reading</b> .....	<i>Luke 17:11-19</i>	
<b>Sermon Hymn</b>	<i>"Praise and Thanksgiving"</i>	<b>LSB 789</b>
<b>Sermon</b> .....	<i>The Reason We Give Thanks - 1 Timothy 2:2</i>	
<b>Voluntary (Wed.)</b>	<i>"Give Thanks" - The Bell Choir</i>	<i>Henry Smith arr. Patricia Sanders Cota</i>
<b>Voluntary (Thur.)</b>	<i>"Come and Thank Him!" - The Chancel Choir</i>	<i>Jean Anne Shafferman</i>
<b>Anthem (Wed.)</b>	<i>"Hosanna" - The Bell Choir</i>	<i>Carl Tuttle arr by Patricia Sanders Cota</i>
<b>Anthem (Thur.)</b>	<i>"Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread" - The Chancel Choir</i>	<i>Jay Althouse</i>
<b>Distribution Hymn</b>	<i>"Sing to the Lord of Harvest" "Now Thank We All Our God"</i>	<b>LSB 893 LSB 895:1-2</b>
<b>Hymn to Depart</b>	<i>"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"</i>	<b>LSB 643</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>"Now Thank We All Our God" - BWV 79</i>	<i>J.S. Bach/arr. Virgil Fox</i>

**Music Notes – By Michael Gagne—** The hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" was authored by Martin Rinkart (1586-1649) was the Bishop of Eilenberg, Germany during the Thirty Years' War. Since Eilenberg was a walled city it became a place of refuge for fugitives of the war, and also a place of famine and disease due to overcrowding. In 1637 at the height of their misery, Rinkart was the only clergyman left in the city who could perform the 40 or 50 necessary burial services daily -- one of which was for his wife. As if that weren't enough, the city was sacked three times by invaders, one of which imposed a large tribute payment upon the people. During this time, Rinkart managed to find the time to write 7 dramas and 66 hymns. The hymn "Nun danket alle Gott" was originally titled "Tisch-Gebetlein," or a "little prayer before the meal." This humble prayer of thanksgiving is laid out simply and beautifully in the first verse, but it's the next two verses that expand the hymn's focus and have given it its lasting appeal. NUN DANKET, named for the incipit of Rinkart's text, has been associated with this text ever since they were published together by Johann Crüger in his Praxis Pietatis Melica (1647). Like most modern hymnals, the Psalter Hymnal prints the isorhythmic (all equal rhythms) version. The tune was used by Johann S. Bach in his cantatas BWV79 and 192.

**BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES**

Please go to [www.stmatts.net](http://www.stmatts.net) to see updates on upcoming bible studies.

*St. Matthew thanks the Donna Grund family for providing materials for our Ladies', Men's & Sunday Morning Bible Studies.*

Watch "The St. Matthew Minute", Tuesday's and "Boundless Hope" Wednesday & Thursday - [Facebook](#) & [YouTube](#)

**PLEASE** inform the church office when a pastoral call or visit is desired – the hospitals and rehabilitation centers do not make contact with us. If you or a loved one is receiving medical treatment, please make contact with the Church office (847) 438-7709.



The Rev. Edward A. Blonski, Pastor - 909/373-7936  
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 Cheri Selimos - Administrative Assistant, Todd Johnson - Media Coordinator  
 Kristin Gierke - Youth Director, Rebecca Connolly, ECC Director  
 For a full list of staff, go to: [www.stmatts.net/staff](http://www.stmatts.net/staff)



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**Boundless Need - Boundless Love - Boundless Hope**

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Church Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00am-3:00pm

## Calendar For The Week

**C.O.O.L. Food Item for November: Canned Fruit  
Bread for Life Weekend—11/27/22**

### Wednesday, November 23

No ECC Classes  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 3:45pm  
Thanksgiving Meal Prep—KH  
Thanksgiving Eve Service 7:00pm

### Thursday, November 24 - Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed  
No ECC Classes  
Thanksgiving Service 10:00am  
Thanksgiving Meal - KH 11:00am

### Friday, November 25 - Church Office Closed

No ECC Classes

### Saturday, November 26 - Bread for Life Weekend

Church Christmas Decorating 8:00am  
Saturday Night Casual/Classic Service w/communion 4:00pm

### Sunday, November 27 - Bread for Life Weekend

Classic Service w/ Communion 8:00am  
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am  
Choir Practice - Choir Room 9:15am  
Adult Bible Study - KH 9:30am  
SAVED Practice 9:30am  
Contemporary Service w/ Communion 10:45am

### Monday, November 28

LCC Bible Study - KH 9:30am  
Staff Meeting - SCR 9:45am  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 3:45pm  
LCC Bible Study - KH 6:00pm  
Bell Choir - Choir Loft 7:00pm

### Tuesday, November 29

Staff Devotional - LIB 8:00am  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 3:45pm  
Pig & Corn Roast Meeting - SCR 6:00pm

### Wednesday, November 30

ECC Chapel 10:00am  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 3:45pm  
Advent Dinner - KH 5:30pm  
Mid-Week Advent Service 7:00pm

### Thursday, December 1

Saddlebrook Bible Study - Grayslake 10:00am  
Harbor Chase Worship Service 1:30pm  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 3:45pm  
Ladies Bible Study - KH 6:30pm  
Sharing the Joy Meeting - SCR/LH 7:00pm

### Friday, December 2

Set up for Santa Breakfast - GYM

### Saturday, December 3

Breakfast with Santa - GYM 9:00am-11:00am  
Saturday Night Casual/Classic Service w/communion 4:00pm

### Sunday, December 4

Classic Service w/ Communion 8:00am  
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am  
Choir Practice - Choir Room 9:15am  
Adult Bible Study - KH 9:30am  
Sunday School 9:30am  
Youth Hangout/Bible Study 9:30am  
SAVED Practice 9:30am  
Contemporary Service w/ Communion 10:45am  
Women's Guild Christmas Lunch - Dover Straits Noon

Please remember in prayer:

- *Kristen Basler, John Schockmel, Carol Andrews, Kathy Bresen, Kristin Peterson-Wischer, Leon Hapke, Duane Stavnes, Marvin Sneller, Elinor Francisco, Pam Best, Linda Weir, John Muller, Rosemary Schmidt*
- *Our military personnel currently serving our country: Justin Brown, Adam Imaoka, Scott Karas, Elise Neilson, Steve & Ice Sandy, Bob Hamilton, Chandler McClain*

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - Given to the Glory of God

- *Thanking God for our many blessings. From the Early Childhood Center*

### St. Matthew Early Childhood

Invites you to:

**"THE FIRST CHRISTMAS"**

Presented by: Preschool 3 & 4

When: 12/22/22 @ 09:15—Where: St Matthew Church

Followed by a Dessert Party

Please RSVP to Becky Connolly at [Connolly@stmattsonline.com](mailto:Connolly@stmattsonline.com)

Ladies of St. Matthew, you are invited to attend the St. Matthew Ladies' Christmas Luncheon.

Date: December 11 - Time: 12:30pm

Cost: \$32.00

Place: Kemper Lakes Country Club

RSVP by December 2

Invitation and details are located on the church office counter.

### Holiday Worship Schedule

#### Mid-Week Advent Services:

November 30, December 7, 14, 21 @ 7:00pm

#### Christmas Services

##### **Christmas Eve- December 24**

Christmas Eve Classic Service-10:00am  
Christmas Eve Contemporary Service- 4:00pm  
Christmas Eve Classical Service-6:00pm  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service-11:00pm

##### **Christmas Day- December 25**

Christmas Day Classical Service-10:00am

##### **New Years' Eve Service- December 31**

Contemporary Service @ 4:00pm

##### **New Years' Day Service- January 1**

Contemporary Service @ 10:00am

### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### NOVEMBER

26 - Church Christmas Decorating  
30—Midweek Advent Meal—Pot Luck, 5:30pm  
30—Midweek Advent Service, 7pm

#### DECEMBER

3 - Santa Breakfast  
7 Midweek Advent Meal—Pasta & Salad, 5:30pm  
7 - Midweek Advent Service, 7pm  
10 & 11 - Women's Guild Cookie Walk  
10 - Sunday School Christmas Service  
11 - Ladies Christmas Luncheon  
14 - Midweek Advent Meal - Taco's, 5:30pm  
14 - Midweek Advent Service, 7pm  
18 - Sharing the Joy, Gingerbread Bash  
21 - Midweek Advent Meal - TBD, 5:30pm  
21 - Midweek Advent Service, 7pm  
22 - ECC Happy Birthday Jesus Party  
24 - Christmas Eve Services, 10/4/6/11  
25 - Christmas Day Service - 10am  
31 - New Year's Eve - Service 4pm

#### JANUARY

1 - New Year's Day - Service 10:00am

St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
& Early Child Center



Date: December 3, 2022  
Time: 9:00am to 11:00am  
Place: St. Matthew Gym