

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

January 21 & 22, 2023 - Lutheran Schools Week

*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, - Matthew 28:19*



**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.

**January 21 & 22 Outline - Classic Service (Divine Service Setting One)**

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>"Jesus Loves Me"</b>	Jason Payne
	<b>Improvisation on "Christ Be Our Light"</b>	M. Gagne
	<b>"This Little Light Of Mine"</b>	John Behnke
	<b>Prelude on "NENO LAKE MUNGU"</b>	Anne Krentz Organ
	<b>"The Church's One Foundation"</b>	LSB 644:1,3,5
<b>Hymn of Invocation</b>		
<b>First Reading</b> .....	<b>Isaiah 9:1-4</b>	
<b>Epistle Reading</b> .....	<b>1 Corinthians 1:10-18</b>	
<b>Gospel Reading</b> .....	<b>Matthew 28:18-20</b>	
<b>Sermon Hymn</b>	<b>"Listen, God is Calling"</b>	LSB 833
<b>Sermon</b> .....	<b>National Lutheran Schools Week: The Great Assignment - Matthew 28:18-20</b>	
<b>Voluntary (Sat.)</b>	<b>"I've Got Peace Like A River"</b>	Mark Hayes
<b>Voluntary (Sun.)</b>	<b>"There Is A Redeemer"</b> - The Let Praises Ring Bell Choir	arr. Patricia Sanders Cota
<b>Distribution (Sun.)</b>	<b>"Steal Away"</b> - The Let Praises Ring Bell Choir	arr. Patricia Cota
	<b>"There Is A Balm In Gilead"</b>	LSB 749
	<b>"Jesus Loves Me"</b>	LSB 588
<b>Hymn to Depart</b>	<b>"Christ, Be Our Light"</b>	
<b>Postlude</b>	<b>"Sortie"</b>	Richard Shephard

**January 22 - Contemporary Service**

<b>Song</b>	<b>"No Greater Love"</b>	Matthew Maber
<b>Song</b>	<b>"The Lord Is My Salvation"</b>	Gettys
<b>Reading</b> .....	<b>Matthew 28:18-20</b>	
<b>Song of the Day</b>	<b>"Build Your Kingdom Here"</b>	Rend Collective
<b>Sermon</b> .....	<b>National Lutheran Schools Week: The Great Assignment - Matthew 28:18-20</b>	
<b>Offerings</b>	<b>"This Little Light Of Mine"</b>	Youth Power Praise
<b>Communion</b>	<b>"Your Grace"</b>	Andy Parks
<b>Departing Song</b>	<b>"Send Me Out"</b>	Steve Fee

**Music Notes – By Michael Gagne—**

*Christ, be our light! - Shine in our hearts. - Shine through the darkness.*

*Christ, be our light! - Shine in your church gathered today.*

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957) has been writing texts and tunes since the 1970s. She began publishing with OCP (Oregon Catholic Press) in the 1980s, and her setting, "Christ, Be Our Light," was composed in the early 1990s and can be found in a number of denominational hymnals. Farrell also composed the popular response "Celtic Alleluia" which can be found in the Lutheran Service Book hymnal. The words of the first stanza of "Christ, Be Our Light" fits themes of Advent. Hints of Isaiah 9:2 – "The people who walk in darkness will see a great light– point us to years A, B, and C, when this text is used for the Nativity of the Lord. It is also a reading in year A on the third Sunday after Epiphany. The 5th stanza references Paul's letter to the church at Corinth (chapter 12). The church, full of people with gifts of the Spirit, brings the kingdom of God to earth when it serves God's children. Yes, this text can be used during Advent and Lent, but the last stanza truly helps us to comprehend who the church is called to be and what the church is called to do. Using the gifts of God to serve one another.

**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.

"Lutheran Lamb Busy Bags are available in the Narthex. Please feel free to use these quiet activity bags if your little ones get restless during worship services. Ask an usher for help, if needed."

**Contemporary Worship Songs for the 1/22/22**

- "The Lord Is My Salvation"** – Gettys  
LINK: <https://youtu.be/NjOGX5zT8KU>
- "Build Your Kingdom Here"** - Rend Collective  
LINK: <https://youtu.be/NjOGX5zT8KU>
- "This Little Light Of Mine"** - Youth Power Praise  
LINK: <https://youtu.be/W4iIBIoZSHU>
- "Your Grace"** - Andy Parks  
LINK: <https://youtu.be/37f5KY5XC44>
- "Send Me Out"** - Steve Fee  
LINK: <https://youtu.be/L8ZGQPW7OXg>
- "No Greater Love"** - Matt Maher  
LINK: <https://youtu.be/EDun2Qhix08>

**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**" Monday & Friday [www.stmatts.net](http://www.stmatts.net) or [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stmattsnet) & [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/stmattsnet)

Pastor Blonski has a new Podcast called "**Coffee and Word Reflection.**" Join him live @11am on Wednesdays @[www.stmatts.net](http://www.stmatts.net), [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/stmattsnet), or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/stmattsnet)



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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 January: Baby Items  
Bread for Life Weekend—1/29/2023**

### Saturday, January 21

Men's Bible Study - KH 9:00am  
**Classic, Casual Service w/communion 4:00pm**

### Sunday, January 22 - Kick off to Lutheran Schools' Week

**Classic Service w/communion 8:00am**  
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am  
Choir Practice 9:15am  
Sunday Morning Bible Study - KH 9:30am  
Sunday School - SSR 9:30am  
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am  
**Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am**  
**Voters Meeting - Main Sanctuary Noon**  
Cosentino Baptism - Private, Historical Chapel Noon  
1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Class 6:00pm

### Monday, January 23 - Making Children Disciples For Life

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

### Tuesday, January 24 - Making Families Disciples For Life

Staff Devotion - LIB 8:00am  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 3:45pm  
Comfort Dog Meeting - SCR 6:00pm  
Church Council Meeting - LIB 7:00pm

### Wednesday, January 25 - Making Disciples For Life In The Church

ECC Chapel 10:00am  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 3:45pm  
Adult Discipleship Class - KH 7:00pm

### Thursday, January 26 - Celebrating Disciples

ECC Dance Program - KH 9:00am  
Limitless Basketball - GYM 3:45pm  
ECC Open House 5:30pm  
Ladies Bible Study - KH 6:30pm

### Friday, January 27

### Saturday, January 28

Men's Bible Study - KH 9:00am  
Wickert Private Event - GYM 1:00pm  
**Classic, Casual Service w/communion 4:00pm**

### Sunday, January 29 - Making Disciples of All Nations

**Classic Service w/communion 8:00am**  
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am  
Choir Practice 9:15am  
Sunday Morning Bible Study - KH 9:30am  
Sunday School - SSR 9:30am  
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am  
**Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am**  
Cub Scout Pinwood Derby - KH 2:00pm  
1st & 2nd Year Confirmation Class 6:00pm

Please remember in prayer:

- *John Schockmel, Carol Andrews, Kathy Bresen, Pam Best, Kristin Peterson-Wischer, Leon Hapke, Marvin Sneller, Elinor Francisco, Linda Weir, John Mueller, Rosemary Schmidt, Marilyn Ellinghusen, Lorraine Selsor, Duane Stavnes*
- *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.

### **OFFICAL ACTS -**

- *The baptism of Beckett Emilio Cosentino will take place at St. Matthew on Sunday, January 22, 2023.*

### **Church Attendance**

Saturday - 63 Sunday @ 8:00am = 83 @10:45am - 79  
On-Line Attendance Recorded For Above Services: 53  
Total Service Attendance: 278

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**

It has been an exciting week, the Children continued to learn all about Winter and have learned numerous ways of making 10. In science, the preschoolers mixed ingredients to blow up our ziplock snowman. They read about different winter animals in the Clifford Scholastic Magazine. The preschoolers enhanced their gross motor muscles by, "ice-skating and sledding". In Jolly Phonics, the children discovered the letter "D". In Religion, we discovered the story, of Boy Jesus and the temple.  
\*\*Lutheran Schools Week is quickly approaching and we need your help! This year's theme is "Making Disciples for Life" inspired by Matthew 28:18-20. \*If you have any pictures or experiences that you would like to share with the children from your time at St. Matthew, please send them to [connolly@stmattsonline.com](mailto:connolly@stmattsonline.com). Our goal is to show the children the history and community of the church. If you would like to join us in the classroom and share some experiences of your time at St. Matthew, on Friday, January 27th, please email, [connolly@stmattsonline.com](mailto:connolly@stmattsonline.com).

### **Upcoming School Events:**

January 22nd-29th- Lutheran Schools Week  
January 26th- St. Matthew Early Childhood Open House 5:30 pm

### **Registration for the 2023-2024 School Year is open.**

St. Matthew is a play and faith based Early Childhood Center. We are accredited through the National Lutheran School Association. Flexible scheduling is available for our 3 and 4 year old Preschool Program.  
23-24 St. Matthew Early Childhood will be offering a full time Kindergarten Program!  
Please email Rebecca Connolly at [connolly@stmattsonline.com](mailto:connolly@stmattsonline.com) or call 847-438-6103.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **JANUARY**

- 22 - Kick off to Lutheran Schools Week
- 22 - Voter's Meeting, following the 10:45am service
- 26 - Early Childhood Center Open House

#### **FEBRUARY**

- 4 - Leadership Workshop, 8:30am-Noon
- 5 - Valentines For Seniors
- 22 - Ash Wednesday, Services @ Noon & 7pm

#### **APRIL**

- 1 - Sharing the Joy Easter Egg Hunt
- 1 - Sharing the Joy Youth Event (More details to come)

For more upcoming events and monthly meetings, go to:  
[www.stmatts.net](http://www.stmatts.net) and view the church calendar

**Serve/Volunteer At St. Matthew**—Looking for how you can serve at St. Matthew? Some groups that may be of interest: Altar Guild, Ladies Groups, Crafting, Coffee Hour, Ushers, Comfort Dog Ministry, Music Ministry, Sharing the Joy Ministry, Evangelism and many more. For more information contact the church office or go to : [www.stmatts.net/organizations.html](http://www.stmatts.net/organizations.html)

The Media Support team is looking for a volunteer to help redesign our Church and Early Childhood Center websites. Please contact Todd Johnson for more details ([johnson@stmattsonline.com](mailto:johnson@stmattsonline.com)).

**Sharing the Joy Ministry College Outreach** - Do you have a family member (Child, Grandchild, Niece, Nephew) that is currently going to college? If so, Sharing the Joy would like to include them in our College Outreach Program. Please contact Cheri Selimos @ [Selimos@stmattsonline.com](mailto:Selimos@stmattsonline.com) or 847/438-7709 for details.