



ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

May 20 & 21, 2023 - The Seventh Sunday of Easter

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. - 1 Peter 5:10

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.

May 20 & 21 - Classic Service - Divine Setting One

Prelude	"Arioso" <i>Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on "HANOVER"</i> <i>Prelude on "SLANE"</i> "How Firm a Foundation" <i>"How Firm a Foundation"</i>	G.F. Handel/ arr. Frank Asper David Lasky Paul Manz David Chernien LSB 728
Hymn of Invocation		
First ReadingActs 1:12-26		
Epistle Reading1Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11		
Hymn	"Alleluia"	
Gospel ReadingJohn 17:1-11		
Sermon Hymn	"O Worship the King"	LSB 804: 1-3
Sermon "Restored - Confirmed - Strengthened - Established" - <i>Born Again Series</i>		
Voluntary (Sat.)	"WAS FRAG ICH NACH DER WELT"	Michael Burkhard
Voluntary (Sun.)	"Christ is The Rock" - <i>The Glory Singers</i>	Lloyd Larson
Voluntary	"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"	LSB 805
Choir Anthem (Sun.)	"Worthy Is the Lamb" - <i>The Glory Singers</i>	Don Wyrzten
Distribution	"In Holy Conversation" "What is the World to Me"	LSB 772 LSB 730
Hymn to Depart	"In Christ There Is No West"	LSB 653
Postlude	"A Festive Trumpet Tune"	David German

May 21 - Contemporary Service

Song	"I Want to Worship You"	Jim Kuebm
Rite of Baptism & Confirmation		
Song	"He Will Hold Me Fast"	Getty's
Reading1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11		
Song of the Day	"God So Love The World"	Jim Kuebm
Sermon "Restored - Confirmed - Strengthened - Established" - <i>Born Again Series</i>		
Offerings	"Peace In The Valley"	Johnny Cash
Communion	"No Longer Slaves"	Zac Williams
Departing Song	"All The Power You Need"	Hillsong

Music Notes – "O Worship the King" - Robert Grant (b. Bengal, India, 1779; d. Dalpoorie, India, 1838) was influenced in writing this text by William Kethe's paraphrase of Psalm 104 in the Anglo-Genevan Psalter (1561). Of Scottish ancestry, Grant was born in India, where his father was a director of the East India Company. He attended Magdalen College, Cambridge, and was called to the bar in 1807. He had a distinguished public career a Governor of Bombay and as a member of the British Parliament, where he sponsored a bill to remove civil restrictions on Jews. Grant was knighted in 1834. Grant's text was first published in Edward Bickersteth's Christian Psalmody (1833) with several unauthorized alterations. In 1835 his original six-stanza text was published in Henry Elliott's Psalm and Hymns. Stanza 3 was omitted in the Psalter Hymnal. Albert Bailey wrote of this text: "It is no small accomplishment to combine, as this hymn does, the majestic, the tender, and a smooth-flowing poetical rendering". The text has not been changed much from Grant's original. Some verses are not included in all hymnals – unlike most hymnals, the Psalter Hymnal leaves out the original third stanza, which reads, "The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, thy power hath founded of old; hath 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea." The Psalter Hymnal does, however, include a verse many hymnals leave out, beginning "O measureless Might."

Contemporary Worship Songs for the 5/28/23 Service

- "Fresh Fire"** - Don Moen
LINK: <https://youtu.be/zKCLCyzXyG0>
- "He Will Hold Me Fast"** - Getty's
LINK: <https://youtu.be/936BapRFHaQ>
- "Holy Spirit"** - Getty's
LINK: <https://youtu.be/kDYjn-YdnD4>
- "No Longer Slaves"** - Zac Williams
LINK: <https://youtu.be/dwLFp1weuA8>
- "Spirit of God"** - Jim Kuehm
LINK: <https://youtu.be/K7kq6UGhYsl>
- "Spirit of the Living God"** - Daniel Iverson

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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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 May: Canned Vegetables
Bread for Life Weekend—5/28/2023**

Saturday, May 20

Parsonage & Grounds Work Day 8:30am
Saturday Casual Classic Service 4:00pm
Private Baptism 5:00pm

Sunday, May 21

Classic Service w/communion 8:00am
Choir Practice 9:15am
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am
Adult Bible Study - KH 9:30am
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am
Youth Bible Study Event 9:30am
Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am
**Adult Baptism & Adult Confirmation
Women's Guild Meeting - LH Noon
LWML Spring Rally - Lord of Glory, Grayslake
Cub Scout Meeting - KH 3:30pm

Monday, May 22

LCC Bible Study - KH 9:30am
Staff Meeting - SCR 9:45am
Nemeth Internment Service 11:00am
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:30pm
LCC Bible Study - KH 6:00pm
Bells Practice - Choir Loft 7:00pm

Tuesday, May 23

Staff Devotion - LIB 8:00am
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:00pm
Comfort Dog Meeting - SCR 6:00pm
Bob Wilson Private Practice - Choir Loft 6:00pm
Stitched Together - LH 6:30pm
Church Council Meeting - LIB 7:00pm

Wednesday, May 24

Crafting - KH 9:00am
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:00pm

Thursday, May 25

Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:30pm

Friday, May 26

Early Childhood Center Promotion Service & Reception 9:00am

Saturday, May 27 - Bread For Life Weekend

Saturday Casual Classic Service 4:00pm

Sunday, May 28 - Bread For Life Weekend

Classic Service w/communion 8:00am
Choir Practice 9:15am
Coffee Hour Meet & Greet 9:00am
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am
Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am
Avery Kyleen Grant Baptism - Private Noon

Monday, May 29—Memorial Day

Church Office & Early Childhood Center Closed 9:30am
Memorial Day Service - Outside, Cemetery 10:00am

The Ordination & Installation of Ryan Ferguson

Date: Saturday, July 1, 2023

Time: 2:00pm

St. Matthew will be hosting the Ordination & Installation of Ryan Ferguson on July 1st at 2:00pm. A reception dinner will follow the service. If you would like to attend the dinner, please sign up in the church office.

More details of the service will be shared in the upcoming weeks.



There are blank half-sheets of paper in the in the Messenger that was offered to you. You are encouraged to write questions or comments about the message, the service, or anything to do with the Church or the Christian Faith! Those online can use the chat or comment boxes below the stream. Pasotr B. will address the comments and answer the questions at Coffee & Word Reflection with Pastor B. on Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m. which you can watch on the St. Matthew website.

Donation QR Code

If you would like to give a donation, please scan this QR Code and you will be taken to the St. Matthew OnLine Giving Site.



Please remember in prayer:

- Carol Andrews, Leon Hapke, Elinor Francisco, Pam Best, Linda Weir, Marilyn Ellinghusen, Lorraine Selsor, Marilyn Schauer, Dan Seiwerth Sr., Judy Knuth, Suzanne Lambrecht, Michael Krause
- Our military personnel currently serving our country: Justin Brown, Adam Imaoka, Scott Karas, Elise Neilson, Steve & Ice Sandy, Bob Hamilton, Chandler McClain
- Our missionaries, Gary & Sue Kessler in Belize

ALTAR FLOWERS - Given to the Glory of God.

- In celebration of the 28th wedding anniversary of Cheri & Ted Selimos.
- In loving memory of Malachi. - Exodus 15:3, The LORD is a man of war, the LORD is his name.

OFFICAL ACTS

- The funeral and internment of Marvin Sneller took place at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Thursday, May 18, 2023.
- The baptism of Evan Christopher Craig will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2023.
- The baptism of Gary Edward Midkiff will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2023.
- The Adult Confirmations of Edward Stryker, Gary Midkiff, Ted Ray and Evan Craig will take place on Sunday, May 21, 2023.

Church Attendance

Saturday = 44

Sunday @ 8:00am = 109 @ 10:00am = 88

On-Line Attendance Recorded For Above Services: 41

Total Service Attendance: 282

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

We are wrapping up the year at St. Matthew Early Childhood Center! The children are busy investigating their last mini-project on Ponds. To our amazement, all 10 of our butterflies hatched! The children watched as we released them into God's beautiful Earth. This past week, the children enjoyed their last library visit with Mr. and Mrs. Cooper. Thank you for being our librarians this year! We have been busy rehearsing songs for our end-of-the year ceremony. In Religious Studies, the preschoolers learned about Timothy.

May 23rd- Kid Fit Day.

May 24th- Touch a Truck

May 26th- Last Day of School (half day)- St. Matthew Early Childhood Promotion Ceremony at 9:00 am.

Golf "FORE" The Kids Update... Please see insert.

Kindergarten Summer Camp - The ECC will be offering a Kindergarten Summer Camp, starting in June. For details, go to www.stmatts.net or contact Pam Zimmerman at Zimmerman@stmattsonline.com

Summer Church Service Change

June 1 at 7:00pm, will be our first Thursday Night Summer Service. Thursday Night Service will continue through August 31. During this time, Saturday Services will not be offered.

Saturday Services will resume again on September 9 @ 4:00pm. Sunday Services will remain the same, 8:00am Classic & 10:45am Contemporary.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Vacation Bible School - God's Living Water

July 24-28

Sign Up Today—Volunteers Needed

Scan QR Code for details....



***** WE ARE IN NEED OF A VBS COORDINATOR. PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE FOR DETAILS*****

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

Bible Studies will be ending for the summer. Please go to www.stmatts.net to see updates on upcoming bible studies.

Watch "The St. Matthew Minute", Tuesday's and "Boundless Hope" Monday & Friday www.stmatts.net or Facebook & YouTube

Pastor Blonski has a new Podcast called "Coffee and Word Reflection."

Join him live @11am on Wednesdays