



**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2023 - TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

We love because he loved us. - 1 John 4:19

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.

November 18 & 19 - Classic Service - Divine Service Setting Three

Prelude	"Litany"	<i>Myron Roberts</i>
	Partita on "HYFRYDOL"	<i>Charles Callaban</i>
Hymn of Invocation	"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"	LSB 700
Hymn	"All Glory Be to God Alone"	LSB 948 sts: 1,3,5
First Reading	1 Chronicles 29:1-19	
Epistle Reading	1 John 4:7-5:3	
Gospel Reading	John 12:1-8	
Sermon Hymn	"Love in Christ Is Strong and Living"	LSB 706
Sermon.....	"Transformed by Love" - Stewards Transformed By Grace, Faith, and Love	
Voluntary (Saturday)	Prelude on "DOROTHY"	<i>Jim Vybanek</i>
Voluntary (Sunday)	"Rock of Ages" - The Glory Singers	<i>Michael Cox</i>
	Gathering and Consecration of the Commitment Cards	
Hymn	"We Give Thee But Thine Own"	LSB 781
Distribution (Sunday)	"Rise Up, O Men of God" - The Glory Singers	<i>William H. Walton</i>
Distribution	"We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God"	LSB 941
Hymn to Depart	"Thee Will I Love, My Strength My Tower"	LSB 694
Postlude	"Sortie Toccata"	<i>Auguste Larrin</i>

November 19 - Contemporary Service

Song	"Lord I Lift Your Name on High"	<i>Carlene Newsboys</i>
Song	"I Surrender All"	
Epistle Reading	1 John 4:7-5:3	
Song of the Day	"Deep In Love With You"	<i>Michael W. Smith</i>
Sermon.....	"Transformed by Love" - Stewards Transformed By Grace, Faith, and Love	
	Gathering and Consecration of the Commitment Cards	
Song	"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"	
Offerings	"Deep In Love With You" - Instrumental	<i>Michael W. Smith</i>
Communion	"O Come To The Altar"	<i>Elevation Worship</i>
Departing Song	"Love One Another"	<i>Newsboys</i>

Music Notes - One of the most loved Welsh tunes, HYFRYDOL was composed by Rowland Hugh Prichard (b. Graienyn, near Bala, Merionetshire, Wales, 1811; d. Holywell, Flintshire, Wales, 1887) in 1830 when he was only nineteen. It was published with about forty of his other tunes in his children's hymnal Cyfaill y Cantorion (The Singers' Friend) in 1844. Prichard (sometimes spelled Pritchard) was a textile worker and an amateur musician. He had a good singing voice and was appointed precentor in Graienyn. Many of his tunes were published in Welsh periodicals. In 1880 Prichard became a loom tender's assistant at the Welsh Flannel Manufacturing Company in Holywell. HYFRYDOL (Welsh for "tuneful" or "pleasant") is often set to Charles Wesley's "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" and William C. Dix's "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus".

Contemporary Worship Songs for the 11/26/23 Service

- "Heaven's Gates"** - Robin Mark
LINK: <https://youtu.be/2d5nBCfhyMw>
- "King of Heaven"** - Paul Baloche
LINK: <https://youtu.be/VO76W9Zw0cs>
- "O Come To The Altar"** - Elevation Worship
LINK: https://youtu.be/OpfuKKH_SCE
- "King of Kings"** - Hillsong Worship
LINK: <https://youtu.be/dQl4izxPeNU>
- "The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)"** - Matt Maher
LINK: <https://youtu.be/36hBIBGVFSs>



**SMLC First Annual
Do It Yourself Messiah".
Saturday, December 9 @ 3:00 pm
This event is free but tickets are required.
Scan the QR Code for info
or contact the church office.**



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.



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Boundless Need - Boundless Love - Boundless Hope

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The Rev. Edward A. Blonski, Pastor & The Rev. Ryan Ferguson, Associate Pastor

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—11/26/2023**

Saturday, November 18

Men's Bible Study - KH 9:00am
Saturday Classic/Casual Service w/communion 4:00pm
Limitless Basketball - GYM 7:00pm

Sunday, November 19

Classic Service w/communion 8:00am
Jon Allan Dunger Baptism 8:00am
Coffee Hour 9:00am
Book Fair - LH 9:00am-10:30am
Choir Practice 9:15am
Adult Bible Study - KH 9:30am
Youth Bible Study - YR 9:30am
Sunday School - Sunday School Rooms 9:30am
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am
Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am
Voters Meeting - Sanctuary Noon
Cub Scouts - KH 3:30pm

Monday, November 20

LCC Bible Study - KH 9:30am
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:00pm
Bell Choir Practice - Choir Loft 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 21

Staff Devotional 8:00am
Staff Meeting - LCR 9:30am
Stitched Together - LH 1:00pm
Bob Wilson Private Practice - Choir Loft 6:00pm
Limitless Basketball - GYM 7:00pm
Board of Evangelism Meeting - LIB 7:00pm

Wednesday, November 22

ECC Chapel 10:00am
Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service 7:00pm

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day Worship Service 10:00am
Thanksgiving Meal Noon

Friday, November 24

Saturday, November 25 - Bread for Life

NO Men's Bible Study - KH
Formeller Baptism - Private 2:30pm
Saturday Classic/Casual Service w/communion 4:00pm
Limitless Basketball - GYM 7:00pm

Sunday, November 26 - Bread for Life

Classic Service w/communion 8:00am
Coffee Hour 9:00am
Book Fair - LH 9:00am-10:30am
Choir Practice 9:15am
Adult Bible Study - KH 9:30am
Youth Bible Study - YR 9:30am
Sunday School - Sunday School Rooms 9:30am
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am
Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am

Holiday Service Information

November

22 - Thanksgiving Eve Service @ 7:00pm
23 - Thanksgiving Day Service @ 10:00am

December

6,13,20 - Midweek Advent Services @ 7:00pm *Meal at 5:30pm
9 - DIY Messiah Service @ 3:00pm
17 - Sunday School Christmas Program @ 10:45am
24 - Christmas Eve Services
Classic Service @ 10am, 6pm & 11pm
Contemporary Service @ 4pm
25 - Christmas Day @ 10:00am
31 - New Years Eve @ 10:00am

Please remember in prayer:

- Carol Andrews, Elinor Francisco, Pam Best, Judy Knuth Marilyn Ellinghusen, Lorraine Selsor, Marilyn Schauer, Regina Musso, Jennifer Ambrosi, Michael Mueller
- 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 honor of the birthdays of Zoe (20) and Nicholas (17) Selimos, from their parents.

OFFICIAL ACTS

- The Baptism of Jon Allan Dunger will take place on Sunday, November 19, 2023 at St. Matthew.
- The Baptism of Cameron Joseph Formeller will take place on Saturday, November 25, 2023 at St. Matthew.

Church Attendance

Saturday = 31 Sunday @ 8:00am = 128 / 10:45am = 64
On-Line Attendance Recorded For Above Services: 33
Total Service Attendance: 256

Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance

As of November 12, 2023

	Week	YTD
Budget	\$13,399	\$261,765
Offerings Received	\$13,195	\$231,953
Over (Under) Budget	(\$204)	(\$29,812)

Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

This past week, the St. Matthew Preschoolers participated in World Kindness Day. The Children participated in Random Acts of Kindness and brought in food for the COOL Food Pantry. We also continued our study of Thanksgiving. The children definitely enjoyed the warmer weather this week. We spent a lot of time exploring the fall changes outdoors. In religious studies the children discovered the story; Daniel & the Lions Den.

Upcoming Dates:

November 19th- St. Matthew Sponsored Book Fair Located in Luther Hall after church service, from 9 am-10:30 am .
November 21-24- Thanksgiving Break- No School
December 2nd- Breakfast with Santa - 9 am- 11 am
The St. Matthew Early Childhood Center is hosting Santa Breakfast! Enjoy a lite continental style breakfast, while children shop for Christmas gifts at the Kris Kringle Shop... and best of all visit with Santa! December 2nd, 9 am- 11 am (Santa from 9:30-11:00) If you would like to assist with set up, help during the event, or clean up please sign up in the front office!

Upcoming Events

19 - Voters Meeting, Noon
23 - Annual Thanksgiving Meal
25 - Women's Guild Christmas Post Office Opens

December

2 - Christmas Decoration, Church
2 - Breakfast With Santa
3 - Women's Guild Christmas Luncheon @ Dover Straits
9 - DIY Messiah
9 & 10 - Women's Guild Cookie Walk
10 - LWML/Ladies Aid Christmas Luncheon @ Dover Straits
17 - Sharing the Joy Gingerbread Party, Noon
22 - Early Childhood Christmas Program



Sharing the Joy Ministry
Invites you to a "Gingerbread Making Party"
Date: Sunday, December 17
Time: Noon

(Immediately following the 10:45am service)

It's a fun, hands-on way for the whole family to celebrate Christmas together! We'll make a gingerbread house or train, listen to some great Christmas music, and make some new Christmas memories.

A lite lunch will be provided. RSVP by Wednesday, December 13



St. Matthew Women's Guild
November 25—December 20
Would you like to send

Christmas greetings to your fellow congregation members? Drop off your cards and pick up those that are waiting for you.
.25 cents per card. Cash or Check only, please.