

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

APRIL 27 & 28

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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 to drink "in, with, and under" the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the strengthening of our faith in God and our fellowship with each other. As baptized children of God, we at St. Matthew, as members of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, trust God's Word, repent of all our sins and through participating in Holy Communion proclaim the Lord's death until He returns. Since Holy Communion is a public confession of our faith, anyone who is not yet instructed in the Christian faith or comes from a different Christian tradition or confession and yet desires to receive the Sacrament is asked to first speak with one of the pastors or deacons.

Reminders for Those Coming to the Lord's Table: the distribution is at the communion rail during the Classic Service. An usher will indicate when each row should make their way down the center aisle and approach the rail. The distribution during the Contemporary Service will be "continuous," in a single file up the center aisle to the front and returning to the pew via the side aisle. Those who do not wish to receive the Sacrament are invited to join those who are to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest to indicate you would like to receive a blessing. Those who have not yet made a public confession of their baptismal vows (i.e. confirmation) are invited to also approach and receive a blessing. St. Matthew does offer non-alcoholic wine, these cups will be in the center of the tray. We also offer gluten-free wafers, simply indicate to the pastor you wish to receive them.

Prelude

April 27 & 28- Classic Service

"Morning Hymn"

Gordon Young

Fantasy on "ENGELBERG"

Albert L. Travis

"Standin' In the Need of Prayer"

Calvin Taylor

Voluntary on "CRUCIFER"

John Behnke

"Lift High the Cross"

LSB 837:1,3,4,6

Hymn of Invocation

First ReadingActs 8:26-40

Epistle Reading1 John 4:1-21

Holy Gospel ReadingJohn 15:1-8

Sermon Hymn

"O Love, How Deep"

LSB 544

Sermon..... "Listen & Ask (Head, Heart, Hands)" - Acts 8:30

Voluntary (Saturday)

"DEO GRACIAS"

Paul Manz

Voluntary (Sunday)

"Witness" - The Chancel Choir

Spiritual arr. by Jack Halloran

Offertory

LSB 159

Distribution (Sunday)

"Thanks Be To Thee" - The Chancel Choir

GF Handel arr by Anna Mae Nichols

Distribution

"Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels"

LSB 697

"Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death"

LSB 740

Hymn to Depart

"When in Our Music God is Glorified"

LSB 796

Postlude

"A Festive Trumpet Tune"

Gilbert M. Martin

April 28 - Contemporary Service

Song

"Here I Am to Worship"

Tim Hughes

Song

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Israel Houghton

Ancient Words of Our Lord.....Acts 8:26-40

Song of the Day

"Light of the World"

Cathy Pino

Sermon..... "Listen & Ask (Head, Heart, Hands)" - Acts 8:30

Offerings

"Light of the World" (Instrumental)

Blessing of the Loaves - Feeding of the Lambs

Students of the St. Matthew Sunday School & Early Childhood Center, Sing:

"He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" - "Peace Like a River" - "Father Abraham"

Communion

"Living Waters"

Getty's

Departing Song

"Facing A Task Unfinished"

Getty's

Music Notes - Born in Los Angeles, California, composer, pianist, and organist Calvin Taylor was drawn to music as a young child. The active cultural and musical life of the church provided earliest impressions and inspiration. He began playing piano in all keys at five years, and by age fourteen was serving as organist in several southern California churches. Taylor was exposed to a variety of the symphonic repertoire as a member of the trumpet section of both the Los Angeles Junior Philharmonic and Southwest Youth Symphony. Calvin Taylor made history at Oberlin Conservatory of Music in 1970 when he became the first organist in the school's over 155-year history to improvise a graduate concert encore (an eleven-minute extemporization on O Du Fröliche, Weihnachtzeit "Sicilian Mariners"). At The University of Michigan, he studied organ with Marilyn Mason and composition with Leslie Bassett, completing the M.M. in 1974. Taylor became active as a studio arranger and studied composition and orchestration at U.C.L.A. and The Dick Grove School of Music in the early 80's. At the Grove Workshops, Taylor had the opportunity of enjoying master classes with popular music composers Henry Mancini, Nelson Riddle, David Raksin, Dick Grove, and Peter Matz.. The music of Calvin Taylor has been performed by the Kristiansand, Redlands, Inglewood, Central Kentucky Youth, Shreveport, University of Kentucky, U.C.L.A. Philharmonia, University of Massachusetts-Lowell, South Arkansas, Utah, and Nashville Symphony orchestras. As a 1998 winner of The Unisys African American Composer's Residency and National Symposium, the Detroit Symphony Orchestra read and recorded Taylor's Inner-city Sunrise under the direction of Kay George Roberts.

Contemporary Worship Songs for the 5/5/24 Service

"Let Everything That Has Breath" - Matt Redman

LINK: <https://youtu.be/n7lvyd1JdQU>

"Jesus Draw Me Close" - Rick Founds

LINK: <https://youtu.be/aplFCAG4xJ4>

"Mercy Mercy" - Casey Corum

LINK: <https://youtu.be/tNz-cpww1sk>

"Shine Jesus Shine" - Graham Kendrick

LINK: <https://youtu.be/J3iB30gCqAc>

"May The Peoples Praise You" - Getty's

LINK: <https://youtu.be/7BrfkjHdKVI>

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. Thank You.



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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Calendar For The Week

C.O.O.L. Food Item for April : Peanut Butter
****Bread for Life Weekend—4/28/24****

Saturday, April 27—Bread for Life

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

Sunday, April 28—Bread for Life

Classic Service w/communion 8:00am
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am
Choir Practice 9:15am
Adult Bible Study - KH 9:30am
Sunday School - SSR 9:30am
Youth Bible Study - YR 9:30am
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am
Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am
Sherril Bjerga-Private Burial 1:00pm
Women's Guild Event - KH - Doors Open @ 1:15pm

Monday, April 29

LCC Bible Study - KH 9:30am
ECC Weekly Meeting - Office 2:45pm
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:30pm
Boy Scout Meeting 7:00pm
Bell Choir Practice - Choir Loft 7:00pm

Tuesday, April 30

Staff Devotional - LIB 8:00am
Fall Market Workday - KH 9:00am
Staff Meeting - SCR 1:00pm
Stitched Together - LH 1:00pm
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:30pm
Bob Wilson Private Lesson - Choir Loft 4:45pm

Wednesday, May 1

Ministry Team Meeting - LIB 2:45pm
Limitless Basketball - GYM 4:30pm

Thursday, May 2 - National Day of Prayer

National Day of Prayer Service - Outside ECC 9:30am
Saddlebrook Bible Study - Grayslake 10:00am
Ladies Aid Meeting - Off-Site, Long Grove 11:30am
Ladies Life Group Bible Study - ZOOM 6:30pm

Friday, May 3

Saturday, May 4
Spring Work Day - Outside Campus 8:30am
Men's Bible Study - KH 9:00am
Saturday Casual Service w/communion 4:00pm
Christian Jose Zabratanski Baptism Noon

Sunday, May 5

Classic Service w/communion 8:00am
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am
Choir Practice 9:15am
Adult Bible Study - KH 9:30am
Sunday School - SSR 9:30am
Youth Bible Study - YR 9:30am
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am
Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am
Lyle Steven Simms, Addi Aris Simms, David Michael Evans & Mia Justine Evans Baptisms Noon
Mayuri Dance Event - GYM Noon

UPCOMING EVENTS

May & Beyond

- May 2 - National Day of Prayer
- May 4 - LWML Spring Rally @ Bethel
- May 4 - Outside Campus Spring Workday
- May 11 - Sound of Music Move & Sing-a-long
- May 19 - Baccalaureate Service, 10:45am
- June 1 - SAM Event - Chocolate Making
- June - 26 - OMX Public Meeting @ St. Matthew
- June 30 - Installation Service for Brittney Johnson - 3:00pm
- June 30 - Reception, following Service
- July 28 - Golf "Fore" the Kids Golf Outing
- July 29 - August 2 - Vacation Bible School
- August 4 - Sharing the Joy End of Summer Pool Party
- August 11 - St. Matthew Pig Roast
- November 23- St. Matthew Silent Auction
- December 14—2nd Annual DIY Messiah/Cookie Walk

For more upcoming events and monthly meetings, go to:
www.stmatts.net and view the church calendar

Employment Opportunity - The Board of Trustees is looking for a full time custodian to begin, July 1, 2024.
Please contact Doug Duval for additional information.

Please remember in prayer:

- Carol Andrews, Elinor Francisco, Lorraine Selsor, Karen Basler, Ellen VanOstrand, Marjorie Meyer, Shari Sullivan, Kate Imhoff, Albert Cook, Judy Knuth, Marilyn Ellinghusen
- Our military personnel currently serving our country: Justin Brown, Adam Imaoka, Scott Karas, Elise Neilson, Steve & Ice Sandy, Bob Hamilton, Chandler McClain, Christopher Carr
- Our missionaries, Gary & Sue Kessler in Belize

ALTAR FLOWERS - Given to the Glory of God.

- In memory of Carol Studtmann's birthday, from her family.
- Celebrating the birth of Linnea Lynn Trapani, from her grandparents, Gregg & Kathy Trapani.

Attendance

Saturday = 47 Online = 8
Sunday 8:00 = 85 - 10:45am = 153 - OnLine = 56
Total Weekend Attendance = 359

Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance As of April 14, 2024

	Week	YTD
Budget	\$11,982	\$720,784
Offerings Received	\$12,770	\$789,442
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 788	\$ 68,658

Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

In honor of the Northern Illinois Shine Event, the St. Matthew Preschoolers helped to spread Jesus's Love to the community by making picture frames with inspirational quotes for residence that live at local assisted living homes. The families also brought in diapers for the Keeping Families Covered initiative. In honor of Earth Day, the children spent the week learning all about recycling. We learned different ways to reduce, reuse and recycle. In Jolly Phonics we learned about the letter Y. In religious studies, the children discovered the biblical figure Lydia.

Enrolling Now for the 2024-2025 School Year

Flexible scheduling is available for our 3 and 4 year old Preschool Program. We are now offering an afternoon Preschool PM Session. The PM session will run 12:00 pm- 2:30 pm. This session offers an enrichment style program, hands-on, challenging, and unique opportunities dedicated to learning and fun! The enrichments being offered are; Mad Scientist Monday, Creative Arts Tuesday, Little Chefs Wednesday, Storytime Stem Thursday and Fun Friday-Sports & Games. *Registration is required. Minimum of two day enrichment schedule. Please call for pricing and more information.

Save the Date : 8th Annual "FORE" the Kids Golf Outing- July 28, 2024. If you would like to sponsor a hole or golf in our 8th Annual St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Golf Outing "FORE" THE KIDS please email Becky Connolly at connolly@stmattonline.com or call (847)438-6103.

Annual Spring Work Day, May 4, 8:30 am.-noon.

Come and help get the St. Matthew campus ready for the spring/summer Season. We will have a great time working together and being good stewards to St. Matthew, keeping the Lord's property looking good.

Movie Night - The Sound of Music

May 11, 2024 | 5:00pm | School Gymnasium



A night out at the movies right here St. Matthew! Bring your favorite lawn chair into to the Gym for The Sound of Music movie, sing-a-long to your favorite movie songs, and enjoy popcorn, pizza, candy, and other goodies! Suggested Donation \$5 per person. Drinks and Snacks may be purchased separately. Sign up on the church office counter.

St. Matthew Senior Adult Ministry (SAM) - It's Chocolate Time

Join us for a Potluck Dinner and Chocolate Making! Ma & Pa's Candy from Long Grove will lead the Chocolate Making activity. There will be a \$10 cost per person/couple for the activity. There is a 30 person limit for this activity. Sign up in the church office for the activity and bring a dish to pass for the Potluck Dinner!

Date: June 1, 2024 - Time: Following the 4pm Service



Spring Rally, May 4th @ Bethel in Gurnee, RSVP in the Church office no later than April 28.
Mite Box Challenge - MEN VS. WOMEN, starting Mother's Day and will run through Father's Day.