

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 1, 2024 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Welcome to St. Matthew Lutheran Church!

*We are pleased you have come to worship the Lord with us today. Please feel free to introduce yourself to those around you, especially those who are wearing a St. Matthew Family badge! Should you have any questions, they will be able to help you.
In this worship service, we will be celebrating the Lord's Supper- also known as Holy Communion.
If this is your first time with us, you can review our teachings and practice of the Lord's Supper-there is a tri-fold pamphlet in the book rack in front of you or you can ask an usher for one.
As you come forward for communion, we do offer non-alcoholic wine (the white wine in the center of the tray) and also gluten free wafers - simply indicate to the pastor that you wish to have one.
All are welcomed -young and old - to come forward. However, if you do not wish to receive the Lord's Supper, you may receive a special blessing. Simply cross your arms in front of you to indicate your desire for blessing.*

November 30 & December 1 - Classic Service

Prelude	“NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND” BWV 599 Variations on “HELMSLEY” Meditation on “VENI EMMANUEL” Lighting of the Advent Wreath	<i>J.S Bach Benjamin Kolodziej Angela Kraft Cross</i>
Hymn of Invocation	“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”	LSB 357:1,2,6,7
First Reading	Jeremiah 33:14-16	
Epistle Reading	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	
Holy Gospel Reading	Luke 21:25-36	
Sermon Hymn	“Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord”	LSB 352
Sermon	Fulfilling the Promise - Jeremiah 33:14	
Voluntary (Saturday)	“GLORIA”	<i>Alec Wyton</i>
Voluntary (Sunday)	“When Emmanuel Has Come” - The Chancel Choir w/ Dylan Johnson	<i>Nancy Price & Don Besig</i>
Choir Anthem (Sunday)	“O Lord, Bread of Life” - The Chancel Choir w/ Dylan Johnson	<i>Gabriel Faure</i>
Distribution	“Life Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” “Prepare the Royal Highway”	LSB 341 LSB 343:1-3
Hymn to Depart	“He Comes With Clouds Descending”	LSB 336:1,4
Postlude	Toccata on “ADESTE FIDELIS”	<i>David Hegarty</i>

December 1 - Contemporary Service

Advent Song	“We Light the Advent Candle”	
Song	“O Come, O Come Emmanuel”	<i>Matt Maher</i>
Ancient Words of Our Lord	Jeremiah 33:14-16	
Song of the Day	“Hear Now”	<i>Israel's Hope</i>
Sermon	Fulfilling the Promise - Jeremiah 33:14	
Offerings	“God With Us”	<i>Mercy Me</i>
Communion	“King of Kings”	<i>Hillsong Worship</i>
Departing Song	“King of Heaven”	<i>Paul Baloche</i>

Music Notes - “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates” - Georg Weisell, a seventeenth-century German pietist, is the author of the original text for this hymn based on Psalm 24. Written for the first Sunday of Advent, it was first published in Preussische Fest-Lieder in 1642. Catherine Winkworth translated it into English and published it in her Lyra Germanica in 1855. She revised her translation for publication in her Chorale Book for England in 1863. Both the German original and Winkworth’s translation were in five eight-line stanzas in the meter 8.8.8.8.8.6.6. Since Winkworth’s translations were published, many different versions have appeared. Sometimes each stanza is divided into two four-line stanzas of 8.8.8.8, for which the last two lines of each eight-line stanza are revised to fit the meter. Hymnals with eight-line stanzas tend to include all five, but those with four-line stanzas usually use less than half of the full text. While the first four lines of the hymn are always included, the only parts of the remaining text that are often used are the original fourth and fifth stanzas. The declaration of the glory of God the King is the main theme of this hymn. The fifth of the original stanzas is a prayer addressed to God asking for His presence in one’s heart.

Contemporary Worship Songs for the 12/8/24 Service

- “God With Us”** – MercyMe
LINK: <https://youtu.be/05Y-Px39cm4>
- “Praise Adonai”** - Paul Baloche
LINK: <https://youtu.be/XpF7xpd-E-E>
- “What Can I Do (Christmas)”** - Paul Baloche
LINK: <https://youtu.be/KlsimXmNICM>
- “Build Your Kingdom”** - Rend Collective
LINK: <https://youtu.be/8NAim0dYlh4>

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.



St. Matthew Second Annual
Do It Yourself Messiah
Saturday, December 14 @ 3:00 pm
This event is free but tickets are required.
Scan the QR Code for info or contact the church



**Let's Come Together This Christmas and Experience
Hope, Peace, Love and Joy
With Music & Poetry from
Blake Flattley and Tanner Olson
December 22, 2024 | 7:00pm
6:00pm - 6:50pm - Coffee Bar, Hot Chocolate Bar & Snacks
Doors will open at 5:45pm
This is a FREE event and is open to the community.
RSVP Required by: December 15, 2024
Signup Sheet on Church Office Counter or go to:
www.stmatts.net/events**

Come Home For Christmas
Advent Begins, November 30
Saturday Casual Service - 4:00pm
Sunday Classic Service - 8:00am
Sunday Contemporary Service - 10:45am
Wednesday Advent Service - 7:00pm
Christmas Eve Services - December 24
*All Services Are Candlelight
10:00am & 6:00pm - Classic Service
4:00pm - Contemporary Service
11:00pm - Classic Service
Special Music w/Choir & Bells
Christmas Day Service - December 25
10:00am - Classic Service
New Year's Eve Service - December 31
3:00pm - Classic Service



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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

Brittany Johnson, Youth and Family Minister

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

Calendar For The Week

C.O.O.L. Food Item for December: Canned Meat

******Bread for Life Weekend—12/29/2024******

Saturday, November 30

Church Christmas Decorating 8:00am
GriefShare Group - LH 10:00am
Saturday Casual Service w/communion 4:00pm

Sunday, December 1

Choir Practice - Choir Loft 7:15am
Classic Worship Service w/communion 8:00am
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am
Choir Practice - Choir Loft 9:20am
Adult Bible Study - KH 9:30am
Youth Bible Study - YR 9:30am
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am
Contemporary Worship Service w/communion 10:45am

Monday, December 2

Boy Scout Meeting - KH 6:30pm
Bell Choir Practice - Choir Loft 7:00pm

Tuesday, December 3

Staff Devotions - LIB 8:00am
Quilting and Crafting - KH 9:00am
Stitched Together - LH 1:00pm
Bob Wilson, Private Lesson - Choir Loft 5:00pm

Wednesday, December 4

ECC Chapel 10:00am
Staff Meeting - SCR 10:30am
Ministry Team Meeting - LIB 2:45pm
Midweek Advent Meal - LH 5:30pm
Midweek Advent Service 7:00pm

Thursday, December 5

Saddlebrook Bible Study - Grayslake 10:00am
Cub Scout Meeting - LH 7:30pm

Friday, December 6

Saturday, December 7
Breakfast with Santa - GYM 9:00am
Men's Bible Study - KH 9:00am
Children's Christmas Program Practice 11:00am
Eleanor Iris Formeller Baptism - Private 2:00pm
Saturday Casual Service w/communion 4:00pm

Sunday, December 8

Choir Practice - Choir Loft 7:15am
Classic Worship Service w/communion 8:00am
Coffee Hour - LH 9:00am
Choir Practice - Choir Loft 9:20am
Adult Bible Study - KH 9:30am
Sunday School - SSR 9:30am
Youth Bible Study - YR 9:30am
SAVED Band Practice 9:30am
Contemporary Worship Service w/communion 10:45am
Ladies of St. Matthew Christmas Luncheon 1:00pm

UPCOMING EVENTS November & Beyond

December 4, 11, 18 - Midweek Advent Meal @ 5:45pm
December 4, 11, 18 - Midweek Advent Service @ 7:00pm
December 7 - Santa Breakfast @ 9:00am
December 8 - Ladies Christmas Luncheon @ Dover Straits - RSVP
December 14—2nd Annual DIY Messiah/Cookie Walk @ 3:00pm
December 15 - Children's Christmas Program @ 10:45am
December 15 - Sharing the Joy, Gingerbread Event @ Noon
December 17 - Church Council Meeting @ 7:00pm
December 22 - Tanner Olson Event, Doors Open @ 5:45pm

C.O.O.L. (Christian Outreach of Lutherans) - a food pantry for some of the neediest families in Lake County. Please bring a can of food/box of cereal with you when you worship and place them in the bins in Luther Hall. December food item is Canned Meat.

This past Tuesday, our COOL Volunteers sorted and delivered 103 loaves of bread and 385 pounds of food.

With the generous donations from many of our congregation members and Sharing the Joy Ministry, St. Matthew provided a check to COOL for \$2,100.00 which will provide 84 families a Thanksgiving meal.

Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.

Please remember in prayer:

- Carol Andrews, Lorraine Selsor, Karen Basler, Shari Sullivan, Patricia Trapp, Janet Meyer, Michael Finzel, Karen Becker, Al Cook, Mark Malon, Marjorie Meyer, Andrew Whitt, Sharen Seiwerth, Anthony Mistretta, Mary Tiedmann, Pam Best, Diane Villarreal
- 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, Pastor Ross Shaver, Kris, Easton and Ryan

ALTAR FLOWERS - Given to the Glory of God..

Attendance

Saturday = 54 Online = 14
Sunday 8:00am = 83 10:45am = 62 Online = 57
Total Weekend Attendance = 270

Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance As of November 26, 2024

	Week	YTD
Budget	\$16,250	\$325,000
Offerings Received	\$15,749	\$331,022
Over (Under) Budget	\$ 3,773	\$ 6,022

Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

The preschool children began their week with a visit from Goldfish Swim School. They provided an interactive assembly on water safety. The children participated in Random Acts of Kindness and brought in food for the COOL Food Pantry. The preschoolers continued their study of Thanksgiving and Ways of "Being Thankful". The children enjoyed using their five senses to make Thanksgiving inspired food.

The Letter of the Week was O, and the theme for Show & Share. In religious studies the children learned about Jonah.

We have been busy practicing for our Happy Birthday Jesus Celebration. Please join us on December 20th, at 9:15 am in the Main Sanctuary, for the Early Childhood's production of the First Christmas.

Calling all retired teachers and people with childcare experience. The Early Childhood Center is looking to update our substitute/volunteer list. If you are interested, please email Becky Connolly at connolly@stmattsonline.com or call 847-438-6103.

Open Gym- January 13, 9 am - 10 am

Looking for something to do with your child during the cold winter months. Join us for an hour of fun during our open gym.



Saturday, December 7th
Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am
Where: St. Matthew Gym

Enjoy a continental style breakfast, while children shop for Christmas gifts at the Kris Kringle Shop. There will be a face painter and crafts... and best of all visit with Santa! Santa will be here from 9:30 am – 11:00 am. This is a free event, and all are welcome. We will be collecting food for the C.O.O.L. Food Pantry.



Be an Angel this Christmas and give the gift of Joy to a local child in need.

Sharing the Joy Ministry is working with our local township, a local school and Animal House Shelter to give JOY to children, families and animals a Christmas to remember. Take a tag from the Angel of Joy, located in the Narthex, and return the listed items by December 16. **Gifts should not be wrapped, **Tape the tag to the gift, **If gifting a gift card, please place in the gold box located on the church office counter



St. Matthew is also working with the Hawthorn Woods Police Department in filling boxes for Toys For Tots. Boxes will be located in the Church and School Office. Please drop off an unwrapped toy by December 11.

Let us ALL Share the Joy of Christmas with others

