

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
JANUARY 11 & 12, 2025 - THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD**

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.*

Prelude	January 11 & 12 - Classic Service “ES IST DAS HEIL” “WIE SCHON LEUCHTET” “We Three Kings” Prelude on “WINCHESTER NEW” “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord”	<i>Paul Soulek</i> <i>Kenneth Kosche</i> <i>Paul Manz</i> <i>C.S. Lang</i> LSB 405
Opening Hymn		
First Reading.....	<i>Isaiah 43:1-7</i>	
Second Reading	<i>Romans 6:1-11</i>	
Third Reading	<i>Luke 3:15-22</i>	
Sermon Hymn	“Baptized into Your Name Most Holy”	LSB 590
Sermon.....	<i>The Invocation & Remembering Our Baptism</i>	<i>The Divine Service</i>
Offering (Saturday)	“O DAS ICH TAUSEND”	<i>Hans Arnold Metzger</i>
Offering (Sunday)	“Alleluia, Praise His Name” - The Chancel Choir	<i>Ruth Elaine Schram</i>
Anthem (Sunday)	“In The Bread Broken” - The Chancel Choir	<i>Mary Kay Beall</i>
Distribution	“All Who Believe and Are Baptized” “Father Welcomes”	LSB 601 LSB 605
Closing Hymn	“O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”	LSB 395:1,5,6
Postlude	“ES IST DAS HEIL”	<i>Jacob Weber</i>

Song	January 12 - Contemporary Service “I Have Been Crucified With Christ”	<i>Robin Mark</i>
Song	“His Mercy Is More”	<i>Matt Boswell</i>
Ancient Words of Our Lord.....	<i>Luke 3:15-22</i>	
Sermon Song	“The Same Love”	<i>Paul Baloche</i>
Sermon.....	<i>The Invocation & Remembering Our Baptism</i>	<i>The Divine Service</i>
Offerings	“The Same Love” - Instrumental	
Communion	“O Come to the Altar”	<i>Elevation Worship</i>
Departing Song	“Shout to the Lord”	<i>Darlene Zschech</i>

Music Notes - “To Jordan’s River Came Our Lord” - The great Lutheran baptismal hymn is Luther’s from 1541, “CHRIST, UNSER HERR ZUM JORDAN KAM,” the text of which now appears as LSB #406 and LSB #407, and the original tune for which appears as LSB #406. For whatever reason, this hymn either never really made the leap over to English-language Lutheranism (it is not one of the dozens of Lutheran chorales translated by Catherine Winkworth in the 1800s), or was not used often enough to merit making the transition after the anglicization of Lutheranism in the early 20th Century (unlikely, owing to the centrality of baptism in defining Lutheran theology). This was rectified on the occasion of the publishing of Lutheran Book of Worship in 1978, the first occasion on which Luther’s text appeared in English in a published hymnal. The WELS, however, did not participate in that hymnal or the follow-on LCMS hymnal, Lutheran Worship. Seeing the deficiency, James Tiefel was approached to write a hymn for the First Sunday after Epiphany (Baptism of the Lord). Pastor Tiefel was at the time pastor of St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Saginaw, Michigan, but has been a professor at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wisconsin since 1985. WINCHESTER NEW is anonymously composed, but clearly derives from the hymn tune DIR, DIR JEHOVA, which some may recognize as setting “Awake, Thou Spirit of the Watchmen” in Lutheran Worship (LW #315), and “Jehovah, Lew Me Now Adore Thee” in The Lutheran Hymnal (TLH #21). So, while the tune name and the source of the tune (a 1742 hymnbook by John Wesley) are clearly English, the tune has German antecedents. Indeed, the earliest copy of DIR, DIR JEHOVA dates from a now lost German hymnbook from 1690, in which it set the (German) text that now appears as “If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee,” LSB #750.

Contemporary Worship Songs for the 1/19/25 Service
“Mercies (New Every Morning)” - Matt Redman
 LINK: <https://youtu.be/fqZOMGLjKds>
“Have Mercy On Me” – Vineyard
 LINK: <https://youtu.be/KjnoKo9xHHg>
“Lord Have Mercy” - Michael W Smith
 LINK: <https://youtu.be/H6jFvrOC9xQ>
“My Reward” - Paul Baloche
 LINK: <https://youtu.be/WpuOD6rdQC4>
“More of Your Mercy” – Vineyard
 LINK: https://youtu.be/2ggfvqN_m8g

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES
 Go to: www.stmatts.net/bible-study
 for all current Bible Study information

** Beginning Sunday, April 27, there will be a 4 week Bible Study of C.S. Lewis’ “Mere Christianity” More details to come.

St. Matthew thanks the Donna Grund family for providing materials for our Ladies’, Men’s & Sunday Morning Bible Studies.

Did you make New Year’s resolutions? Carol and I did and are now going to the Buffalo Grove Fitness Center together every weekend. Surveys tell us that most Americans make these resolutions and by the end of January have given up. There is a reason for this failure rate – reliance on ourselves rather than reliance on Jesus. Carol and I prayed about this resolution and asked Jesus to help us be disciplined. Praying for help is also important for stewardship. Did you follow through on your intention to give an hour to St. Matthew last month? Perhaps asking Jesus for help might work for you as it has for Carol and me. There is boundless need. We need ushers. We need lecturers. We need Sunday school helpers. We need..... assistance. Your assistance. One hour. - **Gary**



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

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 January: Baby Items

****Bread for Life Weekend—1/26/2025****

Saturday, January 11

Removal of Christmas Decorations 8:00am
Men's Bible Study - KH 9:00am
Casual Worship Service w/communion 4:00pm

Sunday, January 12

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
Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am
Youth Confirmation Choir 5:00pm
Youth Confirmation "Fun Time" - YR 5:30pm
Yr 1,2,3 Confirmation Class 6:00pm

Monday, January 13

ECC Open Gym - GYM 9:00am
Pig Roast Meeting - SCR 6:00pm
Boy Scout Troop 964 Meeting - KH 6:30pm
Bell Practice - CL 7:00pm

Tuesday, January 14

Staff Devotional - LIB 8:00am
ECC Library - LIB 9:15am
Quilting/Crafting - KH 9:30am
Bob Wilson Private Lesson - CL 5:00pm
Board of Deacon Meeting - LIB 6:00pm
Board of Trustee Meeting - DDO 6:00pm
Stitched Together - LH 6:30pm
Board of Stewardship & Finance - SCR 7:00pm
American Needle Point Meeting - KH 7:00pm

Wednesday, January 15

ECC Chapel 10:00am
Staff Meeting - SCR 10:30am
New Member Class - KH/ZOOM 7:00pm
Choir Practice - CL 7:00pm

Thursday, January 16

Saddlebrook Bible Study - Grayslake 10:00am
Cedar Lake Worship Service 1:00pm
Ladies Life Group - ZOOM 6:30pm

Friday, January 17

Robin/Mulder Wedding Rehearsal 6:00pm

Saturday, January 18

Men's Bible Study - KH 9:00am
Robin/Mulder Wedding 2:00pm
Casual Worship Service w/communion 4:00pm

Sunday, January 19

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
Contemporary Service w/communion 10:45am
Pack 92 Meeting - KH 3:00pm
Youth Confirmation Choir 5:00pm
Youth Confirmation "Fun Time" - YR 5:30pm
Yr 1,2,3 Confirmation Class 6:00pm

Serve/Volunteer At St. Matthew—Looking for how you can serve at St. Matthew? Some groups that may be of interest:

Media Team, Altar Guild, Ladies Groups, Crafting, Coffee Hour, Ushers, Comfort Dog Ministry, Music Ministry, Sharing the Joy Ministry, COOL, Evangelism, Board of Christian Education, Board of Trustees and many more. For more information contact the church office or view on our website, www.stmatts.net

**** There is an immediate need for a volunteer to assist with Meals on Wheels on a Friday, once a month. Please contact the church office for details.**

2025 Altar Flowers - Place your orders for Altar Flowers. Flowers are \$40.00 each. Contact the church office at 847/438-7709 or email Selimos@stmattsonline.com

Please remember in prayer:

- Karen Basler, Shari Sullivan, Patricia Trapp, Janet Meyer, Karen Becker, Andrew Whitt, Sharen Seiwerth, Mary Tiedmann, Pam Best, Diane Villarreal, Keith Lambrecht, Alan Benedeck, John & Audrey Lahr, Arlene Meyer
- 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 - 33 Online = 18
Sunday - 8:00am = 72 10:45am = 63 Online = 58
Total Weekend Attendance = 244

Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance As of January 5, 2025

	Week	YTD
Budget	\$16,250	\$16,250
Offerings Received	\$11,587	\$11,587
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 4,663)	(\$ 4,663)

Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Happy New Year, from the St. Matthew Early Childhood Center. During the month of January, the preschoolers will be exploring the season of winter, arctic animals and exploring "healthy habits". This week the preschoolers discovered the letter S in Jolly Phonics and our theme for Show & Share. In Religious Studies, the preschoolers learned about The Wise Men.

Upcoming Dates:

Jan 13th & 27th-Preschool Open Gym - 9am - 10am. Looking for something to do with your child during the cold winter months. Join us for an hour of fun during our open gym.

Jan 26th- Feb 1- Lutheran Schools Week

Jan 30th- Join us at our Winter themed Open House from 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Feb 7th- St. Matthew Sweetheart Dance

Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is open to current school families and congregation members. If interested, please pick up a registration form located in the church office. Please email Becky Connolly at connolly@stmattsonline.com with any questions.

Please join us at our Sweetheart Family Dance on February 7th. Come enjoy a Valentine's-themed family night. Spend the night dancing, making crafts, and playing games. Please see the insert for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

- 11 - Removal of Christmas Decorations
- 13 - Pig Roast Committee Meeting @ 6:00pm
- 18 & 19 - Installation of the 2025 Board Members
- 25 - Bookfriends Volunteer Event - See Insert
- 26 - LWML Meeting @ Noon
- 26 - Kick off to Lutheran Schools Week
- 30 - Early Childhood Center Open House

FEBRUARY

- 2 - Special Voters' Meeting @ 9:30am in Luther Hall
- 7 - ECC Sweetheart Dance - See Insert
- 15 - SAM Event - Chili Cook-off/Bingo
- 16 - New Member Welcome

Game Day Subs

St. Matthew Youth will be selling sub sandwiches for the Big Game. Orders: Order forms on Church Counter or www.stmatts.net

Cost: \$10.00 each (6-inch sub w/chips)

Pick Up: February 8th and 9th.

** Don't need sandwiches, but would like to support the Youth, please see the donation board located in the Narthex. Thank You.

Special Meeting of the Voters Assembly
Sunday, February 2 | 9:30am in Luther Hall

The Rev. Edward A. Blonski, Pastor - 909/373-7936
The Rev. Ryan Ferguson, Associate Pastor - 951/581-8111
Doug Duval, Church & School Administrator - 847/707-1676