

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
FEBRUARY 1 & 2, 2025 - THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

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.

February 1 & 2 - Classic Service

Prelude	"Melody in G Major" "Devotion" "CWM RHONDDA"	<i>Alexandre Guilman Jon Ness Beck Dan Forrest</i>
Opening Hymn	"God of Grace and God of Glory"	LSB 850
First Reading.....	<i>Jeremiah 1:4-10</i>	
Second Reading	<i>1 Corinthians 12:31b-13:13</i>	
Third Reading	<i>Luke 4:31-44</i>	
Sermon Hymn	"Preach You the Word"	LSB 586
Sermon.....	<i>Feeding of the Lambs & Sermon</i>	<i>The Divine Service</i>
Offering (Saturday)	"O GOTT DU FROMMER GOTT"	<i>Johann Gottfried Walther</i>
Offering (Sunday)	"Offertory" - <i>The Chancel Choir</i>	<i>Jon Ness Beck</i>
Anthem (Sunday)	"Assurance" - <i>The Chancel Choir</i>	<i>Jon Ness Beck</i>
Distribution	"O God, Forsake Me Not"	LSB 577
	"How Wide the Love of Christ"	LSB 533
Closing Hymn	"O Love, How Deep"	LSB 544:1,4,6,7
Postlude	"Toccata in F Major"	<i>Dietrich Buxtehude</i>

February 2 - Contemporary Service

Song	"May the Words of My Mouth"	<i>Tim Hughes</i>
Song	"More of Your Mercy"	<i>Vineyard</i>
Ancient Words of Our Lord.....	<i>Luke 44:31-44</i>	
Sermon Song	"Ancient Words"	<i>Michael W. Smith</i>
Sermon.....	<i>Feeding of the Lambs & Sermon</i>	<i>The Divine Service</i>
Offerings	"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"	<i>Johnny Cash</i>
Communion	"Your Grace"	<i>Vineyard</i>
Departing Song	"This Little Light of Mine"	<i>Kids Power Praise</i>

Music Notes - Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707) Dietrich Buxtehude was a Danish/German organist and composer of church music and was one of the most esteemed and influential composers of his time. His exact place of birth is uncertain, and nothing is known of his early youth. It is usually assumed that he began his musical education with his father, who was organist at Helsingborg (c. 1638–41) and at Helsingør (Elsinore; c. 1642–71), both then part of Denmark. Buxtehude settled at Lübeck in 1688 as organist of St. Mary's Church. There he gained such fame as a composer that the city became a mecca for musicians of northern Germany. The young Handel visited him in 1703, and in 1705 young Bach walked more than 200 miles to see him. Both young men hoped to succeed the master at Lübeck, but marriage to one of his daughters was a condition and each found it unacceptable. Buxtehude's duties as church organist included composing works for public festivals and for the marriages and funerals of the great merchant families of the city. He left a considerable amount of vocal and instrumental music, much of which was not recovered until the 20th century; much more certainly remains lost.

Contemporary Worship Songs for the 2/9/25 Service

- "Holy Is The Lord"** - Chris Tomlin
LINK: <https://youtu.be/hVWBt8bfmCs>
- "Holy Holy Holy"** - Steven Curtis Chapman
LINK: <https://youtu.be/IR62awN7rhQ>
- "Praise"** - Brandon Lake
LINK: <https://youtu.be/raFnjGVkHe8>
- "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"** - Israel Houghton
LINK: <https://youtu.be/UGMEkjmsLlc>
- "Holy Is Our God"** - Robin Mark
LINK: <https://youtu.be/eOQIDmDVENC>

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.*

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.

Last Weekend to order your Game Day Subs

Orders: Order forms on Church Counter
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.



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

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

What is the definition of "tradition"? It is the transmission of customs or beliefs from one generation to another. Usually, we think of a tradition as something passed to us. I would also like us to think of the word as describing something you or I do that will be transmitted to the generations that follow us. Perhaps we initiate a July 4 family picnic or an annual family trip to a Cubs game. Or.... having your family attend worship every Sunday. Our children, and our grandchildren, will observe our behavior and hopefully later incorporate it into their lives. Or.... convening a family meeting every January to determine the amount of and purpose for your Special Annual Gift to the church. Or.... volunteering one hour of time each month to our church. Stop by the church office and read all of the sign-up sheets on the counter – most of those activities need volunteers. Read the Messenger and scan upcoming events – most of those activities need volunteers. Start a family tradition of stewardship – giving of your time, talent and treasure to our church. - Gary



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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 February: Cereal

****Bread for Life Weekend—2/23/2025****

Saturday, February 1

Boy Scout Troop 934 - GYM	8:00am
Men's Bible Study - KH	9:00am
Boy Scout Troop 934 - KH	10:30am
Casual Worship Service w/communion	4:00pm
Karley Elizabeth Schultz Baptism	4:00pm

Sunday, February 2

Choir Practice - Choir Loft	7:15am
Classic Worship Service w/communion	8:00am
Coffee Hour - LH	9:00am
Special Voters' Meeting - LH** Following the 8am service	
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 "Fun Time" - YR	5:30pm
Yr 1,2,3 Confirmation Class	6:00pm

Monday, February 3

ECC Open Gym - GYM	9:00am
LCC Bible Study - KH	9:30am
Boy Scout Troop 964 Meeting - KH	6:30pm
Sharing the Joy Meeting - ZOOM	7:00pm
Pig & Corn Roast Meeting - SCR	7:00pm
Bell Practice - CL	7:00pm

Tuesday, February 4

Staff Devotional - LIB	8:00am
Quilting/Crafting - KH	9:30am
Stitched Together - LH	1:00pm
Bob Wilson Private Lesson - CL	5:00pm

Wednesday, February 5

ECC Chapel	10:00am
Staff Meeting - SCR	10:30am
Ministry Team Staff Meeting - LIB	2:45pm
New Member Class - KH/ZOOM	7:00pm
Choir Practice - CL	7:00pm

Thursday, February 6

ECC Rock N Kids Program - GYM	9:30am
Saddlebrook Bible Study - Grayslake	10:00am
Ladies Aid Meeting - KH	11:30am
Ladies Life Group - ZOOM	6:30pm
Cub Scout Meeting - LH	7:30pm

Friday, February 7

ECC Sweetheart Family Dance - KH	5:30pm
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Saturday, February 8

Men's Bible Study - KH	9:00am
Youth Sub Sandwich Assembly - LH	Noon
Pinewood Derby/Movie - KH	3:00pm
Casual Worship Service w/communion	4:00pm

Sunday, February 9

Choir Practice - Choir Loft	7:15am
Classic Worship Service w/communion	8:00am
Youth Sub Sandwich Pickup - LH	9:00am
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
Women's Guild Meeting - LH	Noon
Youth Confirmation "Fun Time" - YR	5:30pm
Yr 1,2,3 Confirmation Class	6:00pm

UPCOMING FEBRUARY EVENTS

- 2 - Special Voters' Meeting Following the 8:00am Service in Luther Hall
- 7 - ECC Sweetheart Dance - See Insert
- 15 - SAM Event - Chili Cook-off/Bingo
- 16 - New Member Welcome
- 22 - Grief Share Class Begins

Special Meeting of the Voters Assembly
 Sunday, February 2
 Following the 8:00am Service in Luther Hall.

Please remember in prayer:

- Karen Basler, Shari Sullivan, Patricia Trapp, Janet Meyer, Andrew Whitt, Sharen Seiwerth, Mary Tiedmann, Pam Best, Diane Villarreal, John & Audrey Lahr, Arlene Meyer, Marilyn Ellinghusen, Bob Kellerman
- 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.

OFFICIAL ACTS -

- The baptism of **Karley Elizabeth Schultz** took place at St. Matthew on Saturday, February 1, 2025.

Attendance

Saturday = 47 Online = 12
 Sunday - 8:00am = 91 10:45am = 66 Online = 61
 Total Weekend Attendance = 277

Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance As of January 26, 2025

	Week	YTD
Budget	\$17,500	\$70,000
Offerings Received	\$ 8,105	\$60,925
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 9,395)	(\$ 9,075)

Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

This week, the Early Childhood Center celebrated National Lutheran Schools Week. This year's theme was "Endure" inspired by John 12:1-3. The children celebrated this week by engaging in several "Endurance" activities. To spread Jesus's love, the children brought in Lego sets for Bricks of Hope. The Lego sets will be given to local hospitals. Other activities included going on a scavenger hunt to find the path of Jesus, participating in a karate class, creating cross crafts, and playing an "I Spy Jesus" relay race. The children also participated in Dan McConchie's Valentines for Seniors card drive. They used their creativity to make a variety of cards for local seniors.

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.

The preschool 4 classroom will be studying occupations this month. If you have an interesting occupation that you would like to share with the children please contact Lynda Leonard at leonard@stmattsonline.com to set up a time to visit the class.

Upcoming Events:

- February 3rd & 13th- St. Matthew Open Gym 9am-10am. Are you looking for something to do with your child ages 1-4? Come play at our open gym, interact with other kids and have some fun!
- Feb 7th- St. Matthew Sweetheart Dance

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. February food item is Cereal. This past Tuesday, our COOL Volunteers sorted and delivered 72 loaves of bread and 234 pounds of food.
 Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry.



Chili Cook-off & Bingo
February 15th 5pm
Krueger Hall

Adults age 50+ are invited
Sign-up in church office
or @www.stmatts.net