

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
MARCH 12, 2025 - MID-WEEK LENTEN SERVICE**

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	March 12 - Classic Service “How Deep the Father’s Love For Us” “WONDROUS LOVE” “What Wondrous Love Is This?” “What Wondrous Love Is This”	Jason Payne Dale Wood Angela Kraft Cross LSB 543
Opening Hymn		
Passion Reading		
<i>Noon Service Continues with Prayer of the Day</i>		
<i>7:00pm Service Continues with the Service of Light - Holden Evening Prayer</i>		
	“Procession”	<i>Holden Evening Prayer</i>
	“Evening Hymn”	<i>Holden Evening Prayer</i>
	“Evening Thanksgiving”	<i>Holden Evening Prayer</i>
First Reading.....	<i>Romans 5:6</i>	
Second Reading	<i>Matthew 27:31</i>	
Sermon Hymn	“How Deep the Father’s Love For Us”	LSB 203
Sermon.....	<i>God’s Promise in the Path</i>	<i>He Chose the Nails</i>
	“Magnificat”	
Offering (Noon)	“Praeludium”	<i>Francois Dandrieu</i>
Offering (7:00pm)	“With What Great Love” - <i>The Chancel Choir</i>	<i>arr. Stan Petbel</i>
Distribution	“My Song Is Love Unknown”	LSB 430
Blessing	“Final Blessing”	<i>Holden Evening Prayer</i>
Closing Hymn	“Christ, the Life of All the Living”	LSB 420:1,5,7
Postlude	“JESU MEINES LEBENS LEBEN”	<i>J.S. Bach</i>

Music Notes - Throughout the month of March as we recognize Women’s History month, I will be highlighting some of the stellar women composers for the organ.
Dr. Angela Kraft Cross is an organist, pianist and composer based in the Bay Area of California. She graduated from Oberlin College and Conservatory of Music in 1980 with bachelor’s degrees in Physics and Organ Performance. She then earned her Doctor of Medicine degree at Loma Linda University, where she subsequently completed her residency in ophthalmology. In 1993, she completed her Master of Music degree in Piano Performance at the College of Notre Dame with Thomas LaRatta. Her organ teachers have included Louis Robilliard, Marie-Louise Langlais, Sandra Soderlund, S. Leslie Grow, William Porter, and Garth Peacock. She has studied composition with Pamela Decker.
Kraft Cross has performed extensively on both organ and piano, having given over five hundred concerts across the United States, in Canada, England, Holland, France, Hungary, Korea, Lesotho and Guam, including such venues as Notre Dame Cathedral, St. Sulpice and the Madeleine in Paris, Washington National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., St. Patrick’s Cathedral and St. Thomas Church in New York City, Methuen Memorial Music Hall and Trinity Church in Boston, E. Power Biggs’s organ at Harvard, and Westminster Abbey, St. Paul’s Cathedral, and Southwark Cathedral in London.
In addition to her musical career, Kraft Cross retired in 2011 having worked for 22 years as an ophthalmic surgeon at the Kaiser Permanente Hospital in Redwood City and now volunteers as an ophthalmologist at Samaritan House in Redwood City. She is committed to the musical education of young people and since 1997 has been instrumental in organizing an annual Organ Camp for young pianists headquartered at her church. Kraft Cross is the founding director of the San Francisco Peninsula Organ Academy, a nonprofit organization formed in 2014 to support young concert organists with scholarships on short intensive overseas study trips.

**Easter Lilies
\$10.00 per plant**



Please help us beautify the chancel this Easter Sunday with Easter Lilies.
Please indicate below if the plants are in memory/honor of someone or given to the Glory of God.
All orders need to be dropped off by **Sunday, April 13, in the Easter Basket on the church office counter.**
Please contact the church office if you have any questions

Donating ____ Easter Lilies (s) for:

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

Enclosed is a check for: \$ _____ (payable to: St. Matthew Lutheran Church)

Please indicate the following:

Given in memory of : _____

Given in honor: _____

Given to the Glory of God: Yes ____ (Check if applicable)



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Boundless Need - Boundless Love - Boundless Hope

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Website: www.stmatts.net / Email: smlcs@stmatts.net

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 March: Canned Tuna
******Bread for Life Weekend—3/30/2025******

Wednesday, March 12

ECC Chapel	10:00am
Staff Meeting - SCR	10:30am
Mid-Week Lenten Service	Noon
Lenten Meal - LH, Served by Sharing the Joy	5:30pm
Mid-Week Lenten Service	7:00pm
Choir Practice - CL	8:00pm

Thursday, March 13

ECC Reptile Show - GYM	10:00am
Evolve Worship Service	2:00pm
NO Ladies Life Group - ZOOM	6:30pm
Cub Scout Meeting - LH	7:30pm

Friday, March 14

Youth Late Night - YR & GYM	6:00pm
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Saturday, March 15

Men's Bible Study - KH	9:00am
Girl Scout Event - GYM	9:00am
GriefShare - LH	10:00am
Girl Scout Event - KH	10:30am
Casual Worship Service w/communion	4:00pm

Sunday, March 16

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
Pastor Blonski's 60th Birthday Celebration - KH	11:30am
Blue & Gold Banquet - GYM	3:00pm
Youth Confirmation "Fun Time"	5:30pm
Yr 1,2,3 Confirmation Class	6:00pm

Please remember in prayer:

- Karen Basler, Shari Sullivan, Patricia Trapp, Janet Meyer, Andrew Whitt, Mary Tiedmann, Diane Villarreal, John & Audrey Lahr, Bob Kellerman, Maria Bunte, Carla Ward, Christopher Williams, Susan Stewart
- 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

EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Registration for the 2025- 2026 School Year is open!

Registration is still open for the 2025-2026 school year. Flexible scheduling is available for our 3 and 4 year old Preschool Program. Morning and afternoon session available. For more information regarding registration, please contact the ECC Office.

9th Annual "FORE" the Kids Golf Outing- July 27, 2025

Come and golf at the 9th Annual St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Golf Outing "FORE" THE KIDS.

Registration and sponsorship opportunities available through the ECC Office.

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

MARCH

16 - Pastor Blonski's Birthday Celebration

APRIL

6 - LWML Spring Rally

12 - Feed My Starving Children Event

19 - Sharing the Joy Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ 10:30am



Come and Celebrate With Us

Pastor Blonski's 60th Birthday Celebration!

Sunday, March 16 at noon - Krueger Hall

Lunch will be provided

RSVP in the church office

St. Matthew Lutheran Church and Early Childhood Center Lenten Service Schedule



Midweek Lenten Services

March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9.

Services will be at Noon and 7:00pm.

A Lenten Meal will be served in Luther Hall on these
Wednesday's starting at 5:30pm

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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. March food item is Canned Tuna.

Bread for Life Weekend

March 29 & 30

Please bring a loaf or loaves of bread to help support those in need.

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.

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

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



Mark your calendars
for the Spring Rally

April 6th

Guest Speaker: Sarah Rushe
from
Redeeming Life Maternity Home

RSVP in the church office

SAVE THE DATE...

Sharing the Joy Ministries of

St. Matthew Lutheran Church & Early Childhood Center

Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Date: Saturday, April 19, 2025

Time: 10:00am-11:30am

Who: Children of St. Matthew and friends

Ages: Preschool—5th Grade

Place: St. Matthew Lutheran Church Gym

RSVP to: STJ@stmattsonline.com
no later than Monday, April 14, 2025



Sunday April 20th

7:00-10:30 a.m.

In Krueger Hall

Grab something from the
board in the narthex
OR
Sign-Up in the Church office
to help serve

For more information
contact brittanyj@stmattsonline.com