

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER**  
**MAY 10 & 11 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**REACTIONS TO THE RESURRECTION - TEACHING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**  
**“MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE” - ACTS 20**

***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.*

**May 10 & 11 - Classic Service, Divine Service Setting 1**

<b>Prelude</b>	<b>Variations on “CRIMOND”</b> “Trumpet Tune in D Major” Prelude on “BELMONT” “Allegro” from Symphony no. 1 “Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”	<i>Morgan Simmons</i> <i>Flor Peeters</i> <i>Kevin Hildebrand</i> <i>Johannes Brahms/Burkhardt</i> <b>LSB 670</b>
<b>Opening Hymn</b>		
<b>Service Readings:</b>	<b>Acts 20:17-35                      Revelation 9:9-17                      John 10:22-30</b>	
<b>Sermon Hymn</b>	<b>“Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”</b>	<b>LSB 851</b>
<b>Offering (Saturday)</b>	<b>“WEILICH JESU SCHANFLEIN BIN”</b>	<i>Kimberly Patterson</i>
<b>Offering (Sunday)</b>	<b>“Eye Hath Not Seen” - The Chancel Choir</b>	<i>Douglas Nolan</i>
<b>Choir Anthem (Sunday)</b>	<b>“In You, We Are One”- The Chancel Choir</b>	<i>Jay Althouse</i>
<b>Distribution</b>	<b>“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want”</b>	<b>LSB 710</b>
	<b>“I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb”</b>	<b>LSB 740</b>
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<b>“Have No Fear, Little Flock”</b>	<b>LSB 735</b>
<b>Postlude</b>	<b>“Toccata in Seven</b>	<i>John Rutter</i>

**May 11 - Contemporary Service**

<b>Song</b>	<b>“The Lord Is My Salvation”</b>	<i>Getty’s</i>
<b>Song</b>	<b>“Psalm 92 (O Most High)”</b>	<i>Paul Baloche</i>
<b>Song</b>	<b>“This Is How It Feels To Be Free”</b>	<i>Philips, Craig, and Dean</i>
<b>Offering Song</b>	<b>“Psalm 92 (O Most High)” - Instrumental</b>	
<b>Communion Song</b>	<b>“Come Just As You Are”</b>	<i>Chelsea Somma</i>
<b>Closing Song</b>	<b>“Build Your Kingdom Here”</b>	<i>Rend Collective</i>

**Take Aways from Today’s Teaching**  
**Reactions to the Resurrection – More Blessed to Give Than to Receive**  
**Bible reading: Acts 20:17-35**

**Big Idea:** We have been given so much by God – forgiveness of sins, life and salvation! But Jesus stills says, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

- 1. Martin Luther Identifies Four Key Points in this text**
  - a. The Importance of Faithful Ministry – Acts 20:19 & 27**
  - b. The gospel of Grace – Acts 20:24**
  - c. The Clear Warning Against False Teachers – Acts 20:29**
  - d. The Concept of Elders as Shepherds - Acts 20:28**
  - e. The Christian Ideal of Generosity and Work – Acts 20:34-35**

**Music Notes** “ I Am Jesus’ Little Lamb “ - This is a hymn for children, about Jesus the Good Shepherd and children as the lambs he cares for. It is based on a German-language hymn, WEIL ICH JESU SCHAFLEIN BIN, written by Moravian teacher and hymn-writer, Henrietta L. von Hayn, (1724-82), and first published in Brüder Gesang-Buch, 1778.

This translation was made by Irish Presbyterian minister, missionary and academic, William Fleming Stevenson (1832–86) in 1871, and first published in his book, Hymns for Church & Home, 1873.

**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.



**Let’s All SHINE with April Showers**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Northern Illinois District SHINE event. Our congregation donated a total of: 4,997 Diapers, 846 Adult Undergarments and 2,900 Feminine Hygiene Products, which went to Keeping Families Covered. We also collected 42 baby items and a total of \$350.00 which will be going to Informed Choices. On Saturday, May 3rd, 16 people came out to package the diapers for Keeping Families Covered. A total of 200 packs of diapers (25 diapers per pack) and 116 Feminine Hygiene Products Packs were put together. These items will be distributed to families in the Lake County Area. If you would like more information on these local groups, please go to:  
[www.keepingfamiliescovered.org](http://www.keepingfamiliescovered.org)  
[www.informedchoices.org](http://www.informedchoices.org)





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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 May: Cereal**

\*\*\*\*Bread for Life Weekend—5/25/2025\*\*\*\*

### Saturday, May 10

Men's Bible Study - KH 9:00am  
GriefShare - LH 10:00am  
**Casual Worship Service w/communion 4:00pm**

### Sunday, May 11 - Mother's Day

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**

### Monday, May 12

LCC Bible Study - KH 9:30am  
Boy Scout Meeting - KH 6:30pm  
Bells Practice - CL 7:00pm

### Tuesday, May 13

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

### Wednesday, May 14

ECC Chapel 10:00am  
Staff Meeting - SCR 10:30am  
NLSA Meeting - LIB 6:00pm

### Thursday, May 15

Saddlebrook Bible Study - Grayslake 10:00am  
Cedar Lake Worship Service 1:00pm  
Ladies Life Group - ZOOM 6:30pm  
Men's Bible Study "Mission Im-Possible" - PBG 6:30pm

### Friday, May 16

**Saturday, May 17**  
Outside Campus Clean-up Day 8:00am  
GriefShare - LH 10:00am  
**Casual Worship Service w/communion 4:00pm**

### Sunday, May 18

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**  
Lucas Grubbs Baptism 10:45am  
Women's Guild Meeting - LH Noon  
Cub Scout Pack Meeting - KH 3:00pm

## UPCOMING EVENTS MAY

- 11 - LWML Mite Box Challenge Begins, Men Vs. Women
- 17 - Outside Campus Workday @ 8:00am
- 26 - Memorial Day Service @ 9:00am
- 28 - ECC End of Year Recognition
- 29 - Ascension Day Service - 7:00pm
- 31 - S.A.M. Potluck & Bunco Night @ 5:00pm



S.A.M. - Senior Adult Ministry  
Come out and enjoy a fun evening of fellowship, good food and BUNCO.

Date: Saturday, May 31

Time: 5:00pm

Place: Luther Hall

Meal will be a PotLuck, bring a dish to pass.  
Please sign up in the church office.

## Please remember in prayer:

- Karen Basler, Shari Sullivan, Patricia Trapp, Janet Meyer, Andrew Whitt, Mary Tiedmann, John & Audrey Lahr, Christopher Williams, Susan Stewart, Jim Sporleder, Denise Regent, Karen Toborg, Nancy Blonski
- 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.

- In celebration of Roger & Sally Henning's 60th wedding anniversary.
- In celebration of Abigail Watt's birthday, granddaughter of Herb & Dolly Watts.
- In remembrance of Carol Studtmann and her baptismal birthday, from Ron Studtmann.

## Attendance

### Saturday

4:00pm = 44 Online = 5

### Sunday

8:00am = 119 10:45am = 63 Online = 32

Total Weekend Attendance = 263

## Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance As of May 4, 2025

	Week	YTD
Budget	\$21,250	\$367,500
Offerings Received	\$13,227	\$274,490
Over (Under) Budget	(\$ 8,023)	(\$ 93,010)

Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

This week, we celebrated the teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. It is a blessing to have such wonderful families that appreciate all we do.

During the week, we continued learning about insects. Our caterpillars have been munching away, preparing for their next stage in their life cycle! We have been busy rehearsing songs for our end of the year ceremony. In religious studies Pastor Ryan led us in the Great Commission & Jesus Ascension.

### Registration for the 2025- 2026 School Year is open!

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

Please contact the Early Childhood Office for additional information on the above.



QUILTING GROUP

Women of St Matthew - We would love to have you join the crafting group on Tuesdays from 9:30-12:00ish to help make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. There are many different tasks and no experience is necessary. If you are in the mood to clean out some closets, we are also seeking donations of cotton fabric, used washed sheets, blankets in all sizes (stains are okay), and embroidery floss or #10 crochet cotton. We hope you can join us in this fellowship event.

### "Moments For Ministry"

From, The Board of Outreach and Parish Life

You may have met members of the **Salam Christian Fellowship** at a SMLC Thanksgiving dinner and Pastor Hesham Shehab at a recent worship service. Located in

Lombard, Illinois, Salam maintains an ongoing Christian evangelism ministry to Muslims and Middle Eastern immigrants in the Chicago area. Salam's objective is to bring these immigrants to the saving grace of Christ Jesus through His teaching and baptism. Salam is a ministry of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Join the Board of Outreach in praying for this ministry as they seek to reach Muslims and Middle Easterners with the love of Jesus. [salamchristianfellowship.org](http://salamchristianfellowship.org)



**IT'S BACK! The LWML Mite Box Challenge  
Men versus Women  
Begins May 11 ends June 15**



**Digital Links for the  
Contemporary Worship Songs for the 5/18/25 Service**

***“Because of Your Love”*** - Paul Baloche

LINK: <https://youtu.be/a6bYmYK517w>

***“You Have Been So Good”*** - Paul Baloche

LINK: [https://youtu.be/XLUWkk\\_VWTI](https://youtu.be/XLUWkk_VWTI)

***“Thank You Lord”*** - Paul Baloche

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

***“May The Peoples Praise You”*** - Getty’s

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

***“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”*** – Newsboys

LINK: <https://youtu.be/M7cD9kAjrXg>

**2025 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**EPIC Australian Adventure**  
An Unforgettable Journey with Jesus

**JUNE 23 THROUGH JUNE 27**  
9AM - 12PM

**COST: \$25 PER STUDENT**

**“I am the way, and the truth, and the life”**  
John 14:6

**VBS 2025**

**REGISTER AT [WWW.STMATTS.NET/VBS-2025](http://WWW.STMATTS.NET/VBS-2025)**

The poster features a map of Australia in the center, with a kangaroo and a koala. The text is colorful and includes a quote from John 14:6.

**PIG ROAST**

**\$20 ticket includes pork & all the fixin's**

*Please Join Us*

**BINGO, CHILDREN'S GAMES, MUSIC, FACE PAINTING & MORE!!**

**WHERE?**  
St. Matthew Church

**WHEN?**  
August 3rd

**TIME?**  
Noon to 4pm

**RAIN OR SHINE**

St. Matthew Lutheran Church  
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**AUGUST 3RD**

The poster features a cartoon pig wearing a chef's hat and holding a corn cob. The text is bold and colorful, with a yellow background for the date.