ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH & EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER
OCTOBER 24 & 25 – TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Welcome to St. Matthew Lutheran Church!

We're delighted that you've joined us to worship the Lord today. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to those around you—especially anyone wearing a St. Matthew Family badge. They'll be happy to assist you with any questions.
Today's service includes the celebration of the Lord's Supper, also known as Holy Communion.
If this is your first time with us, we invite you to review our teachings and practices regarding the Lord's Supper. You'll find a tri-fold pamphlet in the book rack in front of you, or you may ask an usher for one.
As you come forward for Communion: ***Non-alcoholic wine*** *(white wine in the center of the tray) is available.* ***Gluten-free wafers*** *are also offered—just let the pastor know your preference.*

October 24 *(Vespers)* **& 25 - Classic** *(Liturgical)* **Service**

Prelude	***"Aria"***	*C.S. Lang*
	"ERHALT UNS HERR"	*David N. Johnson*
	"Cantabile no. 2"	*Enrico Pasini*
	Chorale Prelude on "LEONI"	*C.S. Lang*
Opening Hymn	**"Christ Sits at God's Right Hand"**	**LSB 564:1,2,5,6**
Reading *(4:30pm)*	*Psalm 1 (pg. 448 in the pew bible)*	
Readings *(9:00am)*		
Psalm 1 *(page 448)*	**1 Thessalonians 2:1-13** *(page 986)*	**Matthew 22:34-46** *(page 828)*
Sermon Hymn	**"The Man Is Ever Blessed"**	**LSB 705**
Sermon - "Blessed in Christ, Rooted in the Word"		*Psalm 1*
Voluntary *(4:30pm)*	***"Hymnus"***	*Cesar Franck*
Voluntary *(9:00am)*	***"We Will Rejoice!"*** *– The Chancel Choir*	*Don Besig/Nancy Price*
Anthem	***"This Cup of Grace"*** *– The Chancel Choir*	*Mark Patterson*
Distribution	**"The Law of God is Good and Wise"**	**LSB 579**
Closing Hymn	**"Come, We That Love the Lord"**	**LSB 669:1,4**
Postlude	***"Fanfare"***	*M.Gagne*

October 25 - Contemporary Service

Pre-Service Music		
Opening Song	**"Beautiful One"**	*Tim Hughes*
	The Baptism of Shepard Timothy Wilson	
Reading……. Psalm 1 *(pg. 448 in the pew bible)*		
Sermon - "Blessed in Christ, Rooted in the Word"		*Psalm 1*
Offering & Communion Song	**"(10,000 Reasons) Bless the Lord"**	*Matt Redman*
Closing Song	**"What An Awesome God"**	*Phil Wickham*

Music Notes - " The Law of God is Good and Wise "
Matthias Loy, a prominent Lutheran pastor, professor, and later president of Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, wrote the hymn text in 1863. Loy was known for both original hymns and translations, contributing significantly to 19th-century American Lutheran hymnody . His work often emphasized clear doctrinal teaching, and this hymn reflects his interest in explaining the relationship between God's law and the gospel.
The hymn is paired with the tune ERHALT UNS, HERR, a well-known Reformation-era melody. It was first published in Klug's Geistliche Lieder (Wittenberg, 1543)

Senior Adult Ministry Pasta & BINGO Night
November 7, 2026 | 5:30pm-7:30pm | Krueger Hall
Details
Do you love a winning game of BINGO? Then this is your night!
Come for worship @4:30pm followed by a delicious Pasta dinner and BINGO.
Everyone is welcome. Bring the kids/grandkids!
Please bring a Salad or Dessert to share as well as a non-perishable food item for the COOL Food Pantry.
RSVP no later than November 2nd
Signup Sheet on Church Office Counter.

A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving
Children age 3 through 5th grade and their families are invited to join us on Saturday, November 14th, at 5:30pm for a "Charlie Brown Thanksgiving".

There will be a traditional Charlie Brown Thanksgiving meal as well as a craft and service project to show a little love to the community during the holiday season. This is free event and open to the community. Please RSVP to BrittanyJ@stmattsonline.com or sign up in the church office.

This Weekend Only!
The **Women's Ministry** invites you to visit our **Bake Sale and Craft Sale** following all services this weekend in **Luther Hall**. Treat yourself to homemade baked goods and unique handcrafted items while supporting the ministry. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Boundless Need - Boundless Love - Boundless Hope

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The Rev. Edward A. Blonski, Pastor, 909/373-7936 - 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 October: Baby Food & Canned Goods

*****Bread for Life Weekend—10/25/26***

Saturday, October 24 – Bread for Life Weekend

Men's Bible Study - KH	9:00am
GriefShare - KH	10:00am
Fall Fest / Trunk or Treat – *Outside* – 11:00am-1:00pm	
NorthShore Cheerleading Club - GYM	2:00pm
Saturday Worship Service - *Sanctuary*	**4:30pm**
Youth Reformation Event – YR	5:00pm

Sunday, October 25 - Bread for Life Weekend

Choir Practice - CL	8:15am
Classic Worship Service - *Sanctuary*	**9:00am**
Coffee Hour - LH	10:00am
Adult Bible Study - KH	10:15am
Sunday School - SSR	10:15am
Youth Bible Study - YR	10:15am
Choir Practice - CL	10:15am
Contemporary Worship Service -*Sanctuary*	**11:15am**
Shepard Timothy Wilson Baptism	**11:15am**
Wilson Family Reception - KH	12:15pm
NorthShore Cheerleading Club - GYM	3:00pm
Confirmation Fun Time - YR	5:30pm
1st, 2nd, 3rd Year Confirmation Class	6:00pm

Monday, October 26

LCC "WORD" Bible Study – KH	9:30am
Gio Basketball Camp - GYM	5:30pm
Scouts - 964 - KH	6:30pm
Bells Practice – CL	7:00pm

Tuesday, October 27

Ministry Staff Devotion - LIB	8:00am
Quilting Class/Crafters - SSR	9:30am
Crafters Lunch – KH	Noon
Ministry Meeting - SCR	12:30pm
ECC Library	1:15pm
Gio Basketball Camp - GYM	5:30pm
Stitched Together – LH	6:30pm
Church Council Meeting – LIB	7:00pm

Wednesday, October 28

ECC Chapel - Sanctuary	10:00am
Gio Basketball Camp - GYM	5:30pm
Choir Practice - CL	7:00pm

Thursday, October 29

Women's Bible Study - LH	9:00am
Good News Callers - LIB	10:15am
Gio Basketball Camp - GYM	5:30pm
Men's Garage Bible Study - PBG	6:30pm
Women's Bible Study - ZOOM	6:30pm

Friday, October 30

ECC Halloween Party – GYM	9:00am
Michael Gagne Practice - CL	3:30pm
Gio Basketball Camp - GYM	5:30pm

Saturday, October 31 –Reformation

Men's Bible Study - KH	9:00am
GriefShare - KH	10:00am
NorthShore Cheerleading Club - GYM	2:00pm
Saturday Worship Service - *Sanctuary*	**4:30pm**
Youth Reformation Event – YR	5:00pm

Sunday, November 1 – All Saints

Choir Practice - CL	8:15am
Classic Worship Service - *Sanctuary*	**9:00am**
Coffee Hour - LH	10:00am
Adult Bible Study - KH	10:15am
Sunday School - SSR	10:15am
Youth Bible Study - YR	10:15am
Choir Practice - CL	10:15am
Contemporary Worship Service -*Sanctuary*	**11:15am**
Elsie Claire Schuett Baptism	**11:15am**
Schuett Family Reception - KH	12:15pm
NorthShore Cheerleading Club - GYM	3:00pm
Confirmation Fun Time - YR	5:30pm
1st, 2nd, 3rd Year Confirmation Class	6:00pm

Please remember in prayer:

- *Karen Basler, Patricia Trapp, John & Audrey Lahr, Beverly Eastep, Florence Behrens, James Grund, Christopher Williams, Doris Stueber, Faye Prather, Peggy Drag, Bonnie Rieb, Lorraine Selsor, Vicki Finzel, Peggy Sneller, Bob Wilson, Herb Watts, Wendell Peterson, Sharon Seiwerth*
- ***Our military personnel currently serving our country**: Justin Brown, Adam Imaoka, Scott Karas, Elise Eaton, Steve & Ice Sandy, Bob Hamilton, Chandler McClain, Christopher Carr, Alex Hope, Maxwell Villaraza*
- ***Our Missionaries**, Pastor Ross Shaver, Kris, Easton and Ryan*
- ***Friends of St. Matthew**: Peter Lara, Barb Polk, Steve, Faye, Sheila, Jean Doorman, Bill Zenk, Craig Galus, Margie Mueller, Kelly & Patrick Conrad, Cathy & Tony Lenart, Sue Anderson, Jerry Thode, Bill Hessel, Greg Englehardt, Owen Foster, Tom Anderson, Donna McGowean, Mike, Alison Balas, Tom Dolan, Steven & Jenny La, Jeremy, Jessica & Lauren, Alicia, Monica, Mia Polacek, Joann Schesso, Dani, Mary Beth Johnson, Fred, Deb Alig, George & Debbie, Peter, Matt & Prisilla, Marco Norwood, Ted Lange, Lisa, Rosa Beaty, Diane Billburg, Dick Middlecamp*

ALTAR FLOWERS - *Given to the Glory of God.*

- *Celebrating the 24th birthday of Meghan Trossman & the 22nd birthday of Blake Trossman, from their parents, Sheila & Merrick Trossman.*
- *Celebrating the 65th birthday of Linda Corbin, from her mom Janet Schockmel.*

OFFICIAL ACTS

- *The baptism of Shepard Timothy Wilson will take place on Sunday, October 25, 2026, at St. Matthew Luthearn Church.*

Attendance

Saturday

4:30pm = 40 Online = 12

Sunday Weekend

Sunday 9:00am = 101 11:15am = 74 Online = 38

Total Weekend Attendance = 265

Report from Board of Stewardship & Finance
As of October 18, 2026

	Week	YTD
Budget	$16,000.00	$674,000.00
Offerings Received	$ 8,492.03	$722,306.87
Variance	**$ 7,507.97**	**$ 48,306.87**
Special Offerings and Other Dedicated Fund Giving	$1,308.00	$210,289.15

Your giving helps grow the ministry of our Lord.

Upcoming Events

October

24 - Fall Fest / Trunk or Treat | 11:00am
24 - Youth Pumpkin Carving | 5:00pm
24 & 25 – Pictorial Directory Pictures Make Up Dates
31 – Reformation Service | 4:30pm

November

1 – Pictorial Directory Pictures Make Up Dates
1 – All Saints Services | 9:00am & 11:15am
1 – Day Light Savings Time Ends – Fall Back
7 – Fall Campus Clean Up | 8:00am
7 - Bingo Night | 5:30pm
8 – St. Matthew Veterans' Service/QOV Ceremony | 9:00am
8 – Women's Ministry Meeting | 12:15pm
14 - Charlie Brown Thanksgiving | 5:30pm
15 – Annual Voters Meeting | 12:15pm
25 – Thanksgiving Eve Service | 7:00pm
26 – Thanksgiving Day Service | 10:00am
26 – Thanksgiving Day Meal | Noon
28 – Church Christmas Decorating | 8:00am