



Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Liturgy

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.

P: Rejoice in this good news: ✝ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song** *The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing* No. 531

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Shelley Nelson-Bridger

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 62:1-5

- ¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
- ²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.
- ³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
- ⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
- ⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm

Psalm 36:5-10

- ⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- ⁶**Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.**
- ⁷How priceless is your love, O God!
All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights.**
- ⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.
- ¹⁰**Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ²You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. ³Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; ⁶and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. ⁷To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

*Gospel

John 2:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

***Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

A brief silence.

P: By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day especially Esther Svoboda, Sandra Chinn, Otto Weight, Lennie Davis, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Brenda Disbrow, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, and Greg McKee. God of grace. Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Be with us as we look to the future of our Transitional Housing ministry. Guide us and help us to be open to your voice as we discern how we will continue to offer help to those in need. God of Grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We ask your blessing upon St. Matthew's Call Committee. Give them insight and a spirit of enthusiasm for their work and raise up for our people a pastor to help lead us. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Peace:** *The peace will be an acknowledgement with your neighbor of God's reconciling love by nod or bow.*

MEAL

Offertory

Made One in Christ (8:30)
Parker/Patterson

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, Sovereign of the universe. You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Communion Hymn

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

No. 523

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house. Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

*Sending Song

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

No. 310

*Dismissal

P: Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

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PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: Esther Svoboda, Sandra Chinn, Otto Weight, Lennie Davis, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Brenda Disbrow, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, and Greg McKee.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Second Sunday after Epiphany, we worship at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with ELW liturgy and Holy Communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Thank You to Pastor Shelley Nelson-Bridger, our supply pastor this morning.

No Youth Sunday School for the remainder of January. We plan to resume February 6.

Adult Sunday School will meet in the fellowship hall, led by Pastor Shelley.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Third Sunday after Epiphany, we will worship at 8:30 with Praise hymns and communion, and at 11:00 a.m. with ELW liturgy and Holy Communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

We Welcome Pastor David Connor as our supply pastor.

No Youth Sunday School for the remainder of January. We plan to resume February 6.

Adult Sunday School meets in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	January 16	January 16	January 23	January 23
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte				Addy Shook
Reader	Beth Johnson	Melody Costello		
Ushers	Bruce Reed	Becky Malloy Cindy Rickly	Bruce Reed	
Communion Servers	Sandy Andrews	Cindy Rickly		Melody Costello
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Rex Rickly	--	Brian Haris	--
Altar Guild	Nancy McNeal			

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

****Mask Mandate / Masks Required for in-person worship****
HVAC anti-COVID air treatment / Equipment installed earlier this year
No Singing / Restrictions Lifted
Limiting Attendance / Restrictions Lifted
Keep Exterior Doors Open / Restrictions Lifted
Fellowship After Worship / Casual fellowship after church is resuming
Ropes to Encourage Social Distance / Ropes removed June 18
Hymnals / Hymnals returned to pews June 18
Communion / Covid protocol still in place
Sharing of the Peace / Covid protocol still in place
Masks and Sanitizer available / Covid protocol still in place

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Happy Hour will be on hiatus until further notice.

Electronic Offering Updates - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Thaddeus Neururer 617-360-1342 or email at thaddeus.neururer@gmail.com.

The SMLC Worship Team committee extends a special Thank You to the following: All individuals who faithfully served during our holiday worship services including youth and adult readers, acolytes, Communion assistants, song leaders, Luther Choir members, musicians, guest accompanists and the Audio/Visual technicians. We are especially grateful for the pastoral leadership of Deacon Lindsay Bailey, our supply pastors, our organist and composer extraordinaire John Burke, Luther Choir director Nancy McNeal, the faithful members of the Altar Guild and the volunteers who created such a beautiful holiday sanctuary space. Special appreciation is given to Beth Johnson and all who helped with midweek Advent meals, activities and devotions; our faithful custodian Joyce Davis, our Executive Council leadership and our Office Administrator Deb Musil.

We give thanks to God always for all of you.

-Judy Reber McLaughlin, outgoing Chairperson,
and Worship Team committee.

Help Needed at St. Matthew

Video Help Needed - This past year our video ministry has become more important than ever. It has allowed St. Matthew to livestream worship services so we could still worship together. As with all ministries in our community of faith, it takes volunteers to make it happen. We are seeking a few more volunteers who would be willing to video our services on Sunday mornings (8:30 a.m. service, with occasional 11:00 a.m.) If you have interest or have questions about what is involved, please contact Lisa Burke or Melody Costello from Communication Evangelism or Brian Harris or Owen Blakslee, who can answer all your questions.

Finance Report for November and Year-to-Date

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

St. Matthew had the following revenue
and expenses for November.

	Month of November 2021	Year-to-Date November 2021
Total Revenue	\$ 25,552.46	\$ 343,601.85
Total Expenses	\$ 20,233.34	\$ 307,741.04
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 5,319.12	\$ 35,860.81
Net Other	\$ 14.78	\$ 177.30
Net Revenue	<u>\$ 5,333.90</u>	<u>\$ 36,038.11</u>

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM