



First Sunday of Christmas
Jazz / Lessons & Carols

December 26, 2021

10:00 a.m.

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

*Prelude

*Gathering Song

Once in Royal David's City

No. 269

*Greeting

*Dialogue

L: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

L: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

L: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In the Word was life, and the life was the light of all people.

L: Jesus is the light of the world.

C: Jesus is the light of our lives.

L: Sing to God a new song!

C: song of hope, joy, and peace around the world.

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Lesson: Isaiah 9:2-7

Carol

God promises a king

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

No. 272

Lesson: Micah 5:2-5a

Carol

The king will come from Bethlehem

O Little Town of Bethlehem

No. 279

Lesson: Luke 1:26-35, 38

Carol

The annunciation to Mary

It Came Upon a Midnight Clear

No. 282

Lesson: Luke 2:1-7

Carol

The birth of Jesus

I Wonder as I Wander

(projected)

Lesson: Luke 2:8-16

Carol

The shepherds go to see the Savior

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

No. 270

Lesson: Luke 2: 21-35

Carol

Jesus receives his name

Joy to the World

No. 267

Lesson: Matthew 2:1-11

Carol

The magi follow the star

The First Noel

No. 300

Lesson: Matthew 2:13-18

Carol

The slaughter of the holy innocents

Your Little Ones, Dear Lord

No. 286

Lesson: John 1:1-14

Carol

The mystery of the incarnation

Of the Father's Love Begotten

No. 295

Responsive Prayer

L: Glory to God in the highest,

C: and peace to God's people on earth.

L: Blessed are you, Prince of peace. You rule the earth with truth and justice.

C: Send your gift of peace to all nations of the world.

L: Blessed are you, Son of Mary. You share our humanity.

C: Have mercy on the sick, the dying, and all who suffer this day.

L: Blessed are you, Son of God. You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.

C: Reveal yourself to us in word and sacrament that we may bear your light to all the world.

*The Lord's Prayer

Peace

Offertory

Offering

SENDING

Blessing

L: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

L: May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.

C: Amen

Sending Song

Go Tell It On The Mountain

No. 290

Dismissal

L: Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Mask Mandate / Masks optional, but recommended

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

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: Lennie Davis, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Brenda Disbrow, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, and Greg McKee.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by the Obermeier family.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, First Sunday of Christmas, we worship in person at 10:00 a.m. with a *Jazz / Lessons & Carols* service, and via livestream.

No Sunday School today! Sunday School will resume January 9, 2022.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31, NEW YEAR'S EVE

Holden Evening Prayer/Healing Service, 5:00 p.m. in person and livestream. *No communion.*

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Second Sunday of Christmas, Worship times will return to 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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WORSHIP SERVANTS				
Date	December 26	December 31	January 2	January 2
Service	10:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte				
Reader				
Ushers	Bruce Reed		Bruce Reed	
Communion Servers	<i>No Communion</i>	<i>No Communion</i>		
Sound	Larry Mohler			
Video	Brian Harris	Rex Rickly	Brian Harris	--
Altar Guild	Becky Malloy			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to everyone who donated to the Noisy Offering for Lutheran Disaster Response that benefitted people in need after the devastating tornadoes in the Kentucky area. A total of \$500 was collected.

Senior Happy Hour will not meet December 27. They will resume January 3, 2022.

The Office Will Be Closed Monday, December 27 for the Christmas holiday.

Worship Team - Anyone interested and feeling the call to join or lead our Worship Team at St. Matthew is asked to please contact Cindy Rickly, Chair of Congregational Life, at cindyrickly@gmail.com or 330-321-9071.

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.

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.

Seeking Nursery Volunteers - Our nursery at St. Matthew is an important service that we provide to our families with young children. It allows the parents the opportunity to worship without the disruption of their children allowing them to fully take in and participate in worship. As we continue to search for a full-time person (or 2 part-time people) to staff the nursery, we are looking for volunteers to be present with our younger members during worship and Sunday School in the nursery. In the interim, member Corey Neururer has agreed to help during Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149.

Nursery Attendant Needed - Our nursery at St. Matthew is an important service that we provide to our families with young children. It allows the parents the opportunity to worship without the disruption of their children allowing them to fully take in and participate in worship.

We are currently looking for one full-time person (or 2 part-time) to staff the nursery. The right candidate should enjoy children; be willing to play with them; change diapers/help them use the toilet, etc. The position would involve, roughly, 4 hours each Sunday (fall through spring) and 1 ½ hours during the summer and is a paid position.

If anyone in the church is interested, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149. If you know someone who could be a fit, please pass along my contact information for further discussion.

**Finance Report for September and Year-to-Date
St. Matthew Lutheran Church**
St. Matthew had the following revenue
and expenses for October.

	Month of October 2021	Year-to-Date October 2021
Total Revenue	\$ 23,486.82	\$ 318,049.39
Total Expenses	\$ 17,900.16	\$ 288,258.62
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 10,596.66	\$ 29,790.77
Net Other	\$ 14.78	\$ 162.52
Net Revenue	<u>\$ 10,611.44</u>	<u>\$ 29,953.29</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

****OFFICE CLOSED****

Monday, December 27

Friday, December 31 (Closes at Noon)

Monday, January 3, 2022