



CHRIST
THE KING
SUNDAY

November 20, 2022
8:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 4

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

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 our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

P: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✚ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

Oh, Worship the King

No. 842

***Greeting**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Kyrie**

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***Hymn of Praise**

This is the Feast

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***Prayer of the Day**

O God, our true life, to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great

glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46

¹God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

²**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**

³though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

⁴**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.

⁶**The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away.**

⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

⁸**Come now, regard the works of the LORD,
what desolations God has brought upon the earth;**

⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
¹⁰ **“Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.”**
¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶ for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

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*Gospel

Luke 23:33-43

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.” And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of

condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.”
⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Beautiful Savior

No. 838

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: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

P: We pray for your church. Embolden denominations and faith-based organizations in creative and collaborative ministries and increase our work for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for the earth. Protect waterways from pollution and animal habitats from destruction. Guide us in careful stewardship of waters, plant life, and animals. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for the nations of the world. Instill in every leader's heart a desire for justice and peace. Support the work of international collaborations that seek the goals of health and joy for all people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for all who are undermined or oppressed. Amplify the voices of the unheard and break open stubborn systems of injustice. Bring about your righteousness and fill us all with your redeeming light. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for those who are sick or need guidance, especially the family of Tom Blevins, Tim Brown, Sandi, Jaggar Haught, Pat Pritchard, Bob Madey, Arline, Don Baker, Judy McLaughlin, Pat, Steve Combs, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for this assembly. Guide our pastor, deacon, and council members in discernment, and nurture new leaders with fresh ideas. Give this congregation a spirit of discipleship and service. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We give thanks for all who have died in the faith. Console us who mourn and comfort us with the beautiful promise of life in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

You Alone are God
Mary MacDonald

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

***Proper Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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***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: Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

We Come to the Hungry Feast

No. 749

***Prayer after Communion**

P: We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✝
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

Crown Him With Many Crowns

No. 855

***Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday November 20	Sunday November 20	Sunday November 27	Sunday November 27
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte		Faith Taraschke	Lucy Brown-Serban	Devin Shrader
Reader	Melody Costello	Lisa Burke		
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan Bruce Reed	Linda Taraschke		
Communion Assistants	Melody Costello Mary Dunham Jen Knaggs	Sandy Andrews Lisa Burke		
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Owen Blakslee	--	Rex Rickly	--
Altar Guild	Becky Malloy & Julie Shrader			

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God with thankfulness by Joyce and Tom Davis.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones by Cindy and Rex Rickly.

Prayers for Healing: The family of Tom Blevins, Tim Brown, Sandi, Jaggar Haught, Pat Pritchard, Bob Madey, Arline, Don Baker, Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Christ the King Sunday, we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *ELW setting 4* liturgy and Holy Communion and at 11:00 a.m. with *Native American service* and Holy Communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Adult Sunday School - Thanksgiving According to the Native Americans - 9:45 a.m. in the sanctuary. John Burke will lead a discussion on Native American traditional Thanksgiving ceremonies and their participation in the first Thanksgiving with the Pilgrims.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening before each service in Brenda's office.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, First Sunday in Advent, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *Praise* liturgy and Holy Communion and at 11:00 a.m. with *ELW setting 4* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch your bulletins and Shout-Outs for details.

Monday, November 21, 8:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at Yours Truly.

Wednesday, November 23, 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving worship.

Wednesday, November 30, 2:00-8:30 pm, Directory Pictures. *Communication Evangelism*

Thursday, December 1, 2:00-8:30 pm, Directory Pictures. *Communication Evangelism*

Saturday, December 3, 3:45 if meeting for dinner. (4:45 in parking lot). Journey to Bethlehem in Walnut Creek. *Comprehensive Youth*. All invited!

Sunday, December 4, 12:30 pm - Annual cookie exchange and evergreen cross making, fellowship hall. *Small Groups*

Friday, December 9, 7:00 p.m. Christmas Groove Concert at Akron Civic Theatre.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Lindsay is on Vacation November 16-30.

Seeking all Thrivent members! If you belong to Thrivent, please contact Pastor Steve.

Bible and Brew Update - We will not meet November 24, due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Thank you, Luther League for a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner provided to our Seniors on Sunday, November 13. What a great way to thank our older population for all that they have done over the years. Thank you, too, to Thrivent Financial for the Thrivent Action Team grant that made a positive impact through the efforts of our youth.

Operation HOMES Day Center Update - Most recently we have been at capacity. To serve our guests, we are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to noon. The number of guests on any one day varies by their work schedule. We offer any guest an opportunity to do laundry, take a hot shower and/or just relax. Our host makes certain the guests have all the necessities needed to complete those tasks. Our biggest opportunity is simply welcoming each guest and making them feel comfortable. **We are in need of volunteers.** Could you spare some time to make our guests feel welcome? Please call Rick Sullivan at 330-391-0222.

Advent Devotions - Thank you to everyone who volunteered to write a 2022 Advent Devotion! Each day during Advent (beginning Sunday, November 27), a link to a new devotion, written by our members, will appear on our church website homepage. All completed devotions will be available on an archived webpage.

Ways to Serve Your Church - The Nominating Committee is seeking to fill three positions to complete our 2023 Slate of Elected positions. The Executive Council position of Financial Director; the Chair of Comprehensive Youth; and the Chair of Social Concerns. These positions are well supported by past and present elected officers of St. Matthew and you will be offering a great service to your St. Matthew family. If you are interested in learning more about any of these positions, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee: Lisa Burke, Kelly Obermeier, Rick Grice, Jean Waite, or Bill Heck, chair.

Journey to Bethlehem - We are once again planning a group event to see the Journey to Bethlehem in Walnut Creek, December 3, 2022. We will meet for dinner at Der Dutchmen at 3:45 (if you don't plan to have dinner, please indicate that and meet us in the parking lot at 4:45) and then "journey" by caravan around Walnut Creek experiencing the immersive Journey to Bethlehem. While this is sponsored by Comprehensive Youth, we invite and encourage all members to join us! If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Christy Gabler 330-441-1841. Please sign up in the narthex or via this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FADAE2DA46-journey>

Christmas Cookie Exchange & Evergreen Cross Craft - Sunday, December 4 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy lunch provided by Small Groups, followed by the Cookie Exchange and Evergreen Cross making. A craft for kids will be provided and door prizes will be awarded for the most festive Christmas outfit. Please bring three dozen **HOMEMADE** cookies for the exchange, along with a container to take your exchanged cookies home. Immediately after the cookie exchange, we will craft our evergreen crosses. This will take approximately 30 minutes. Cost is \$40. *Please pay Corey Neururer via cash, check, PayPal, or Venmo (caneururer@yahoo.com) by Sunday, November 27,* so we know how much material to prepare, etc. There are picture examples in the narthex of the evergreen crosses. Join us for one or all of these activities. Please contact a member of Small Groups with any questions. We hope to see you for fun, fellowship, and to enjoy the Christmas spirit. Please sign up in the narthex or by using this site:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080a45afae2cabff2-cookie>

Christmas Groove Concert - Ring in the Christmas season with a wonderful, family friendly, benefit concert, Christmas Groove. This concert has been providing free music and collecting money for a variety of non-profits since 2004. A group of St. Matthew friends will be going together on Friday, December 9. The concert begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Akron Civic Theatre. You can view additional information and hear past songs at <https://www.christmasgroove.org/>. The concert is free and no tickets are needed. A free-will offering will be collected and will benefit Akron Canton Foodbank. We are working on transportation for those who can't drive, but would like to attend. Please call Melody at 330-461-1149 if you need a ride or are interested in attending.

Book Club - The next book that we will be reading is *Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah. We will read the book on our own and see the movie when it comes out in January. We will gather together to discuss at Wingz after the movie. Additional details will follow. Happy reading!

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

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St. Matthew invites you to join us in celebration of Holy Communion!

The Lord's table is open to all who believe and are baptized.
Please join us as we receive the means of grace, where Jesus promises to meet us in the bread and the wine.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop
System available.