



Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 17, 2021

9:00 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
you search us and know us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.
Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
Amen.

*Gathering Song: *In Christ Called to Baptize*

No. 575

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Bill Diehm

WORD

First Reading		1 Samuel 3:1-20
Psalm (<i>Read by Lector</i>)		Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Second Reading		1 Corinthians 6:12-20
*Gospel Acclamation:		
P: The holy gospel according to John.		
C: Glory to you, O Lord.		
*Gospel		John 1:43-51
P: The gospel of the Lord.		
C: Praise to you, O Christ.		
Sermon		Pastor Bill Diehm
Hymn of the Day:	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	No. 574
Installation of Executive Council and Five Star Ministry Team Leaders		
*Apostle's Creed		
*Prayers of Intercession		
*Lord's Prayer		
*Peace		
Offertory	<i>I Know My Redeemer Lives</i> by Robert Hughes	Luther Choir

SENDING

*Blessing		
*Sending Song:	<i>O Zion, Haste</i>	No. 668
*Dismissal:		
P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.		
C: Thanks be to God.		
*Postlude		

WORSHIP SERVANTS

	January 17	January 24
Date		
Service	9:00	9:00
Song Leader	Nancy McNeal	Heather Rohde
Reader	Judy McLaughlin	
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Rex Rickly	Brian Harris
Altar Guild	Nancy McNeal	

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: Chuck Payne, Pat Straub, Richard Trenty, Darine Prok, Diane Hulvey, Chip Ramsey, Karen Rupert, John Deputy, Owen Blakslee, Robert Lentz, and Gary Kelling.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, the Second Sunday after Epiphany, we worship at 9:00 a.m. online with ELW liturgy.

Thank you to Cindy Piovarchy, the organist for our worship service this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, the Third Sunday After Epiphany, we will worship at 9:00 a.m. online with Praise liturgy.

St. Matthew's 2021 Executive Council and Five Star Ministry Team Leaders were installed during a Zoom meeting on Saturday, January 16 shown during our worship service this morning. Our 2021 Leaders are:

Executive Council

Rex Rickly - President

Tom Kotick - President Elect

Tim Brown - Treasurer

Mary Dunham - Secretary

Bill Heck - Personnel Directory

Troy Gerspacher - Property Director

Dean Hauptman - Finance Director (Jan - Jun)

Thaddeus Neururer - Finance Director (Jul - Dec)

Five-Star Ministry Team Leaders

Lisa Burke - Communication Evangelism

Melody Costello - Communication Evangelism

Christy Gabler - Comprehensive Youth

Julie Shrader - Comprehensive Youth

Cindy Rickly - Congregational Life

Heather Haycook - Small Groups

Corey Neururer - Small Groups

Bob & Carla Maas - Social Concerns

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you purchased a poinsettia, you may pick them up during office hours. If you are not going out due to Covid, please contact Sandy Andrews (330-667-2858) for a delivery of your poinsettia.

Luther Ladies Bible Study 2021 Winter Series - The seven-session series entitled *Matchless: The Life and Love of Jesus*, will explore the mission, miracles, and message of Jesus. The study will begin January 25, Monday evenings via Zoom from 6:00-7:30 p.m., and continue through March 8. The cost for the Participant Journal that accompanies the study is \$14. Cash/checks can be mailed to the church office and directed to Deacon Lindsay's attention. Please make checks payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church". Registration deadline: Thursday, January 21. Invite your friends! Books can be picked up from the church office starting January 19 and can also be sent by mail as needed. Please contact Deacon Lindsay with any questions at Lindsay@stmatthewmedina.org. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/yypfg9p9> to register.

Gift Cards - Thank you to everyone who has generously donated gift cards or money to assist our Transitional Housing guests and local residents. We will continue this collection as the need is still great for many during the pandemic. Your Christian love is appreciated by those who are facing food insecurity in our community.

Electronic Offering Updates - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Dean Hauptman 216-280-7472 or email at dlhauptman73@gmail.com.

Transitional Housing news: Jim Frame, our dedicated, faithful and long time Transitional Housing director will be retiring by mid 2021. If you think you may want to take over as director of the Transitional Housing ministry, and would like to know more about the responsibilities of this position, please call or email the church office. You will be given contact information to call Jim or another member of the Social Concerns team to learn more about Transitional Housing.

The Transitional Housing Vision Team has met to begin the process of reviewing the future of the Transitional Housing Ministry. The team includes John Baker, Keith Graf, Troy Gerspacher, Bill Knaggs and Bob Maas. Currently the team is developing a plan to solicit input from the congregation. Stay tuned for future communication.

2021 Flower Charts are up in the Narthex. Have a special event you would like to give either Altar or Memorial Flowers? IF you would like to purchase an arrangement for on the piano for a particular Sunday, payment **MUST** be made prior to the bulletin deadline of 9 AM Wednesday. Just let Deb know in the office 330-725-8885.

Any questions or to sign up if you will not be in St. Matthew for anything, please contact Sandy Andrews [sandrews731@aol.com OR 330-667-2858].

Luther League Christmas ornaments are still available in the office! 2020 ornament - \$10 and 2017 ornaments - \$5. Please pay with exact change or make checks payable to St. Matthew Luther League.

"Support the Kids" tee shirts are still available in the narthex for anyone who would like one. We have many Small, Medium, and Large sizes remaining, and two 3XLs. These tee shirts are free to anyone who would like one. We are accepting donations of any amount to help with the cost.

**Finance Report for December & Year to Date
St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

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

	<u>Month of December 2020</u>	<u>Year-to-Date December 2020</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 60,416.33	\$ 392,931.04
Total Expenses	\$ 37,327.12	\$ 378,506.60
Net Operating Revenue (Loss)	\$ 23,089.21	\$ 14,424.44
Net Other	\$ 7.45	\$ 7,535.68
Net Revenue (Loss)	\$ 23,096.66	\$ 21,960.12

*Thanks to all for the wonderful gifts in 2020 to help those in need and help
St. Matthew continue to practice love to all God's people!*

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. William Diehm	Interim Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Sue Gircsis	Nursery Attendant
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Heather Rohde	Youth Worship Music Director