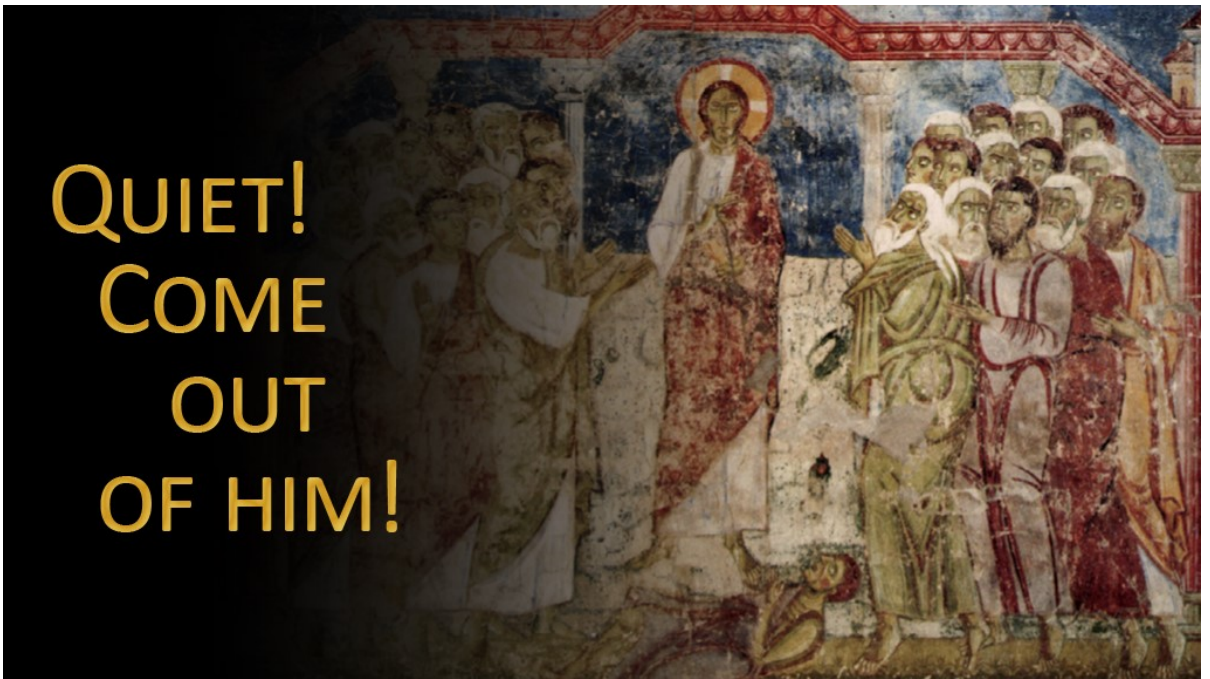


QUIET!
COME
OUT
OF HIM!



4th Sunday after Epiphany

January 28, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 4

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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.

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"Pages" are in the front of the hymnal.

"Hymns" are located toward the back of the hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Prelude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
Mansfield/Nicolai

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

I Love to Tell the Story

Hymn 661

***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

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Melody Costello

WORD

First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: ¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." ¹⁷Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures forever.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸"Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

Listen, God is Calling
(refrain, vs. 1, refrain)

Hymn 513

*Gospel

Mark 1:21-28

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud

voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day

Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult

Hymn 696

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

D: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

D: Loving God, we pray that your example of teaching with confidence and authority builds up your church in love. May all church leaders and teachers honor your instruction and model your inclusive ways. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Renewing God, we pray for all of creation, that waterways flow clean and clear, natural spaces are protected, and our planet is healed. Let us commit to thoughtful care of the earth. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Justice-seeking God, we pray for those in government and community leadership, that they lead with honor and mindfulness. May they remember their covenants and be upright in their ways. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Compassionate God, we pray for all in need, especially those who have known rejection, any who struggle with long-term illness or chronic pain, those without access to safe housing or health care, and any who suffer especially Una Mae, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Stevie, Rosemary, Clarence, the Gibeault Family, Ingrid, Judy, Joyce, Brenda, Jerry, Todd, Logan, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Still-speaking God, we pray for our congregation, for its artists and musicians, for its educators and caregivers, that all gifts are used to care for those in need and to live out your example of accompaniment, gospel witness, and love. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Eternal God, we remember all who have been teachers, mentors, and companions in the church and in our lives. We trust that all who have died rest in your loving care. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy (11:00)
arr. Ken W. Staton

Luther Choir

Offertory Response *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymn 884

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

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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: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light

Hymn 815

Table Blessing (*"The body and blood..."*)

*Prayer after Communion

P: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

*Sending Song:

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Hymn 810

*Dismissal:

D: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

Toccata
Edward Broughton

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	8:30 - Evan Hogan	11:00 - Aubrey Terihay
Reader:	8:30 - Judy McLaughlin	11:00 - Jen Knaggs
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Bob & Carla Maas	11:00 - Jen Knaggs Julie Shrader
Ushers:	8:30 - Jen & Sophie Hogan	
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	8:30 - Melody Costello	
Altar Guild:	Nancy McNeal	

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of 57 years of Loving marriage by Brian and Sandi Harris.

***Prayers for Healing:** Una Mae Gill, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Rosemary, Clarence, Gibeault Family, Ingrid Schaller, Judy Weir, Joyce, Brenda Disbrow, Jerry Jakovcic, Todd Costello, Logan, and Sandi.

**If you, a relative, or friend would like to be added to the prayers, please contact the church office. Your request will be added to the bulletin and Shout-Out, as well as the list of prayers for our Thursday afternoon Prayer Group. Names will be removed from the bulletin and Shout-Out after one month, unless a specific timeframe is requested, but will remain in our Prayer Group's prayers. If you wish to have a name added back to the prayers once it is removed, please contact the office.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, we worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with ELW 4 and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

Noisy Offering to benefit Loads of Love ministry.

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

Middle School Toboggan Outing this afternoon, beginning with a brown bag lunch in the Brown Room at Noon.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, we will worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with Now the Feast and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

High School Sunday School Class - **New Location** - The High School class will now meet at Faith House each Sunday. We will gather in our old Sunday School room and walk over together. We are continuing with our Faith Lens lessons and will always have time to catch up with our weekly highs and lows (Joy, Junk, Jesus) and will be planning our January/February outings. We hope to see you! *Officers: President, Anna Holthouse; VP, August Weight; Secretaries, Emma Geirhart & Gavin Gerspacher; Treasurer, Hope Rohde*

Noisy Offering - Let's get ready to make some noise!! Start saving those coins to support the Middle Schoolers who will be collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring on February 11.

“Loads of Love” - St. Matthew will be spreading joy and covering the cost of laundry for all clients at North Court Laundry, 739 W. Liberty St., from 10 am - 2 pm on Saturday, February 17. Use the Sign-Up Genius link in your Shout-Out (www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544ADA629AAFD0-47171581-loads) if you would like to volunteer your time to hand out coins and spread the JOY! The Evangelism & Communication Committee will provide further details to the volunteers.

Drive Thru Food Drive - In the church parking lot on Saturday, March 9, 10 am - Noon. Stay tuned for further details.

Are You A Thrivent Member? - Thrivent members receive grant funds each year in the amount of \$250 (or more) based on their Thrivent products. These funds can be used for community projects or necessities in the church. In 2023, our members were able to: purchase coffee for our coffee bar; help with Rock the Block and Operation: HOMES; provide needed items and postage for our care packages to college students; purchase turkeys and hams for Feeding Medina County; help 4 families with Christmas wish items; yarn to make hats; purchase supplies for the senior Thanksgiving Dinner; and baptismal gifts. These grants totaled \$2,000!

Ideas are in the works for projects and how Thrivent members can help in 2024. We have a list of individuals who are members, but is your name on it? Please contact Melody Costello (330) 461-1149 or Pastor Steve if you're a member, so we can add your name to the list and call upon you to apply for projects or needs. *Grants turn over every year, but do not accumulate if not used.* If you're interested in becoming a Thrivent member, see Pastor Steve or Melody; they can connect you with a local representative or visit thrivent.com.

“Getting to Know You” - St. Matthew started featuring a St. Matthew family in our weekly Shout-Outs as a way to get to know our fellow St. Matthew members. We would love to feature your family! Go to your most recent Shout-Out to access the link to complete your profile. If you have any questions, please send a text to Beth Johnson (Communication Evangelism) at 301-501-0473. We look forward to *GETTING TO KNOW YOU!*

Renovation Project Recap for December - No identified renovation expenses. \$422 reno restricted giving in December. Balance as of December 31, 2023 is \$67,167.63.

Finance Committee Chair needed!!

Establishment of the Finance Committee is well under way. According to the updated Constitution the members of the Finance Committee will consist of the Finance Committee Chair, Treasurer, Bookkeeper, Financial Secretary, Rostered Staff and **at least** two members from the congregation. The current members are:

Finance Committee Chair
Treasurer
Bookkeeper
Financial Secretary
Rostered Staff
Rostered Staff
Congregation Member
Congregation Member
Congregation Member

Open
Teri Uttech
Heather Rohde
Mary Dunham
Pastor Steve
Deacon Lindsay
Bruce Reed, At Large
Austin Stertzbach
Jen Knaggs

The Committee is still in need of a Finance Committee Chair. This individual will be responsible for scheduling the monthly Finance Committee meeting, preparing the agenda with input from the committee, leading the meetings and preparing the minutes to be submitted to the Congregation Council.

If you are interested in serving on the committee but do not wish to Chair it, you are welcome. Contact any member of the committee if you have any questions or are interested in joining us!

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