



*New Years  
Day Worship*

**January 1, 2023  
10:00 AM**

*Lessons & Carols*

**“LIVING GOD’S LOVE”**

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# *Happy New Year!*

A warm welcome to all. We are pleased to have you join us in worship at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church. Our mission is to Live God's Love.  
(\* stand, if you are able)

## **Gathering**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

\*Gathering Song            *"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice"*            No. 288

\*Dialog

D: Who are these angels who come to earth,  
**C: bearing the news of the Christ child's birth?**

D: Who are these shepherds who run to see,  
**C: and worship the babe on bended knee?**

D: Who is this child, so small, so slight,  
**C: of whom the angels sang that night?**

D: Who is this king, a manger his throne,  
**C: who humbles himself to make us his own?**

D: Who is this God who sends a Son  
**C: Into our midst, the promised one?**

\*Greeting

D: 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.**

\*Prayer of the Day

D: Let us pray.  
**C: All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Word**

**Who Are These Angels Who Come to Earth?**

Lesson

Luke 2:8-14

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

P: Glory to God in highest heaven,  
**C: who unto us the Son has given.**

Carol *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* No. 270

### **Who Are These Shepherds Who Run to See?**

Lesson Luke 2:15-20

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

D: Glory to God in highest heaven,  
**C: who unto us the Son has given.**

Carol *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* No. 276

### **Who Is This Child, So Small, So Slight!**

Lesson Hebrews 1:1-4

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

P: Glory to God in highest heaven,  
**C: who unto us the Son has given.**

Carol *Love Has Come* No. 292

### **Who Is This King, a Manger His Throne!**

Lesson Isaiah 9:2-7

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

D: Glory to God in highest heaven,  
**C: who unto us the Son has given.**

Carol *Away in a Manger* No. 277

### **Who Is This God, Who Sends a Son?**

Lesson John 1:1-14

*Following a brief silence for prayer and meditation:*

P: Glory to God in highest heaven,  
**C: who unto us the Son has given.**

Carol *From Heaven Above* No. 268, v. 3, 4 & 6

Silent Meditation

Hymn of the Day *In the Black Midwinter* No. 294

\*Prayers of Intercession

D: Gracious God, you come from heaven above into the midst of our world.  
**C: Fill our hearts with the joy of the angels at your birth.**

D: You come from heaven above to the lowliest of human conditions.  
**C: Watch over those in need, the sick, the hungry, the grieving.**

D: You come from heaven above to walk the way of the cross.  
**C: Guide us to follow your path of forgiveness, mercy, and peace.**

D: You come from heaven above to become flesh and live among us.

**C: May we see your glory, full of grace and truth. Amen.**

\*Peace

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **Meal**

Offering

Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels, and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh

**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.**

\* Preface

**Holy, Holy, Lord most holy,  
God of pow'r and God of might:  
heav'n and earth reveal your glory.  
Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!  
Blessed be the coming Savior.  
Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!**

\*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.**

Communion Songs

*It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*  
*Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming*

No. 282

No. 272

\*Prayer After Communion

P: O Lord our God, we give you thanks for the gifts of bread and wine, the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Send us out into your world to proclaim with joy:

**C: Glory to God in highest heaven, who unto us the Son has given.  
Amen.**

## Sending

\*Blessing

P: May the God who comes from heaven above be born in your hearts and lives this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

\*Sending Song

*Go Tell it On the Mountain*

No. 290

\*Dismissal

D: Christ the Savior is born! Go in peace. Proclaim the good news.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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## PRAYERS

**Prayers for Healing:** Laurel Mader, Carl Ulich, Marge Murray, Sandi, Bob Madey, Arline, Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, and Steve Combs.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

**Today, New Year's Day,** we worship at 10:00 a.m. with Lessons & Carols.

**No Sunday School.**

## NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Baptism of Our Lord,** we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with ELW setting 4 and holy communion and at 11:00 a.m. with Praise service and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30 a.m.*

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

Pastor Steve and Deacon Lindsay want to make certain to say THANKS to all of you for your generosity and love leading up to Christmas. THANK YOU for remembering us: for the gifts of food, gift cards, books, concerts invitations, beverages, home-made cookies, and the many other items you showered on each of us. It means so very much to us that so many of you thought of each of us during this special (and busy) time of the year!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Office Will Be Closed** tomorrow, Monday, January 2.

**Senior Happy Hour** is on winter break and will resume on Monday, January 9 at 10:30 a.m. Beginning that day, we will start watching season 3 of "The Chosen".

**Bible & Brews** will meet, Thursday, January 5 at Forest Meadows at 7:00 p.m.

**Altar Guild** will take down decorations on Saturday, January 7, beginning at 9 a.m.

**Blood Pressure Screening on Sunday, January 8, before both services.**

**Annual Reports** - Executive Council members and Five-Star Ministry Chairs, please have your annual reports in to the office by January 15, 2023.

**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!

**For Sale! Sound Mixer** - We are selling our Mackie SR24-4 analog mixer. It's 25 years old and still in good working condition. Asking \$280. Contact Larry Mohler at 330-391-0130 with questions or interest in buying. (Still on premises if you are interested in purchasing and want to see it first.)

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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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