



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

January 29, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Holden Evening Prayer/ELW

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOOD NEWS MOMENT

Jen Knaggs

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

D: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried, therefore, with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

D: Eternal God, maker of heaven and earth, who formed us from the dust of the earth, who by your breath gave us life, we glorify you.

C: We glorify you.

D: Jesus Christ, the resurrection and the life, who suffered death for all humanity, who rose from the grave to open the way to eternal life, we praise you.

C: We praise you.

D: Holy Spirit, author and giver of life, the comforter of all who sorrow, our sure confidence and everlasting hope, we worship you.

C: We Worship you.

D: To you, O blessed Trinity, be glory and honor, forever and ever.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

*THANKSGIVING PRAYER

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*PSALMODY

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1-8

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

⁶“With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,
“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of

this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Listen, God is Calling (vs. 1)

No. 513

***GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

D: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

D: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

No. 712

***APOSTLES' 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.**

OFFERTORY

The Light of the World (8:30)
Price/Besig

Luther Choir

***OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Create in Me a Clean Heart

No. 186

***OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus 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 our thanks and praise.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday January 29	Sunday January 29	Sunday February 5	Sunday February 5
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte		Brooke Haycook	Aubrey Terihay	Trevor Terihay
Reader	Judy McLaughlin		Delores Ivan	Melody Costello
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan		Alan Ivan Delores Ivan	Jen Hogan Sophie Hogan
Communion Assistants	Delores Ivan Cindy Rickly	Melody Costello		Melody Costello
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Melody Costello	--	Brian Harris	--
Altar Guild	Liz Linden			

Worship Assistants Needed - Readers, Ushers, and Communion Assistants. Please sign up in the narthex. Readers can also sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0544AFAC2CA4FA7-stmatthew>. Please contact Sandy Andrews with any questions.

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God.

Prayers for Healing: Adam and Family, Pastor Bill Lucht, Gail Burke, Carl Ulich, Pat Straub, Becky, Scott Taylor, Dorothy Ulich, Laurel Mader, Sandi, Arline, Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany, we worship in person at 8:30 and at 11:00 a.m. with *Holden Evening Prayer* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Welcome and Thank You to Cindy Piovarchy, our guest accompanist for worship this morning.

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

Puzzle Party! 12:30 - 2:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Puzzles and crafts. Lunch provided too!

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

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

Scout Recognition at the 11:00 service.

National Wear Red Sunday!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are you interested in becoming a new member of St. Matthew? Contact Pastor Steve if interested or if you have any questions about St. Matthew.

Gift Cards Are Needed! Walmart, Buehler's, Aldi, Giant Eagle or Fast Food cards are needed for local residents in need. Cash or checks may also be donated for the purchase of gift cards. Please make checks payable to St. Matthew, indicating that it is for gift cards. Thank you for your generosity!

Block Party Survey - The Communication Evangelism Team is looking for feedback on purchasing food at the Block Party. Please take this quick 2 question survey. Thank you. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S9HVZWH>

Dementia Support Group Meeting - Tuesday, January 31, 2023, 6 - 7 pm. At the Echelon of Medina, 629 N. Huntington St, Medina (2nd building). "Private Dining Room". If you need to bring your loved one, contact Carolyn, Director of Memory Care Unit at 330-591-2777. Questions or concerns? Call Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse at the church office 330-725-8885.

National "Wear Red" Sunday will be observed February 5 at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church.

National Wear Red Day seeks to raise awareness about heart disease. This day encourages wearing the color RED as a sign of solidarity against the fight against heart disease and stroke. It aims to generate awareness and initiate change.

*If you have a "Red Dress" pin wear it to church on Feb. 5th.....or a red scarf, tie, sweater or blouse. (Also, think about when you had your last annual exam or physical with your physician.)

National Wear Red Day was established in 2003 by the American Heart Association and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

Contact Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse, if you have any questions or concerns.

Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, February 5, before both services.

High School Lock-In - Join your high school friends for a night of incredible memories on Friday, February 24. We will go bowling at 7 and then come back to the church for a night of late night pizza, games and fun. A sign up link will be sent Luther League emails and to Remind.

Roller Skating - February 26, from 1-3 p.m. Discounted rate - \$8.00 for admission and skate rental. Admission only - \$4.00. Invite a friend! All are welcome! Sign up in the narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-roller>.

St. Matthew Wine Night - Friday, March 10, 7pm. Forest Meadows Villa, 574 Leisure Lane, Medina. You **MUST** be 21 or older to attend. Please bring two of the same bottles of your favorite wine to share and taste test. We will hold a separate taste testing for beer for those interested. Please provide either an appetizer or dessert to share for the event. We will plan a St. Patrick's Day/ Mardi Gras theme. Sign up in the Narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-stmatthew2>. Games and activities planned. See you there!

Progressive Dinner - St. Matthew is hosting an adult Progressive Dinner on Saturday, April 29 beginning at 4 pm. All adults are welcome. There will be three courses: appetizer, soup/salad or entree and we all come together for dessert. Everyone will have a role. Also, if you have a concern about driving, just let a member of Small Groups know and we will make arrangements for you to pair up with someone.

Please sign up in the narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-progressive> no later than April 9th. The week prior to the dinner, you will be contacted with your location for the first two courses. We are working on babysitting services at the church. We are planning to provide very capable teenagers at our church with fun games and activities for the kiddos. Stay tuned on that component.

Worship assistants are needed each week to help make our services run smoothly. We need readers, ushers and communion assistants for each service. Please consider how you or your family can help (kids are welcome to help usher). Sign up in the narthex or scroll to the link below. If you have questions about any of the opportunities, please see Sandy Andrews or Melody Costello.

Altar Flowers - 2023 Flower charts are posted in the Narthex. When signing up for Memorial or Altar Flowers, please fill out a form (located at the bottom of the charts) for the office. The form will include your name, the date you selected, and the dedication that you would like to appear in the bulletin. (One sheet for each day chosen.) Please place completed forms and payment in the office administrator's mailbox or the mail slot on the office door. Price per arrangement is \$15.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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St. Mathew 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.