



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2025

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 4

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church
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Please note: The 8:30 am worship service is being livestreamed and recorded onto Facebook and YouTube, and an edited copy posted onto the St. Matthew webpage. By attending this worship service, you may appear as a part of this digital recording. Thank you.

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 *Think About His Love* arr. By M. Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ’s ways. Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

Hymn 413

***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**

C: Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Julie Shrader

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-13

¹ In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ² Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³ And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴ The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵ And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷ The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!” ⁹ And he said, “Go and say to this people:

‘Keep listening, but do not comprehend;
keep looking, but do not understand.’

¹⁰ Make the mind of this people dull,
and stop their ears,
and shut their eyes,

so that they may not look with their eyes,
and listen with their ears,

and comprehend with their minds,
and turn and be healed.”

¹¹ Then I said, “How long, O Lord?” And he said:

“Until cities lie waste
without inhabitant,

and houses without people,
and the land is utterly desolate;

¹² until the LORD sends everyone far away,
and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land.

¹³ Even if a tenth part remain in it,
it will be burned again,

like a terebinth or an oak
whose stump remains standing
when it is felled.”

The holy seed is its stump.

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

Psalm

Psalm 138

¹ I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise.

² **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

³ When I called, you answered me;
you increased my strength within me.

⁴ **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

⁵ They will sing of the ways of the LORD,
that great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

⁸ **You will make good your purpose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹ Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ² through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

³ For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴ and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷ Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸ Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹ For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰ But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹ Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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***Gospel**

Luke 5:1-11

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ² he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³ He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴ When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵ Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷ So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸ But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰ and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Here I Am, Lord

Hymn 574

***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**

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind especially Bob, Ed, Judy, Susie, Marge, Jenna, Jerry, June, Tom, Todd, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory	<i>Oh, How I Love Jesus Medley</i>	arr. By M. Hayes
Luther Choir (8:30)	<i>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	Green/McCullough
Offertory Response	<i>Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	Hymn 884

***Offertory Prayer**

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

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 our 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: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymn:

*Come, Let Us Eat
Let Us Break Bread Together*

Hymn 491
Hymn 471

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

P: The Spirit of the triune God ☩ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

*Sending Song:

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Hymn 414

*Dismissal:

A: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Acolytes:	8:30 - Bennett Alt	8:30 - Reagan Stuchal 11:00 - Addison Wierzchowski
Reader:	8:30 - Delores Ivan 11:00 - Jen Knaggs	8:30 - Adam Scheid 11:00 - Fran Koenig
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Delores Ivan Mary Dunham 11:00 - Rebekah Knaggs Donna Flanagan	8:30 - Melanie Brown June Trenty 11:00 - Jen Knaggs Nancy McNeal
Ushers:	8:30 - Linden Family 11:00 - Julie Shrader Becky Malloy	8:30 - Grice Family
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier 11:00 - Larry Mohler	8:30 - Joe Obermeier 11:00 - Larry Mohler
Assisting Minister:	Jen Knaggs	Helen Graf
Video:	Melody Costello	Scott Johnson
Altar Guild:	Nancy McNeal	

PRAYERS

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

Prayers for Healing: Bob Forsythe, Sr., Ed, Judy Weir, Susie Siebert, Marge Murray, Jenna Saleker, Jerry Jakovcic, June Trenty, Tom Thornton, & Todd Costello.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

Blood Pressure Screening before and between services in Brenda's office.

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

New Members Class with Pastor Steve, begin today at 9:45 a.m. and will continue each Sunday through February 23. Gather in the Sanctuary this morning.

Vision Discussions, 9:45 a.m., in the Fellowship Hall.

Looms of Love, 9:45 a.m., in the Library.

Souper Bowl of Caring - The Luther Middles will be collecting monetary donations for ELCA World Hunger before and after each service in the narthex.

National Wear Red Sunday - raising awareness of heart disease in women.

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Sixth Sunday after Epiphany, we will worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with Praise and holy communion., *Livestream at 8:30 a.m.*

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

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE	
8:30 - 72	11:00 - 55

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LGL Samaritan Fund - Financial Needs? The St. Matthew LGL Samaritan Fund would like to help. The Fund receives 25 applications a month, but rarely has requests from St. Matthew members. When created in 2006, the donor wanted to first help St. Matthew members and that remains the priority. Information and a confidential application can be found at stmatthewmedina.org in the Community Assistance, Financial Aid section.

SoCal Wildfire Outreach - As a way to support the people of Southern California during the recent wildfires, the Northeastern Ohio Synod paired each congregation with a corresponding sister church in the Southwest California Synod. We are happy to report that our sister church, Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer in Oxnard, has not been directly impacted by the current fires. However, many people in the LA area are in dire need of our support. In addition to keeping those affected in your prayers, please consider giving to Lutheran World Relief or Lutheran Disaster Response using the QR codes below or by visiting lwr.org/fires or elca.org/wildfires. Please reach out to Joe & Sarah Robinson with any questions or additional ideas on how we can support those in need during this difficult time.



Loads of Love - Sunday, **March 2**, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. at North Court Laundry, 739 W. Liberty. St. Matthew will once again be spreading joy and covering the cost of laundry for all of the clients during this three-hour period. Please sign up here if you would like to volunteer your time to help supervise, hand out coins... and spread LOVE and JOY! We only need three or four volunteers per hour... but if a time slot is filled, please feel free to show up anyway.

Looms of Love meets the **second and fourth Sundays** each month at 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

Men's Breakfast meets the **third Monday** of the month at 8:00 a.m. at Yours Truly restaurant.

Luther Choir (adults) meets **each Wednesday** at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. New members are always welcome! Please join us.

Kids of the Kingdom Choir (youth) meets **each Thursday** at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. New members are always welcome! Please join us.

Bible & Brews meets **each Thursday** at 7 p.m. at Forest Meadows. Watch your bulletin announcements and Shout-Outs for occasional location changes.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Friday: Office Closed



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