



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY



November 24, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

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“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

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy ,

C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn 408

***Greeting**

A: 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: Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon & Blessing of Hats

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

⁹ As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.
¹⁰ A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.
¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.
¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.
His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

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

Psalm

Psalm 93

¹ The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

² **Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.**

³ The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴ **Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵ Your testimonies are very sure,
and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

^{4b} Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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*Gospel

John 18:33-37

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the eighteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³³ Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But

as it is, my kingdom is not from here.”³⁷ Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Rejoice, for Christ is King

Hymn 430

***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: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Grant healing to those who are ill or suffering in any way, especially Judy, Susie, Julie, Marge, Jenna, Jerry, June, Tom, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Hymn 184

*Offertory Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

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: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

*Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn:

O Christ the Same

Hymn 760

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, † bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

Lift High the Cross

Hymn 660

***Dismissal:**

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolytes:	8:30 - Reagan Stuchal	11:00 - Aubrey Terihay
Reader:	8:30 - Judy McLaughlin	11:00 - Fran Koenig
Ushers:	8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan Bruce Reed	
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Carol Elkins Delores Ivan	11:00 - Sandy Andrews Nancy McNeal
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	Melody Costello	
Altar Guild:	Brittany Thompson	
Assisting Minister:	Jen Knaggs	

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God by Larry and Connie Mohler.

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Roger Mahaffey by Julie Crow.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Rosemary Koenig by Fran Koenig.

Prayers for Healing: Judy Weir, Susie Siebert, Julie, Marge Murray, Jenna Saleker, Jerry Jakovcic, June Trenty, Tom Thornton, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Christ the King, we will worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with Praise 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.

Luther Littles & Middles - 9:45 a.m., Christmas program rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

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

THANKSGIVING EVE NOVEMBER 27, AT ST. MATTHEW

Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

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

Luther Littles & Middles - 9:45 a.m., Christmas program rehearsal in the Sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Girl Scout Gold Award Project - Thank you for your generous donations that will cover the cost of the entire project! To complete her Girl Scout journey, Anna Holthouse is working on her Gold Award project here at St. Matthew. She has built two benches and is beautifying the area around the creek by Broadway Street. Thank you!

Adult Sunday School - Topic: The ELCA social statements. What are they? Why does the ELCA have them? Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we learn about and discuss the social statements.

Electronic Giving - If you are making a change to your electronic giving, please be sure to DELETE your old one and then add the new one. If you have any questions please call Mary Dunham 330-421-4730.

Fun Fellowship - Christmas Caroling Party - Save the Date! Sunday, December 15, 2-6 p.m. We will go caroling at The Echelon in Medina, along with lots of other holiday fun! Watch for more details.

Bible & Brews - Meets each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. at Forest Meadows.

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

Silent Book Club - Due to relocating, the Silent Book Club will take a break for the rest of 2024. We will meet again on Monday, January 6, 2025 in our new space. *Stay tuned for the location and ... keep reading!!* Any questions? Please contact Jen Knaggs.

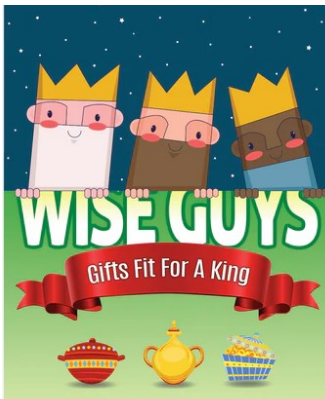
Children's Sermons - Is your talent sharing God's word with others-particularly children? Over the next 6 months (but actually always!), to assist Pastor Steve while Deacon Lindsay is on leave, would you be willing to share a children's sermon? These short sermons can be based on the day's scripture readings, personal stories, or just sharing the Good News in a way to help children understand. Please let Pastor Steve know if you would like to sign up! *"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."* -Leo Buscaglia

Come and Join the Kids of the Kingdom!! We rehearse Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are always looking for new members and would love for you to join us! Everyone from 1st through 8th grade is welcome! Contact Rachel Knaggs (330-591-7093) with any questions.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

**Wednesday,
November 27**

7:00 pm



Please join us for our annual Children's Christmas program, featuring our Luther Littles & Middles, on Sunday, December 15, during our single service at 9:30 a.m.

Our Luther Leaguers will be serving as Greeters, Ushers, and Communion Servers that morning.

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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System available.