

*Oh, magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt His name together!*

# *Praise* service

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

January 22, 2023  
8:30 a.m.

*Praise*

*“Living God’s Love”*

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# GATHERING

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Song** *Holy Water*

## \*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

**C: Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Message

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

# WORD

## First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

<sup>1</sup>There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the LORD brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

<sup>2</sup>The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light;  
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—  
on them light has shined.

<sup>3</sup>You have multiplied the nation,  
you have increased its joy;  
they rejoice before you  
as with joy at the harvest,  
as people exult when dividing plunder.

<sup>4</sup>For the yoke of their burden,  
and the bar across their shoulders,  
the rod of their oppressor,  
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

## Psalm

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

<sup>4</sup>**One thing I ask of the LORD; one thing I seek;**

**that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God in the temple.**

<sup>5</sup>For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,

hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.

<sup>6</sup>**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.**

**Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

<sup>7</sup>Hear my voice, O LORD, when I call;

have mercy on me and answer me.

<sup>8</sup>**My heart speaks your message— “Seek my face.”**

**Your face, O LORD, I will seek.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of my salvation.

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

<sup>10</sup>Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? <sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel

Matthew 4:12-23

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the twelfth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>12</sup>Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee.

<sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

<sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,  
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

<sup>16</sup>the people who sat in darkness  
have seen a great light,  
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death  
light has dawned.”

<sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John,

in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them.

<sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day: *Everybody Sing Praise to the Lord*

## Apostle's 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.**

**\*Prayers of Intercession**

D: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

D: Make your church one in purpose, proclaiming the message of the cross. Help us to work together across differences. Energize ecumenical partnerships, including the World Council of Churches and Lutheran World Federation. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: We rejoice at the bounty of your creation. Fill the land and sea with your abundance. Bless harvests in the southern hemisphere and fallow fields in the northern hemisphere. Equip farmers to till and keep the earth sustainably. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: In Christ your reign comes near and calls all to repentance. Break the rod of the oppressor in every nation. Dispel the shadow of death in places of war and persecution. Grant us leaders who lift the yokes that burden those in need. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Be a stronghold for those in trouble and a rock for all who are afraid. Rouse communities to care for neighbors who need shelter, are facing maltreatment, or are isolated and lonely. Especially we pray for Bill, Gail, Carl, Pat, Becky, Scott, Dorothy, Laurel, Sandi, Arline, Judy, Peggy, Pat, Steve and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Sustain the ministries of this congregation and all churches in this community. Nurture each congregation's unique witness to your presence; foster mutual respect; inspire our cooperation in loving our neighbors. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

D: We praise you for the faithful who have gone ahead of us, both famous and unknown. Help us to leave our nets and follow, and bring us with them to the fullness of your promise of eternal life. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

### **Offertory**

### **Offertory 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**

### **\*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.

### Distribution

Communion Hymn *At the Cross*

### \*Prayer after Communion

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

C: Amen.

## SENDING

### \*Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod  
+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

C: Amen.

\*Sending Song: *Who You Say I Am*

### \*Dismissal:

D: Go in peace. Christ is near.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Soloist: Heather Rohde

Guitar: Scott Schwandt

Drums: Lennie Davis

Bass: Karl Hermann

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday January 22	Sunday January 22	Sunday January 29	Sunday January 29
<b>Service</b>	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	Lucy Brown-Serban	Luke Gierhart		Brooke Haycook
<b>Reader</b>	Adam Scheid	Jen Knaggs	Judy McLaughlin	
<b>Ushers</b>	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan	Todd Costello Melody Costello Donald Linden Patrick Linden Julie Shrader	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Becky Malloy Melanie Brown	Christy Gabler Jen Knaggs	Delores Ivan Cindy Rickly	Melody Costello
<b>Sound</b>	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
<b>Video</b>	Brian Harris	--	Melody Costello	--
<b>Altar Guild</b>	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 in celebration of David's 86<sup>th</sup> birthday by David and Judy Weir.

**Altar Flowers This Morning** are given to the glory of God in celebration of Katie's 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday by the Neate family.

**Prayers for Healing:** 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, Third Sunday after Epiphany**, we worship in person at 8:30 with Praise liturgy and holy communion and at 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 4* 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.

## NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**, we will 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.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**In Case of Inclement Weather** - Any changes or cancellations for Sunday worship due to inclement weather will be communicated by Email and Facebook. Please be sure to check these regularly.

**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.

**Care Package Ministry** - Meeting on Monday, January 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the library. We will debrief our first round of deliveries and then brainstorm ideas for the mid-semester pick-me-up, as well as select an assembly date for our spring semester finals deliveries.

**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>

**Puzzle Party!** Luther Littles, Luther Middles, Luther League, and anyone else who would like to join in on the fun. Sunday, January 29, 2023, 12:30 - 2:30 pm at St. Matthew in the Fellowship Hall. Puzzles and crafts. Lunch provided too!

**National “Wear Red” Sunday** will be observed February 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 5<sup>th</sup>.....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.

**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 Genius coming soon.*

**Wine Tasting** - Mark your calendar - March 10 at 7:00 pm. This will take place at Forest Meadows Villas community room. *Keep a lookout for more details!*

**Progressive Dinner** - St. Matthew is hosting an adult Progressive Dinner on Saturday, April 29th 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. *Sign-ups coming soon!* 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 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.

**For Sale! Sound Mixer** - We are selling our Mackie SR24-4 analog mixer. It is approximately 25 years. 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.)

## **St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff**

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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John Burke	Organist
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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.