

# Now the Feast and Celebration

*Fourth Sunday after Epiphany*

**February 2, 2025**

**8:30 & 11:00 a.m.**

*“Living God’s Love”*

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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## Now the Feast and Celebration

*Marty Haugen*

(\* Please stand as you are able.)

### GATHERING

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>He is Our Peace</i>	arr. by C. Tornquist
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### \*Prayer of the Day

**Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Children's Sermon

Julie Shrader

### WORD

#### First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
<sup>5</sup> "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations."

<sup>6</sup> Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."  
<sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to me,  
"Do not say, 'I am only a boy';  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you."

<sup>8</sup> Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you,  
says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup> See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 71:1-6

<sup>1</sup> In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.

<sup>2</sup> **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;  
incline your ear to me and save me.**

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;  
you are my crag and my stronghold.

<sup>4</sup> **Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

<sup>5</sup> For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,  
my confidence since I was young.

<sup>6</sup> **I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's  
womb you have been my strength;  
my praise shall be always of you.**

## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish

ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Verse**

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

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

**\*Gospel**

Luke 4:21-30

<sup>21</sup> Then Jesus began to say to all in the synagogue in Nazareth, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup> All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup> He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup> And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. <sup>25</sup> But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup> yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup> There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup> When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup> They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup> But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

**Hymn of the Day**

*O Word of God Incarnate*

Hymn 514

**\*Apostles' Creed**

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**\*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 eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness, especially Ed, Judy, Susie, Julie, Marge, Jenna, Jerry, June, Tom, Todd, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. 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.**

**\*Peace**

A: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

### Offering

**Offertory (8:30)**

*Thy Word*

arr. by M.W. Smith

**Luther Choir (11:00)**

*He Comes in the Name of the Lord*

arr by M.K. Beall

**\*Song**

*As the Grains of Wheat*

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## SENDING

### **\*Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table.  
 May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be  
 made known through us.

**C: Amen.**

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## WORSHIP SERVANTS

### THIS WEEK

### NEXT WEEK

Acolytes:	8:30 - Faith Taraschke	8:30 - Bennett Alt 11:00 - Patrick Linden
Reader:	8:30 - Tim Brown 11:00 - Melody Costello	8:30 - Delores Ivan 11:00 - Jen Knaggs
Communion Servers:	8:30 - David George Marcia George 11:00 - Melody Costello Becky Malloy	8:30 - Delores Ivan Mary Dunham 11:00 - Rebekah Knaggs Donna Flanagan
Ushers:	8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan 11:00 - Todd & Melody Costello Lennie Davis	8:30 - Linden Family 11:00 - Julie Shrader Becky Malloy
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier 11:00 - Joe Obermeier	8:30 - Joe Obermeier 11:00 - Larry Mohler
Assisting Minister:	Larry Mohler	Jen Knaggs
Video:	Brian Harris	Melody Costello
Altar Guild:	Nancy McNeal	

## PRAYERS

**Altar Flowers This Morning** are given to the glory of God in celebration of Sandi Harris' life by Brian Harris.

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

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**, we 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** at 9:45 a.m.

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

**The Luther League** is going bowling today. Meet at the church at 12:40. The more the merrier, so please feel free to bring a guest. Sign-Up Genius link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0544AFAC2CA4FA7-54560218-llbowling>

## NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, AT ST. MATTHEW

**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** at 9:45 a.m.

**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.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE	
8:30 - 69	11:00 - 40



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Member Classes** - Pastor Steve will be conducting NEW MEMBER CLASSES during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45) **for three weeks starting February 9 and going through the 23rd.** Anyone that's interested in joining St. Matthew in God's mission and ministry should contact Pastor Steve (if they haven't already) of interest and whether they will be in attendance, and with any additional questions.

**Hand Chime Update!** Thank you so much to everyone who grabbed an envelope and supported our Hand Chime fundraiser! As of last Sunday, all the envelopes have been taken from the board. Thank you! We are super excited to announce that, so far, we have raised \$3,219.57! A sincere thank you to everyone who donated and brought us so close to our goal! LGL! *-Rachel Knaggs*

**Blood Pressure Screening** - Sunday, **February 9**, before and between services in Brenda's office.

**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](http://stmatthewmedina.org) in the Community Assistance, Financial Aid section.

**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.

**National Wear Red Sunday** - The American Heart Association takes this time to "raise awareness of the #1 killer of women - cardiovascular (heart) disease." Please wear anything RED on February 9 to recognize this risk for heart disease in women. If you have a Red Dress pin, wear that too. Thank you, in advance, for your support in the fight against heart disease. B. Disbrow, Parish Nurse

**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.

**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.

**Luther Choir** (adults) meets **each Wednesday** at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Room. 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
Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach	Director of Youth & Family Ministries
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Heather Rohde	Bookkeeper
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Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
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### **Church Office Hours**

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

Friday: Office Closed



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