

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People



**November 22, 2020
Christ the King Sunday**

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Christ the King Sunday – A Service of Seasons

We welcome you today and are thankful you have chosen to participate in this service as you are able. We pray you are blessed by what you experience. If you have any spiritual needs, please don't hesitate to contact the church office: office@stmatthews-elca.org or 817-292-1338.

This service is being live-streamed.

PRELUDE

"All Glory Be to God on High"

Johann Walther

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN 855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

**1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

**4. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

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.**

~ ADVENT ~

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day. Two themes dominate the season: hope and preparation. The focus is upon the first coming of Christ as a baby in Bethlehem and his second coming in the future. The color for the season is blue, the color of hope.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 11:1-6

¹A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

²The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.

³His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear;

⁴but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

⁵Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

⁶The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them.

MEDITATION

HYMN 257 "O Come, O Come, Immanuel"

VENI, EMMANUEL

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear. *Refrain*

7. O come, O King of nations, come,
O Cornerstone that binds in one:
refresh the hearts that long for you;
restore the broken, make us new. *Refrain*

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

~ CHRISTMAS ~

The Christmas season begins on Christmas Eve and continues to the Sunday prior to January 6th. The birth of our Lord dominates the themes of the season, which are filled with joy and gladness.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ²This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

MEDITATION

HYMN 278 "Away in a Manger"

CRADLE SONG

1. **Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**
2. **The cattle are lowing; the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky
and stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.**
3. **Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care
and fit us for heaven, to live with you there.**

~ EPIPHANY ~

The season of Epiphany begins with the celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord on January 6 and continues until Ash Wednesday. Consequently, the season varies in length. The manifestation of Jesus as the Son of God to all the world is a primary theme in this season. The account of the star that led the Wise Men to Jesus is a traditional Epiphany reading.

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage." ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

MEDITATION

HYMN 646 (With One Voice) "We Three Kings of Orient Are" THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

**1. We three kings of Orient are;
bearing gifts we traverse afar,
field and fountain, moor and mountain,
following yonder star.**

Refrain: **Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
star with royal beauty bright;
westward leading, still proceeding,
guide us to thy perfect light!**

~ LENT ~

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, 46 days before Easter. The Lenten season is actually counted as 40 days because the Sundays are considered celebrations of the resurrection and are not counted in the days of Lent. Themes focus on Baptism and its basis in the death and resurrection of Christ. Therefore, Lent is a time for renewal. The color purple suggests the solemnity of the season.

SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 53:1-6

¹Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

²For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

³He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity; and as one from whom others hide their faces

he was despised, and we held him of no account.

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
5But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

6All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way,
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

MEDITATION

HYMN 337 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed" vs. 1 and 5

MARTYRDOM

**1. Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
and did my sov'reign die?
Would he devote that sacred head
for sinners such as I?**

**5. But tears of grief cannot repay
the debt of love I owe;
here, Lord, I give myself away:
'tis all that I can do.**

~ EASTER ~

Easter Day begins the series of Sundays that comprise the season of Easter. The themes of Easter are those appropriate to the 50 days of rejoicing because of our Lord's resurrection.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:1-9

1But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. 2They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3but when they went in, they did not find the body. 4While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. 5The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. 6Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." 8Then they remembered his words, 9and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

MEDITATION

HYMN 376 "Thine is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABAEUS

**1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won!
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.**

Refrain: **Thine is the glory,
ris'n, conqu'ring Son;
endless is the vict'ry
thou o'er death hast won!**

~ PENTECOST ~

On the Day of Pentecost, the church celebrates the coming of the promised Holy Spirit. Red, the color for the day, symbolizes the fire of the Holy Spirit. The season after Pentecost is known as the Time of the Church. Themes center on life in Christ's Church . . . what it means to live between the time of Jesus' earthly ministry and the time when he comes again. Green, the color of new life, symbolizes growth during this season.

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:1-8, 14-18

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. ⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs — in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

HYMN 396 "Spirit of Gentleness"

SPIRIT

Refrain:

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**3. You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind.**

Refrain

~ CHRIST THE KING ~

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:11-20

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the

kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

HYMN 634 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"

CORONATION

**1. All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.
Bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.**

**4. Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
Go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.**

**6. Oh, that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A. Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Sovereign of all, train our ears to hear your cry in the needs of those around us. Bless all social ministries of the church through which we seek to serve others as we ourselves have been served. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You cause rain to fall on the just and unjust alike. Help us to use the gifts of your creation to provide for the needs of people in ways that are sustainable for the earth. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bring comfort to those who are ill, especially those who have been diagnosed with Covid-19. Give guidance and wisdom to all medical personnel and researchers who are working tirelessly to end the spread of the virus. We also pray for those in our congregation who have needs, especially . . . Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Heal the sinful divisions we build between us and release us from systems of oppression and prejudice. Restore our capacity to see your face in those whose dignity we have stripped away. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pour out the gifts of your Spirit on children and youth throughout the church. Sustain those who work in children's ministry, youth ministry, and campus ministry as they nurture the gifts of young people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Here other intercessions may be offered out loud or in our hearts.

Thank you for saints now departed who fed the hungry, clothed the naked, and tended to the sick. Inspire us by their example, that we may see your presence in those in need around us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P. Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

OFFERTORY

“This is My Father’s World”

V. Thompson

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. **C. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.**

PEACE P. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

THE 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.

COMMUNION HYMN 430 “Rejoice, for Christ Is King!”

LAUS REGIS

**1. Rejoice, for Christ is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:
Refrain:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**2. Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love:
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Refrain:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on our journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **C. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

3. His kingdom cannot fail;
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n:
Refrain:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet:
Refrain:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

THE SENDING

P. Go in peace; serve the Lord! **C. We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Dale Wood

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The altar flowers were given today by Bruce Anderson in memory of wife Birgit's, and daughter Bodil Joy's birthdays.

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Presiding Minister: Pastor Lesley M. Radius
Assisting Minister: Adam Frame

Videographer: Jacob Martella
Technician: Steve Weis

Worship Opportunities at St. Matthew's:

**Next week's worship service (November 29) will be live-streamed at 10:00 am.
The service may be watched on St. Matthew's website.**

In-person worship has been suspended; we pray you will join us for worship online.

We Pray For:
Craig Bridges
T. J. and Dorothy Bridges
Eva Clifton
Annasophia Reese
Barbara Reid

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF BLESSINGS STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS If you have not returned your "Sharing of Blessings" offering pledge and your Time and Talent forms to the church office, please do so as soon as possible.

SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL Join our leader, Mark Vinciguerra, on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am (new time) via Zoom as we explore what the Bible teaches about hope, and how we can embrace this hope to live daily with intention and faith.

GOSPEL ALIVE During November, our Gospel Alive focus will be on collecting **hygiene supplies for Neighborhood Needs**, our local food and clothing pantry located at Altamesa Church Christ, Hulen St. and Altamesa. Specific requests are for:

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| Deodorant | Body Wash | Shaving Cream | Razors |
| Shampoo | Toilet Paper | Feminine Hygiene Supplies | |

We will be collecting these items at church through next Sunday, November 29.

ST. MATTHEW'S FOOD PANTRY St. Matthew's Food Pantry needs restocking. When you are planning your holiday meals, make your serving table longer by donating food staples, shelf-ready meals, and canned goods to have on hand for families coming to the church requesting food. If you would like to make a donation but are unable to transport food items to church, you may schedule a porch pick-up through the church office.

TEXAS LUTHERAN UNIVERSITY VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS VESPERS

Join us for a special virtual performance marking the 80th anniversary of this sacred service of music and word by the Texas Lutheran University choirs and musicians. This virtual concert will use some clips from Christmas Vespers 2019 in addition to other performances recorded this fall. While we know a recording can never take the place of a live performance, we hope it will bring a bit of peace and light into your world.

The event will be available on TLU's YouTube channel starting Friday, December 4.

CHRIST CHAPEL BIBLE CHURCH CHRISTMAS CANTATA The Promise of Christmas

Saturday December 5th at 5 and 7 pm and Sunday December 6th at 9 and 11 am

"The Promise of Christmas" is a worship service that tells the story of Christ's birth through spectacular music led by the CCBC Sanctuary Orchestra and Choir. **The event will be live-streamed at live.ccbcfamily.org.**

THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAY, November 22

8:30 am Adult Sunday School on Zoom

10:00 am Live-Streamed Worship, available to watch through St. Matthew's website.

MONDAY, November 23

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, November 24

10:00 am Faith Family Adventures on Facebook Group SMLCFW Community

3:30 pm Ready, Set, Go! Center

6:30 pm Book Club on Zoom

THURSDAY, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day

Church offices are closed.

FRIDAY, November 27

Church offices are closed.

SUNDAY, November 29, First Sunday in Advent

8:30 am Adult Sunday School on Zoom

10:00 am Live-Streamed Worship, available to watch through St. Matthew's website.

CHURCH STAFF

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John Wolf, Organist/Pianist

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ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT

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