

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People



October 10, 2021
Season of Pentecost

EUCCHARISTIC WORSHIP – ELW Setting 8
October 10, 2021 11:00 AM

We welcome all 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 or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Lesley at 817-292-1338 or pastor@stmatthews-elca.org. This service includes communion; if you are worshipping online, please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available to participate in the Eucharist.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

You may kneel, sit or remain standing. Silence is kept for reflection.

P. God our comforter:

C. like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

P. All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes us righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all our sins.

C. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN 833 "Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices"

O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my
2 Let ev - 'ry pow'r in me im - plant - ed a - rise, keep
3 You for - est leaves so green and ten - der that dance for
4 All crea - tures that have breath and mo - tion, that throng the
5 Cre - a - tor, hum - bly I im - plore you to lis - ten



God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -
si - lence now no more; put forth the strength that God has
joy in sum - mer air, you mead - ow grass - es, bright and
earth, the sea, the sky, come, share with me my heart's de -
to my earth - ly song un - til that day when I a -



joic - es, would then pro - claim in grate - ful songs to all, wher -
grant - ed! Your no - blest work is to a - dore! O soul and
slen - der, you flow'rs so fra - grant and so fair, you live to
vo - tion, help me to sing God's prais - es high! My ut - most
dore you, when I will join the an - gel thron'g and raise to



ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me!
bod - y, join to raise with heart - felt joy your mak - er's praise!
show forth praise a - lone. Join me to make God's glo - ry known!
pow'rs can nev - er quite de - clare the won - ders of God's might!
you with joy - ful cry ten thou - sand hal - le - lu - jahs high!

Text: Johann Mentzer, 1658–1734; tr. composite
Music: O DASS ICH TAUSEND ZUNGEN HÄTTE, Johann B. König, 1691–1758
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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.**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE *Sung by all*

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be



peo-ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain



hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and



join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-t'ry for our God, for the



Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A. Let us pray: **C. Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Amos was a herdsman by profession and a prophet by God's call. During a time of great prosperity in the northern kingdom of Israel, the prophet speaks to the wealthy upper class. He warns his listeners that fulfilling God's demand for justice brings blessing, while corruption and oppression incur God's wrath.

A reading from Amos, chapter 5:

⁶Seek the LORD and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate,
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,
you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and push aside the needy in the gate.

¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live;
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate;
it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 90:12-17 *Read responsively, beginning with the Lector.*

¹²So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry? Be gracious to your servants.**

¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**

¹⁶Show your servants your works, and your splendor to their children.

¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Refrain: So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

(Psalm 90:12)

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

We cannot hide our thoughts, desires, and actions from God, to whom we are completely accountable. Nevertheless, Jesus understands our human weakness and temptations, because he also experienced them. Therefore we can approach the throne of grace to receive divine mercy from Christ.

A reading from Hebrews, chapter 4:

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 10:17-31

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.' " ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Lesley M. Radius

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY 712 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

BEACH SPRING



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ge-d, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984
Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844
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THE APOSTLES' 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

A. Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is blossoming in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, your heart overflows with compassion for those who are ill, those recovering, and those who are struggling for whatever reason. Help them to know that you claim them as your own and deliver them from fear and pain. Today we lift up . . . Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P. Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C. Amen.**

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

CHANCE CHOIR ANTHEM

"All Things Bright and Beautiful"

John Rutter

Refrain: All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

vs. 1 Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings. *Refrain*

vs. 2 The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky; *Refrain*

vs. 3 The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer, sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one; *Refrain*

vs. 4 He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well. *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. **C. God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

HOLY COMMUNION

P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up our 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.**

PREFACE

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy. . . And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN 479

"We Come to the Hungry Feast"

HUNGRY FEAST



1 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a word of peace.
2 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry for a world re - leased
3 We come to the hun - gry feast hun - gry that the hun - ger cease,



To hun - gry hearts un - sat - is - fied the love of God is
from hun - gry folk of ev - 'ry kind, the poor in bod - y,
and know - ing, though we eat our fill, the hun - ger will stay



not de - nied. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
poor in mind. We come, we come to the hun - gry feast.
with us; still we come, we come to the hun - gry feast.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943
Music: HUNGRY FEAST, Ray Makeever
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After all have communed, please stand as you are able.

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. **C. Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood, you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C. Amen.**

BENEDICTION C. Amen.



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
3 Trea-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture's won-der, Je-sus' wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door,
all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f'ring up our-selves in praise;
Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ's age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006
Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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THE SENDING

A. Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you! **C. Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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Today's chancel flowers were given by K.C. and Jackie Iversen in honor of K.C's birthday.

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Presiding Minister: Rev. Lesley M. Radius
Lector: Adam Frame
Choir Director: Adam Frame
Ushers: Faye Youngblood, Steve Moroneso, Chris Dunker

Assisting Minister: Adam Frame
Organist/Pianist: John Wolf
Chancel Care: Jeri Manske
Videographer: Jacob Martella

<p><u>We Pray For:</u> Craig Bridges T. J. Bridges Annasophia Reese Barbara Reid Ken Francis Tommy and Diane Higgs Kim Bell Niece of Marj Rudolph Carl Couch Son of Karin Dunker's cousin Vicki Charlie and Doris Iversen Father and Mother of K.C. Iversen</p>	<p>Addi Anne Phillips Mother of Holly Phillips Michael Seals Friend of Faye Youngblood Spivey Family Friends of Faye Youngblood Edith Smith Mother-in-law of Alan Kohn (Cindy Kohn's brother) Elizabeth Baker Mother of Carol Kocher's daughter-in-law Jane Cato Friend of Janice Kammer</p>
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THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAY, October 10

8:00 am Book of Common Prayer Worship with communion, led by St. Christopher, in person

9:30 am St. Matthew's Sunday School for all ages

9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher, in person and online

11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's, in person and online

11:00 am St. Christopher Sunday School for all ages

Coffee and donuts will be available from 9:00 to 9:30, and 10:30 to 11:00 am

MONDAY, October 11

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, October 12

10:00 am Women's Bible Study (new study on Esther) led by Pastor Lesley on Zoom

3:30 pm Go! Center for tutoring and mentoring

6:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, October 13

7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 14

6:30 pm Congregation Council Meeting on Zoom

SATURDAY, October 16

12:00 pm – 3:00 pm Fellowship Hall reserved

SUNDAY, October 17

8:00 am Service of the Word with communion led by St. Matthew's, in person

9:30 am St. Matthew's Sunday School for all ages

9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher, in person and online

11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's, in person and online

11:00 am St. Christopher Sunday School for all ages

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4:00 pm Wedgwood Arts Series presents concert pianist, Jin ah Kwon

6:30 pm Young Adults in Christian Community

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OCTOBER GOSPEL ALIVE We will be collecting items for special needs adults who work at Stone's Throw Farm. Stone's Throw Farm brings their produce truck to our parking lot once a month on the 3rd Tuesday. They have expressed a need for **work gloves (all sizes), garden/mud boots (adult sizes), insulated water bottles, and light-weight sun hats/caps in solid colors**. Please bring your donations to church any Sunday or during the week.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR THE LIRS AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT PROCESS

LIRS is looking for congregations to co-sponsor and walk with Afghan families who will rebuild their lives in Fort Worth. The Outreach Commission is in the process of discerning if St. Matthews might be called to this ministry of accompaniment. All who are interested are invited to an information session on **Sunday, October 24th, 5:00 pm**, in the fellowship hall. Please wear a mask for the session, as part of our commitment to love and serve our neighbor. For more information, contact Deaconess Katrina Martich at kmartich@sbcglobal.net.



Lutheran Immigration
and Refugee Service

WEDGWOOD ARTS SERIES On Sunday, October 17th at 4:00 pm, St. Matthew's will host Jin ah Kwon, a talented concert pianist. She released a solo debut album this past spring featuring music by Chopin and Liszt. Her website, jinahkwon.com, describes her many accomplishments, including being the director of the Milal Orchestra and Milal Chamber Ensemble, which provide musical opportunities to differently-abled persons in Texas, New York City, and Los Angeles. A free-will offering will be taken to partially offset costs of music lessons for children in one of our southwest Fort Worth I.S.D. schools.

FAMILY FAITH DINNERS Wednesday evening dinners will begin again on **October 20 at 6:00 pm**. The dinners will begin with a prayer, then there will be a Bible/devotional time and a focus question to help guide our conversations as we eat together. We will partake of great food, and enjoy one another's company. We will end our meal with a prayer as well. Please plan to come for this time to be together in community.

Our meal on October 27th will be a faith family dinner featuring a chili cook-off youth fundraiser and table Trick or Treating:

- If you have a wonderful chili recipe, please make a pot to share with us. Your chili will be entered into a cook-off for a youth fundraiser, which will include your dollars donated to the chili you like best. The winner will receive a special prize! All dollars will be donated to offset the costs of attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Minnesota next summer.
- If you are not bringing chili, please bring a side dish, salad or dessert.
- Everyone is invited to wear a costume.
- Please bring individually wrapped candy for your table, so that children can come trick or treat at your table.
- If you would like to decorate a table in a Halloween or fall theme, please let the church office know, so a table can be reserved for your decorations.

THIRD QUARTER GIVING STATEMENTS Quarterly giving statements are available in the narthex for you to pick up.

PRAYERS FOR YOUR WEEK Please take your bulletin home. On page 15 are prayers for you to pray each day of this week.

SAVE THE DATE!

Sun., October 17 – Wedgwood Arts Series: Concert Pianist Jin ah Kwon at 4:00 pm
Young Adults in Christian Community at 6:30 pm

Wed., October 20 – Wednesday Family Faith Dinner at 6:00 pm

Sun., October 24 – Stewardship Cottage Meeting at 12:00 pm
Information Meeting for Afghan Resettlement Process at 5:00 pm

Wed., October 27 – Wednesday Family Faith Dinner – Chili Cook-off / youth fundraiser

PRAYERS FOR OUR JOURNEY THIS WEEK

Marked

*In order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, **you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit**, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory. Ephesians 1:12-14*

10/10 God, thank you for the sacrament of Baptism. Thank you through the water, the word, and the Holy Spirit, we are named and claimed as Children of God, heirs of eternal salvation. Help us to live as wet and marked Children of you. Amen.

10/11 In the Great Commission, you sent your disciples out with the charge, "Go, Make Disciples." Give us the wisdom and the vision to know how you are calling St. Matthew's to live into that command. Send the power of the Holy Spirit so we might be about the "Great Commission." Amen.

10/12 God, remind me daily what it means to be "marked in you with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit." Help my life to bear the fruits of the spirit—love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Amen.

10/13 God, sometimes we don't know for what to pray. We trust your Biblical promise that at those times the Spirit intercedes for us through wordless groans. We pray that the Spirit will intercede for us when life seems so overwhelming that we don't know for what to pray, or maybe even how to pray. Come Holy Spirit and lift our prayers to our steadfast loving God. Amen.

10/14 God, we are your people, and we are your church. We want to spread the Good News of your salvation, love, and grace to all people. Open our eyes to see your path and your plan so that all may know you and be in a growing relationship with you. Amen.

10/15 When my life does not reflect my "markings" (marked with the Holy Spirit), forgive me. Remind me who and whose I am and set me on the right path "for your name's sake." Amen.

10/16 Well God, we made it through another week. Thank you for your ever presence. Thank you for the gifts of the past week. Thank you for the opportunities to share your love and grace. Thank you for naming and claiming me. Amen.

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT
Living in Christ through faith. Living for neighbor through love.
We are Reconciling in Christ; welcoming to all!

CHURCH STAFF

Lesley M. Radius, Pastor
Adam Frame, Director of Music Ministries
John Wolf, Organist/Pianist
Kathy Challgren, Director of the Sounds of Exaltation Handbell Choir
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