

# ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People



October 17, 2021  
Season of Pentecost

**EUCCHARISTIC WORSHIP – ELW Setting 8**  
**October 17, 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 worshiping 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 580** "How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

REPTON



1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin - dranc - es more sure;  
4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,



to live ac - cord - ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,  
if world - ly pres - sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
in old rou - tines or ven - tures new, may we not cease to look to you,



that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

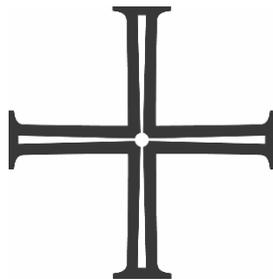
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**GREETING**

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

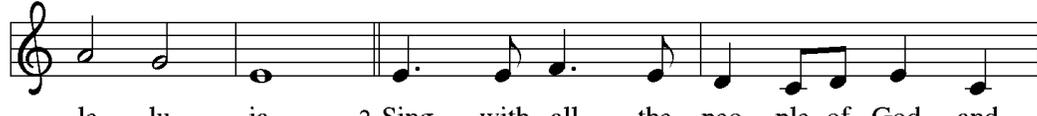
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hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of



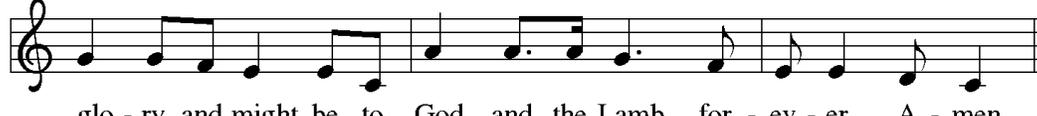
vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-gun his reign. Al -



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. Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12**

*This reading is from the last of four passages in Isaiah that are often called "servant songs." Christians are probably most familiar with this servant song. In light of Christian faith, the servant's healing ministry and redemptive suffering are understood to be fulfilled in the life and death of Christ.*

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 53:

- <sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted.
- <sup>5</sup>But 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.
- <sup>6</sup>All 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.
- <sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.
- <sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.
- <sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.
- <sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.
- <sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.
- <sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

## SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

Using imagery from scripture and from Jewish worship practices, Jesus is presented as the great high priest who was obedient to God's saving plan. Through his suffering and death he has become the source of eternal salvation.

A reading from Hebrews, chapter 5:

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you;" <sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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 10:35-45**

*On the way to Jerusalem the disciples ask Jesus to grant them seats of honor. Jesus responds by announcing that he and his followers will “rule” through self-giving service.*

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

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

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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 431** "O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us"

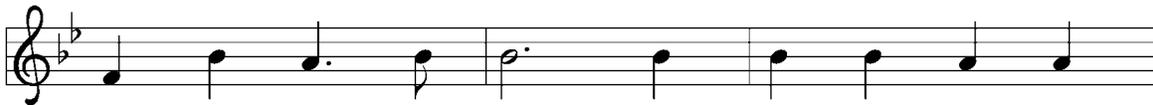
ALL SAINTS NEW



1 O Christ, what can it mean for us to claim you as our  
2 You came, the im - age of our God, to heal and to for -  
3 Though some would make their great - ness felt and lord it o - ver  
4 You chose a hum - ble hu - man form and shunned the world's re -



king? What roy - al face have you re - vealed whose  
give, to shed your blood for sin - ners' sake that  
all, you said the first must be the last and  
nown; you died for us up - on a cross with



praise the church would sing? As - pir - ing not to  
we might rise and live. To break the law of  
ser - vice be our call. O Christ, in work - place,  
thorns your on - ly crown. But still, be - yond the



glo - ry's height, to pow - er, wealth, and fame, you  
death you came, the law of love to bring: a  
church, and home, let none to pow - er cling; for  
span of years, our glad ho - san - nas ring, for



walked a dif - f'rent, low - ly way, an - oth - er's will your aim.  
dif - f'rent rule of righ - teous - ness, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
still, through us, you come to serve, a dif - f'rent kind of king.  
now at God's right hand you reign, a dif - f'rent kind of king!

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Music: ALL SAINTS NEW, Henry S. Cutler, 1824-1902

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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. Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation.

*A brief silence.*

Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness (*we especially pray for . . .*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of St. Matthew's and St. Christopher, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage readers, ushers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, singers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints, continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P. Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life. **C. Amen.**

## PEACE

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

Please be seated.

### CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Ave verum corpus, natum  
de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.

O Iesu dulcis, O Iesu pie,  
O Iesu, fili Mariae.  
Miserere mei. Amen

### "Ave Verum Corpus"

Hail, true body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
having truly suffered, sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
from whose pierced side  
water and blood flowed:  
be a foretaste (of the Heavenly banquet)  
In the trial of Death!

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,  
O Jesus, son of Mary,  
have mercy on me. Amen.

W.A. Mozart

### 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 708** "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with your Love"

CHEREPONI

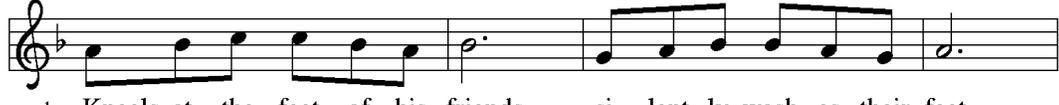
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Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,  
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,  
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;  
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:



*Refrain*

mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.  
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.  
all these are neigh - bors to us and you.  
this is the way we will live with you.

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Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin  
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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 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -  
 2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the  
 3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for  
 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your

pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy  
 poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,  
 all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your  
 peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the

ev - er near,  
 right up - hold,  
 love ex - pressed, al - le - lu - ia!  
 church, re - joice,

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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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**LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP**

**Presiding Minister:** Rev. Lesley M. Radius  
**Lector:** Kari Teigen  
**Choir Director:** Adam Frame  
**Ushers:** Nick Tadi, Paul Massanza,  
 Barry Kammer

**Assisting Minister:** Katie Beckman  
**Organist/Pianist:** John Wolf  
**Chancel Care:** Mary Weis  
**Videographer:** Jacob Martella

<p><b><u>We Pray For:</u></b>  <b>Craig Bridges</b>  <b>T. J. Bridges</b>  <b>Annasophia Reese</b>  <b>Barbara Reid</b>  <b>Ken Francis</b>  <b>Tommy and Diane Higgs</b>  <b>David Wester</b>  <b>Charlie and Doris Iversen</b>  Father and Mother of K.C. Iversen</p>	<p><b>Addi Anne Phillips</b>  Mother of Holly Phillips  <b>Michael Seals</b>  Friend of Faye Youngblood  <b>Edith Smith</b>  Mother-in-law of Alan Kohn (Cindy Kohn's brother)  <b>Elizabeth Baker</b>  Mother of Carol Kocher's daughter-in-law  <b>Jane Cato</b>  Friend of Janice Kammer</p>
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**THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S**

**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
- Coffee and donuts will be available from 9:00 to 9:30, and 10:30 to 11:00 am*
- 4:00 pm Wedgwood Arts Series presents concert pianist, Jin ah Kwon
- 6:30 pm Young Adults in Christian Community in person at church; **childcare provided**

**MONDAY, October 18**

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

**TUESDAY, October 19**

- 10:00 am Women's Bible Study (new study on Esther) led by Pastor Lesley on Zoom
- 3:00 – 6:00 pm Stone's Throw Farm Produce Truck in St. Matthew's parking lot
- 3:30 pm Go! Center for tutoring and mentoring
- 6:15 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm Candleridge Garden Club

**WEDNESDAY, October 20**

- 11:30 am Dining Diva's Women's Lunch at Mimi's
- 6:00 pm Family Faith Dinner, served by St. Matthew's staff
- 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**SATURDAY, October 23**

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Mutual Ministry Personnel Retreat

**SUNDAY, October 24**

- 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*
- 12:00 pm Stewardship Cottage Group Meeting
- 5:00 pm Information Meeting for the Afghan Resettlement Process

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WEDGWOOD ARTS SERIES** Today, **October 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**, St. Matthew's will host Jin ah Kwon, an accomplished concert pianist. She released a solo debut album this past spring featuring music by Chopin and Liszt. She is 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.

### **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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:kmartich@sbcglobal.net).



**Lutheran Immigration  
and Refugee Service**

**FAMILY FAITH DINNERS** Wednesday evening dinners will begin this week, **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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> prizes will be awarded! 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 treats 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.

### **ST. CHRISTOPHER IS COLLECTING FOOD ITEMS FOR THANKSGIVING BASKETS**

### **COMMUNITY OF HOPE LUTHERAN HAS A NEED FOR GENTLY USED TENNIS SHOES**

If you would like to contribute to St. Christopher's efforts to donate items for a Thanksgiving meal distributed through Christian Community Assistance, please pick up a list of needed items on the table in the entryway and **bring all the requested items for a complete meal, including a \$10 grocery store gift card, to church no later than Oct. 31.**

**Community of Hope Lutheran Church** is collecting gently used tennis shoes for a fundraiser for their congregation. The shoes will be refurbished and distributed to people in need. Their goal is 700 pairs of shoes. There is a box in the church entryway for your donations – **the deadline is Oct. 31.**

**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.** You may bring your donations to church any Sunday or during the week through Oct. 31.

**OPEN FORUM OPPORTUNITIES TO DISCUSS OUR RIC WELCOME STATEMENT** As we enter our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being a **Reconciled in Christ (RIC)** congregation and have an updated RIC welcome statement, we invite you to an ongoing conversation of how do we live out, in a tangible way, God's welcome to all people and how our welcome statement reflects God's welcome. We invite you to hear the history of how we became an RIC congregation and where we are today. Bring your thoughts, your questions and even your concerns to our open forum. This forum is being offered at four different times throughout the week of November 1<sup>st</sup> for your convenience. It is our hope and prayer that everyone will make plans to attend at least one forum.

*Reconciled in Christ Task Force: Rev. Kristin Klade (Chair), Rev. Dr. Terry Boggs, Jennifer Droemer, Sherri Purcell, Rev. Lesley M. Radius, Kari Teigen, Marvin Vann Griffith (St. Christopher Liaison)*

**Wednesday, November 3rd: 4:00-5:00 pm on Zoom**

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**Thursday, November 4th: 8:00-9:00 pm on Zoom**

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**Sunday, November 7th: 9:30 am** during Sunday School hour in person, or  
**12:00 pm** after 11:00 worship in person

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

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR JOURNEY THIS WEEK**

*"You were all called to travel on the same road and in the same direction, so stay together, both outwardly and inwardly. You have one Master, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who rules over all, works through all, and is present in all. Everything you are and think and do is permeated with Oneness." Ephesians 4: 4-6*

#### **FAITH**

**10/17** God, thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is through the Holy Spirit that we can live in faith and live out our faith. Amen.

**10/18** "The fundamental fact of existence is that this trust in God, this faith, is the firm foundation under everything that makes life worth living. It's our handle on what we can't see. The act of faith is what distinguished our ancestors, set them above the crowd." *Hebrews 11:1-2, The Message* Give us faith to believe and to follow. Amen

**10/19** Give us faith that believes and lives a life that reflects that with God all things are possible. When we doubt our faith is strong enough remind us, "The simple truth is that if you had a mere kernel of faith, a mustard seed, say, you would tell this mountain, 'Move!' and it would move. There is nothing you wouldn't be able to tackle." Matthew 17:20, *The Message*

**10/20** Help us to cry, "I believe; help my unbelief!" Forgive us our unbelief and send us the power of your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim boldly, I believe. Amen.

**10/21** God, we often use the word faith as a noun; "I have faith." Help us to know that you call us also to live out faith as a verb. If we have faith, we are called to the action of faith-love our neighbor as ourselves. Help us to faith, both the noun and verb use of the word. Amen.

**10/22** Help us to be ready to always share our faith and our hope, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Help us to share our faith not only in words, but also in our actions. Amen.

**10/23** Here we are again God, we are at the end of the week. Thank you for all that we have received this week. Thank you for the opportunities to share our faith with others. Continue to strengthen my faith so that I can do your will. Continue to strengthen the faith of all God's People at St. Matthew's so that we may step out in faith to live into your preferred and promised future. Amen.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Tues., October 19** – Stone's Throw Farm Produce Truck at 3:00 pm  
Candleridge Garden Club at 7:00 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

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### **ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT**

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***We are Reconciling in Christ; welcoming to all!***

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