

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People



November 21, 2021
Christ the King Sunday

EUCCHARISTIC WORSHIP
November 21, 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. In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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

Giver of Life, in the midst of life exploited by greed and abuse of power.

Have mercy on us.

Giver of Life, in the midst of life shortened by hate and exclusion.

Have mercy on us.

Giver of Life, in the midst of life destroyed by war and conflict.

Have mercy on us.

Giver of Life, in the midst of life groaning for fullness and dignity.

Have mercy on us.

Giver of life, you created us all in your image and we squandered this gift of life. And the whole humanity and creation lament with us.

Have mercy on us.

When God created the whole creation, God saw that it was good. God loved it. And continues to love all and forgives us all our sins. May the Giver of Life make all things new through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

From the Reconciling in Christ Sunday 2017: Always Reforming Toward Fullness of Life Service

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN 715 "Christ, Be Our Light"

CHRIST BE OUR LIGHT



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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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



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, you anointed your Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

A reading from Daniel, chapter 7:

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence.

A thousand thousands served him,

and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.

The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.

And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,

that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,

and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

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

PSALM 93 *Read responsively, beginning with the Lector.*

¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength.
The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

**²Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;
you are from everlasting.**

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice;
the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

**⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.**

⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD,
forever and forevermore.

Refrain: Ever since the world began, your throne has been established. (Ps. 93:2)

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

A reading from Revelation, chapter 1:

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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: John 18:33-37

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 18th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the

chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

Please be seated.

SERMON

Rev. Lesley M. Radius and Rev. Dr. Terry Boggs

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY 641 "All Are Welcome"

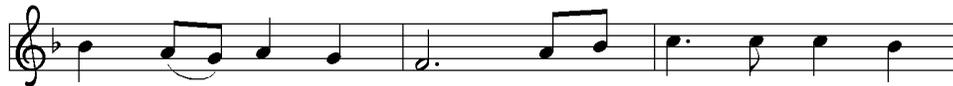
TWO OAKS



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A. Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes and turbulence of this world. Hear us as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to bear witness to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. May their actions show compassion to all. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances and leaders of national governments to choose a nonviolent path toward the future. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people. We pray for those who serve the well-being of others, especially the ministries of Neighborhood Needs and Refugee Services of Texas. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus so that all may be free to thrive. Help us to remember that all people are part of your good creation, and give hope to those who are treated differently for who they are. Grant St. Matthew's the courage to put into practice an authentic welcome to the diversity of God's people. We give you thanks for the dedication of Reconciling Works to be a voice for full inclusivity of all in our churches, and for St. Matthew's action 30 years ago to become a part of that voice. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the families and friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering (*especially . . .*). God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

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

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace.

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

P. God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

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

Please be seated.

CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM "Hymn for Self-Acceptance"

B.F. White

Harmonization by Ronald A. Nelson

When you feel change might be hopeless, when you've given up on God,
When you feel you're not worth saving, that your belongingness is flawed.
When your prayers still seem unanswered, not a sound from the Divine,
Maybe you have been mistaken. God is sending you a sign.

Years and years, begging for turning into something that you're not.
The wrong prayer you have been praying. You are not God's afterthought.
You are made as God intended. You are perfect, flawless too!
May each one of you remember, nothing severs God from you.

You are worth more than you realize. You are wonderfully made
in the image of our Mother, Father, Parent, all the same.
Don't let doctrines of our churches use the Word to misconstrue,
for it's written in the scriptures, surely God delights in you!

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. **C. Holy God the earth is yours and everything in it. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world 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 306 "Come, Beloved of the Maker"

JILL



1 Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er, come, be -
2 See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on to those
3 Fol - low to the birth of new - ness; fol - low
4 There we too will burn and bright - en, God's re -
5 Christ, bright im - age of the Mak - er, God, whose



hold the First - born One; see re - vealed cre - a - tion's
bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," Christ calls in
to the life of peace; fol - low to the hill of
splen - dent work be - gun; glo - ry will as - cend and
glo - ry none may pass, Spir - it, sun of love and



splen - dor crowned in glo - ry like the sun.
wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to light."
an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den bliss.
height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious sun.
splen - dor, bear us in - to light at last.

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Music: JILL, David Cherwien, b. 1957
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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. Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **C. Amen.**

BENEDICTION C. Amen.

THE SENDING

A. Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C. We will! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

The congregation is dismissed to the Fellowship Hall for a Congregation Meeting and potluck "Friendsgiving" meal.

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LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP

Presiding Minister: Rev. Kristin Klade
Choir Director: Adam Frame
Chancel Care: Karen Presley
Ushers: Barry Kammer, Nick Tadi
Paul Massanza

Assisting Minister: Rev. Lesley M. Radius
Preaching: Rev. Dr. Terry Boggs,
Rev. Lesley M. Radius
Organist/Pianist: John Wolf
Videographer: Jacob Martella

<p><u>We Pray For:</u> Craig Bridges T. J. Bridges Annasophia Reese Barbara Reid Tommy and Diane Higgs David Wester</p>	<p>Ann Stem Friend of Sylvia and David Wester Westin McCarthy Grandson of Bob and Liz McCarthy James, Jessica and baby Kyler DeHut Neighbors of the Harro's Edith Smith Mother of Cindy Kohn's sister-in-law, Derinda Kohn</p>
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SAVE THE DATE!

Sun., November 28 – Hanging of the Greens (St. Matthew's and St. Christopher
Everyone is invited!

Sat., December 4 – 2:00 pm; Women's Christmas Party at St. Matthew's

Tues., December 21 – 3:00 pm; Stone's Throw Farm produce truck at St. Matthew's

Advent and Christmas Worship –

Dec. 1, 8 and 15 6:30 pm Wednesday Advent Worship (Dinner at 5:45 pm)

Dec. 24 3:30 pm St. Matthew's/St. Christopher Family Christmas Worship
with children's Christmas pageant

6:30 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship led by St. Matthew's

8:30 pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Worship led by St. Christopher

THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAY, November 21

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

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

12:00 pm Congregation Meeting for St. Matthew's with "Friendsgiving" potluck meal

6:30 pm Young Adults in Christian Community at the Klade home.

MONDAY, November 22

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

TUESDAY, November 23

No Women's Bible Study; we will resume Nov. 30 in person & on Zoom with lunch after

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, November 25 and 26

Church offices are closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday. Blessings to all!

SUNDAY, November 28, First Sunday of Advent

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

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

12:15 pm Hanging of the Greens (St. Matthew's and St. Christopher)

3:30 pm Reconciling in Christ Working Group

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGREGATION MEETING and POTLUCK MEAL After our 11:00 worship service today, we will have a Congregation Meeting. The main agenda item will be to approve the 2022 Mission Budget. We will have a **"Friendsgiving" potluck meal**. If you are unable to attend in person, this meeting will also be on Zoom; the Zoom link is:

ID: 834 6481 0351 Passcode: 122727

NOVEMBER GOSPEL ALIVE Our November Gospel Alive project is **providing Christmas cards for migrant families being served by Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service**. There is a table in the narthex with cards to sign with messages of hope and encouragement in English or Spanish. You may sign one or more cards with your first name and city/state. There are also supplies for you to make your own Christmas cards if you wish. **Cards need to be completed by this Wed., Nov. 24th.**

ST. MATTHEW'S WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY 2:00 pm Saturday, Dec. 4 at church

Last year we were unable to have our annual party but said we'd celebrate this year. Come join the celebration with fellowship, food, a fun white elephant gift exchange, and the revealing of 2021 prayer partners. We will also draw new prayer partners for the coming year. We all need prayers and special thoughts! Bring a Christmas ornament or decoration for the white elephant gift exchange. No need to RSVP; if you have any questions, please contact Sandy Heinrich at 817-292-6955.

ADVENT CALENDARS AND DEVOTIONALS Advent Calendars and devotional booklets are available on the table in the entryway for you to take home. **Advent begins next Sunday.**

ST. MATTHEW'S HANDBELL CHOIR is looking for a few extra ringers to help us for one piece we are playing on December 12 (10:00 am service). **We will be rehearsing for this piece on Tuesdays, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7 at 6:45 pm.** Please join us!

POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS Poinsettias have been ordered for our sanctuary for Christmas. **The 6-inch plants are \$10 each.** If you wish to purchase one or more, **please sign up on the poster in the narthex.** Include your name, the number of plants you would like, and for each plant please print in whose honor or memory. Payment may be made by check to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Plants may be taken home on or after worship on Dec. 26 (one service at 9:30 am).

OPPORTUNITY WITH LUTHERAN IMMIGRATION & REFUGEE SERVICE - Circle of Welcome

Members of St. Matthew's have been exploring the potential for our congregation to be part of LIRS' circle of welcome for Afghan families and refugees. We have many gifts to offer, however, **nothing is possible without a coordinator for the ministry.**

We're looking for someone who:

- *Has a passion for walking together with others in solidarity, interdependence, and mutuality.*
- *Is as excited to learn about another's culture as they are to share our culture.*
- *Will be the congregation's main point of contact for LIRS and their local affiliate, Refugee Services of Texas.*
- *Has the skills to organize groups of volunteers for several concurrent activities.*
- *Has the ability to communicate and collaborate with other congregations and organizations.*
- *Can make a 1-year commitment to the ministry, of 4-12 hours per week, varying as needed by the families served.*

If this sounds like you, or if you think it might be and have questions, contact Deaconess Katrina at 915-373-3586 or contact@katrinamartich.com

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

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