

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY - CELEBRATING THE CHURCH YEAR November 20, 2022 11:00 AM

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 or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Lesley at pastor@stmatthews-elca.org or call 817-292-1338. 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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity † one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever. **C. Amen.**

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.**
- 2 Crown him the virgin's Son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love-- behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**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.**

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

Please be seated.

~ 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

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

HYMN 257 "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"

VENI EMMANUEL

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**4 O come, O Branch of Jesse, free
your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

**5 O come, O Key of David, come,
and open wide our heav'nly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.**

Text: Psalteriolum Cantionum Catholicarum, Köln, 1710; tr. composite

~ 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

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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.

Text: North American, 19th cent.

~ 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

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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!**

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

~ 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

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

HYMN 337 "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

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.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

~ 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

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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!**

Text: Edmond Budry, 1854-1932; tr. R. Birch Hoyle, 1875-1939

~ 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

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

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

Text: James K. Manley, b. 1940

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~ CHRIST THE KING ~

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 1:11-20

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Please stand as you are able.

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.
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**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.
We'll join the everlasting song
and crown him Lord of all.**

Text: Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, sts. 1-4; J. Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, sts. 5-6

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our world.

A brief silence.

Response to each petition: Lord, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

CHOIR ANTHEM "Crown Him the Risen King"

Lloyd Larson

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As the offering and communion elements are brought forward, please stand and sing:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **C. Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all that you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

Lift up our hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

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.

After all have communed, please stand as you are able.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING SONG 430 "Rejoice, for Christ Is King!"

LAUS REGIS



1 Re - joice, for Christ is king! Your Lord and king a - dore;
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
 4 He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit



re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more:
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove:
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n:
 and bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet:

Refrain



Lift up your heart, lift up your voice; re -



joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
 Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world! **C. We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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<p><u>We Pray For:</u> Craig Bridges T. J. Bridges Annasophia Reese Tommy and Diane Higgs Becky Jacobs Daughter of Lauren Anderson Norma Morrow Mother of Cindy Kammer</p>	<p>Reba Johnson Sister of Marjorie Rudolph Michael Cooper-White Interim President of Brite Divinity School Don Police officer in Weatherford Ted and Vicki Hummel Ted is the brother of Ray Hummel</p>
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The chancel flowers today were prepared by St. Christopher Episcopal Church, and given by Bruce Anderson in memory of wife Birgit and daughter Bodil.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE A Thanksgiving Eve worship service at 6:00 pm will be held at Faith Lutheran Church this Wed., November 23. Faith is located at 4551 Southwest Blvd. Please bring a non-perishable food item for a food collection for WestAid (similar to Neighborhood Needs), and a pie to share for the fellowship time after the service.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING PARTY On November 27 after 11:00 worship there will be a joint gingerbread house decorating party for our youth. There will be a pizza and punch lunch to give strength for decorating. Parents of very young children are needed to assist them. The decorated houses will be given to homebound members of both St. Christopher and St. Matthew's. **Please contact Marti Fagley if you plan to come so that there are enough houses:** mfagley@aol.com or 817-637-1820 **Everyone is invited to bring donations of edible items to use to decorate – box is in the narthex.**

YOUNG/MIDDLE-AGED ADULTS FRIENDSGIVING John and Kristin Klade are hosting a **Friendsgiving dinner on Sunday, November 27 at 6:30 pm at their home.** This is a kid-friendly event – the Klade's have lots of toys! Turkey and some basics will be provided; please bring a side dish or beverage to share.

Please RSVP: k.r.klade@gmail.com **Address:** 1409 7th Ave., Ft. Worth, 76104

ENVELOPES FOR 2023 Envelopes for your use during the year 2023 are available for you to pick up in the narthex. We are using "generic" envelopes; please fill in the information requested as you use them.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ANGEL TREE An angel tree is in the narthex with angels for you to pick up and purchase Christmas gifts for the children of Catholic Charities' clients. The angels have an age range and say if the gift is for a girl or a boy. It is asked that you purchase a \$25 or \$50 Walmart gift card as noted on the angel in addition to a small gift. **Please return your unwrapped gift, gift card and the angel to church by December 4.** Your donations will bring the joy of Christmas to the families served by Catholic Charities.

NEW ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL: "WALKING WITH NEHEMIAH" At our recent visioning retreat, we identified one of the greatest challenges facing the church in the 21st century – remaining actively connected to and having an impact with its community. We are like the Old Testament prophet, Nehemiah, feeling displaced from his community and longing to rebuild the community he once knew in Jerusalem. The process God led Nehemiah through gives us great insight into partnering with God and others as we serve our community, doing ministry where we are. Join us each week at 9:30 am in keeping our visioning priorities at the forefront as we study God's Word, walk with Nehemiah, and pray for God's guidance.

FLOWER NOTES

The 2023 Flower chart is posted on the office window for you to host flowers, or donate to Neighborhood Needs or ELCA Good Gifts.

Sign up in the narthex to purchase poinsettias for our Christmas Eve services. Cost is \$12; please make check out to St. Matthew's, marked poinsettias.

SERVING IN 11:00 WORSHIP

	<u>Today, November 20</u>	<u>Next Sunday, November 27</u>
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Lesley M. Radius	Rev. Lesley M. Radius
Assisting Minister:	Adam Frame	Steve Weis
Choir Director:	Adam Frame	Adam Frame
Organist/Pianist:	John Wolf	John Wolf
Trumpets:	Hanna Baer, Andria Christian	
Trombones:	Nick Meyer, Anthony Tinsley	
Lectors:	Katie Beckman, Easton Purcell, Peyton Frame	Sandy Heinrich
Chancel Care:	Sarah Hadfield	Marcia Boggs
Ushers:	F. Youngblood, C. Dunker, L. Frame	P. Massanza, G. Christensen
Videographer:	Jacob Martella	Jacob Martella
Counters:	F. Youngblood, M. Boggs	Cindy Kohn, Adrienne Frame

THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAY, November 20, Christ the King Sunday

- 8:15 am** Lutheran Worship led by St. Matthew's
9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages for St. Matthew's
11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's
Sunday School for St. Christopher

MONDAY, November 21

- 12:00 pm** Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, November 23

- 6:00 pm** Thanksgiving Eve Service at Faith Lutheran

THURSDAY and FRIDAY, November 24 and 25

Church offices will be closed.

SUNDAY, November 27, Advent 1

- 8:15 am** Worship led by St. Christopher
9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher
9:30 am Sunday School for all ages for St. Matthew's
Adult Sunday School: "Walking with Nehemiah"
11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's
Sunday School for St. Christopher
12:00 pm Gingerbread House Decorating
6:00 pm Taize Advent Worship, led by St. Christopher
6:30 pm Friendsgiving at the Klade home (see address on p. 10)

CHURCH STAFF

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John Wolf, Organist/Pianist
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We are Reconciling in Christ; welcoming to all!