

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People

WORSHIP – SEASON OF EPIPHANY

January 22, 2023 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.*

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever. **C. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

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

P. Holy one, source of our renewal, **C. we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P. Our God proclaims: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior. **C. Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING HYMN 661 "I Love to Tell the Story"



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry: how pleas - ant to re - peat
3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
what seems, each time I tell it, more won - der - ful - ly sweet!
seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, be - cause I know it's true;
I love to tell the sto - ry, for some have nev - er heard
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else would do.
the mes - sage of sal - va - tion from God's own ho - ly word.
I'll sing the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

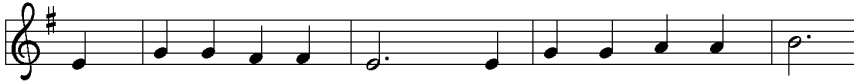
Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911

Music: HANKEY, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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.**

KYRIE



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

GLORIA



- 1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
- 2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
- 3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A. Let us pray: **C. Lord God, your lovingkindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced the gloom of defeat by Assyrian military forces, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them.

A reading from Isaiah, chapter 9:

¹There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time [the LORD] brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

PSALM 27:1, 4-9 Cantor: Chancel Choir

Psalm
Tone



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Psalm
Refrain
(R)



The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion.

Psalm 27:1

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¹The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then | shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I | be afraid?

⁴**One thing I ask of the LORD; one | thing I seek;**
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary,
and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶**Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.**
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing;
I will sing and make music | to the LORD. R

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when I call;
have mercy on me and | answer me.

⁸**My heart speaks your message— | “Seek my face.”**
Your face, O LORD, | I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- | vant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of | my salvation. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

A reading from First Corinthians, chapter 1:

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

P. The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵"Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light,

and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim,

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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 798 "Will You Come and Follow Me"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
pray'r in you and you in me?"
mean in you and you in me?"
sound in you and you in me?"
grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional

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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. Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Response to each petition: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P. We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **C. Amen.**

PEACE

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

Please be seated.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

CHOIR ANTHEM "Here I Am Lord" Text and Music, Dan Schutte; arr. Mark Hayes
Daniel L. Schutte and New Dawn Music, Portland, Oregon 1997

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

OFFERTORY HYMN 885 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

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 HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. **C. Redeeming God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, Amen.**

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 that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, 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 482 "I Come with Joy"



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936

Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, *Southern Harmony*, 1835

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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. Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **C. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Please stand as you are able.

SENDING SONG 866 "We are Marching in the Light"



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. *Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',*
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) oo
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) oo



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Verse 2
Verse 3
Verse 4

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...
We are praying ...
We are singing ...

DISMISSAL

A. Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **C. We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN 11:00 WORSHIP

Today, January 22

Next Sunday, January 29

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Lesley M. Radius	Rev. Lesley M. Radius
Assisting Minister:	Steve Weis	Faye Youngblood
Choir Director:	Adam Frame	Adam Frame
Organist/Pianist:	John Wolf	John Wolf
Lector:	Peyton Frame	Steve Weis
Chancel Care:	Jeri Manske	Jeri Manske
Ushers:	B. Kammer, Sr., S. Wester	Chris Dunker, Peyton Frame
Videographer:	Jacob Martella	Jacob Martella
Counters:	M. Boggs, C. Schmidt	F. Youngblood, B.J. Kammer

We Pray For:

**Craig Bridges
T. J. Bridges
Annasophia Reese**

Norma Morrow

Mother of Cindy Kammer
A close friend of C.J. Kammer
Trudy Guerra
Sister-in-law of Anita Bodak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEDGWOOD ARTS SERIES TODAY: Jin Ah Kwon, Concert Pianist – in our sanctuary at 4:00 pm this afternoon. She is an accomplished pianist with a doctorate of music in piano performance from the University of North Texas. Jin Ah Kwon is a winner of the 27th Chopin International Piano Competition held in Corpus Christi, TX, and has played at Carnegie Hall. She also has experience playing the violin and drums, and is a church musician.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT – On January 29, the Chamber Ensemble, with members from the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra, will be in concert at St. Matthew's at 7:00 pm. St. Matthew's is now their concert venue – let us welcome them for their first concert here. Tickets are \$25 (students are \$10) and can be purchased at the door.

NEXT COMMUNITY AND COFFEE: On Sunday, February 5 we will hear about the work of the Presbyterian Night Shelter in Fort Worth. The entire Sunday School hour will be devoted to their presentation and discussion, 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Grab a cup of coffee and join us!

NOTICE OF CONGREGATION MEETING On February 5, after our 11:00 worship service, we will hold our first Congregation Meeting of 2023. We will:

- review and celebrate the year 2022 with the Annual Report
- hear an update on our Vision Process
- choose a Nominating Committee
- review the year in pictures
- enjoy a potluck meal; meat will be provided

Please bring the following according to your last name:

A-P Salad or veggie dish

Q-Z Dessert

END-OF-YEAR GIVING STATEMENTS The end-of-year giving statements have been printed and are available for you to pick up in the narthex.

TARRANT COUNTY HOMELESS COUNT The Tarrant County Homeless Coalition is hosting a count of homeless residents of Tarrant County this week, Thursday, January 26. If you wish to participate, contact Kelly Riddle, or go to: ahomewithhope.org and follow the link for the "Point in Time Count." This event helps determine what services are needed for the homeless in our County.

THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAY, January 22

- 8:15 am Episcopal Worship led by St. Christopher**
- 9:00 am** Coffee and Community with Refugee Services of Texas
- 9:30 am** Sunday School for all ages for St. Matthew's
Adult Sunday School: "Walking with Nehemiah"
- 9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher**
- 11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's**
Congregation Meeting for St. Christopher
- 4:00 pm** Wedgwood Arts Series presents Jin Ah Kwon, concert pianist

MONDAY, January 23

- 12:00 pm** Staff meeting

TUESDAY, January 24

- 3:30 pm** Go! Center tutoring/mentoring
- 5:30 pm** Children's Choir
- 7:00 pm** Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAY, January 25

- 7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal; Confirmation

SATURDAY, January 28

- 10:00 am** Chamber Ensemble rehearsal in the sanctuary
- 5:00-9:00 pm** Cleaning by Buff Daddy

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- 7:00 pm** Chamber Ensemble Concert

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT

Living in Christ through faith.
Living for neighbor through love.

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