

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People

WORSHIP – SEASON OF EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023 8:15 and 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 873 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!"

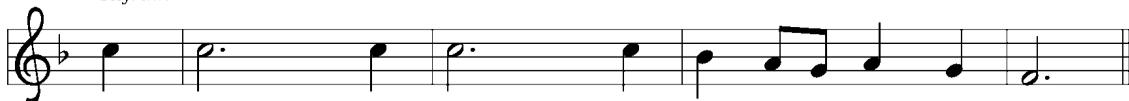


- 1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;
- 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
- 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
- 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

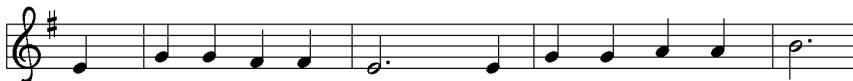
- 5 At last the march shall end;
the wearied ones shall rest;
the pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,
one God forevermore. *Refrain*

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.
Music: MARION, Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

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 (Spoken at 8:15.)



- 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 (Spoken at 8:15.)



- 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. Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against Israel. God has "wearied" Israel with a long history of saving acts. God does not want or expect lavish sacrifices to attempt to earn divine favor. Rather God empowers the people to do justice, to love loyalty to God, and to walk shrewdly in God's service.

A reading from Micah, chapter 6:

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

⁶"With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?

⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?

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

PSALM 15 8:15 Read responsively, without the refrain
11:00 Cantor: Adam Frame



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Psalm 15:1

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¹LORD, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your | holy hill?

²**Those who lead a blameless life and do | what is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart; R**

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a neighbor.

⁴**In their sight the wicked are rejected,
but they honor those who | fear the LORD.**

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes
a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

According to the world's standards of power and might, the message of the cross seems stupid and offensive. Yet this word reveals the paradoxical way God has chosen to work power and salvation through weakness, rejection, and suffering. Hence the message of the cross becomes true wisdom and power for believers.

A reading from First Corinthians, chapter 1:

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

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

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Spoken at 8:15.)



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 5:1-12

Jesus opens the Sermon on the Mount by naming those who are blessed in the reign of God.

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

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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 710 "Let Streams of Living Justice"



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

Text: William Whitla, b. 1934
Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934
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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.

(11:00) GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

(11:00) *As the offering and communion elements are brought forward, please stand and sing:*

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: *(Spoken at 8:15.)*



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.

(11:00) CHOIR ANTHEM "In This Moment of Remembrance" Dale Wood
c. 1990 Arrangement; c. 1991 The Sacred Music Press.

From 12 Anthems for about 12 Singers; Compiled by Larry Pugh; Lorenz Publishing Co., 2002

(11:00) COMMUNION HYMN 725 "When the Poor Ones"

(Please go to p. 13.)

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

SENDING SONG 546 "To Be Your Presence"



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, al-le-lu-ia!
 love ex-pressed,
 church, re-joice,

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924

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DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

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The chancel floral arrangement was prepared by St. Christopher Episcopal Church. Mary Nedde is remembering family birthdays today (Sarah, David and Paul) and will be giving a donation to Neighborhood Needs.

(11:00) COMMUNION HYMN 725 "When the Poor Ones"



1 Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne ya ún re-par-te,
1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,
when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:
when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:
when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;
We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

Text: José Antonio Olivar, b. 1939; tr. Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951

Music: EL CAMINO, Miguel Manzano, b. 1934

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We Pray For:

Craig Bridges
T. J. Bridges
Annasophia Reese

Norma Morrow
Mother of Cindy Kammer
Trudy Guerra
Sister-in-law of Anita Bodak

SERVING IN 11:00 WORSHIP

	<u>Today, January 29</u>	<u>Next Sunday, February 5</u>
Presiding Minister:	Rev. Lesley M. Radius	Rev. Lesley M. Radius
Assisting Minister:	Faye Youngblood	Adam Frame
Choir Director:	Adam Frame	Adam Frame
Organist/Pianist:	John Wolf	John Wolf
Lector:	Steve Weis	Karen Stone
Chancel Care:	Jeri Manske	Faye Youngblood
Ushers:	C. Dunker, P. Frame	Kelly and Julian Gonzales
Videographer:	Jacob Martella	Jacob Martella
Counters:	F. Youngblood, B.J. Kammer	A. Frame, B.J. Kammer

THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAY, January 29

- 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
Adult Sunday School: "Walking with Nehemiah"
- 11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's**
Sunday School for St. Christopher
- 5:00 pm** Mutual Ministry Dinner at church
- 7:00 pm** An Evening of Chamber Music

TUESDAY, January 31

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

WEDNESDAY, February 1

- 7:00 pm** Choir Rehearsal; Confirmation

THURSDAY, February 2

- 6:30 pm** Mutual Ministry meeting on Zoom

SUNDAY, February 5

Throughout the morning - Stone's Throw Farm will be in the parking lot.

- 8:15 am Lutheran Worship led by St. Matthew's**
- 9:00 am – 10:30 am** Coffee and Community Hour with the Presbyterian
Night Shelter
- 9:30 am** St. Matthew's Children's Sunday School
- 9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher**
- 11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's**
Sunday School for St. Christopher
- 12:30 pm** Congregation Meeting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA CONCERT – This evening at 7:00 pm join us for an Evening of Chamber Music with members from the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. 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.

COFFEE AND COMMUNITY – Next Sunday, February 5, we will hear about the work and ministry of the Fort Worth Presbyterian Night Shelter during the entire adult Sunday School Hour: **9:00 to 10:30 am**. Grab a cup of coffee and come join us! Our February Gospel-Alive effort will be to collect the following items for the Shelter:

Adult underwear – all sizes Towels Flat twin sheets Socks

Full size hygiene items:

Body soap Shampoo and conditioner Baby shampoo
Toothpaste Toothbrushes

Travel size hygiene items:

Soap Shampoos and conditioner Razors
Lotion Deodorant

Please place your items in the designated container in the narthex. For information on the services provided by the Presbyterian Night Shelter and ways to volunteer or donate, go to journeyhome.org

NOTICE OF CONGREGATION MEETING Next Sunday, 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
- choose representatives for the April NT-NL Synod Assembly in Shreveport, LA
- 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

**The meeting will be in person and on Zoom. The Zoom link is:
Meeting ID: 817 7056 4036 Passcode: 339359**

STONE'S THROW FARM PRODUCE Stone's Throw Farm will have their produce truck in St. Matthew's parking lot on Sunday morning, February 5. The owners of the farm have two special needs sons, and their mission with the farm is to provide work opportunities for individuals with special needs and to be supportive of the people walking beside them. Take a look at their home grown, pesticide-free veggies, fruit, and herbs; and homemade breads, pickles, and jams. You won't be disappointed!

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

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We are Reconciling in Christ; welcoming to all!