

First Sunday in Advent

December 3, 2023

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ No deposit made (Nov. 26)

Together in Worship: 55 (Nov. 26)

Are you a member or a guest? Pastoral Care - **All Visitor's and members**, please notice the red book on one end of your pew titled "Record of Fellowship". In order to help the pastor provide good care for you please fill out one line and pass it to the next person in the pew. If someone comes after the book has passed to the other end of the pew, please assist by making sure the book is available to them. Please check all of the boxes in the middle of the line which are applicable to you. If you require a large print copy of the worship service, to better help you, please ask an usher.



The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold membership in a congregation other than a congregation in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod should refrain from receiving communion. If you are a member in good standing of another congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and would like to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor or an elder prior to the service. We ask this out of Christian love and concern for you. (Please, indicate to Pastor if you require a Gluten Free Wafer.)



About our Lord's work at St. Matthew this week

- TODAY Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**; Bible Class following Worship; Christmas Program Practice **10:15 - 11:30 AM**
- MONDAY Bible Class **10:00 AM**
- TUESDAY Bible/Catechism Study **9:00 AM**; Elders **7:00 PM**
- WEDNESDAY Confirmation Class **4:00 PM**; Advent Supper **5:30 PM** (Taco Bar/ Board of Education); Vespers **7:00 PM**
- THURSDAY Communion at Sr. Suites **10:00 AM**
- SUNDAY Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**; Bible Class following Worship; Christmas Program Practice **10:15 - 11:30 AM**



This week the business office will be open Monday and Tuesday.

Please consider this information in the light of God's Word, which encourages regular worship and the joyful giving of our offerings for the expansion of His Mission at St. Matthew by Reaching, Caring and Sharing Christ!

Gifts to the Lord: If you would like to help with the Lord's work at St. Matthew, please drop your gifts in the box located in the narthex, before or after worship. Guest envelopes are available in the holder on of the front of the box. **Tithes**



Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear "**A-T Walker**". Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. A wilderness can be scary, but if someone is with you who knows the way out, you're not really lost. (Isaiah 40:3)

Stewardship thought: 1 Corinthians 1:9 – "God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord." The faithfulness of God is our great comfort. He has made promises to us, and He will keep them. He is kind and loving toward us and will not break faith with us. This gives us the confidence to step out in faith, to leave fear behind. So, when it comes to following the Lord's commandments for our daily lives, we know His will is best for us because He is faithful.



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Advent music begins this week, and the 12 Days of Christmas runs December 24 – January 6. Study 1 Corinthians 10-11 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Micah 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and Melancthon's Greeting to the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (12/9 at 10:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or the KFUO Radio app!

About the Cover: Isaiah saw the dark clouds of judgment rolling in to hang over Judah in exile. But he also saw the promises of the Lord's coming mercy and victory. Indeed, the Lord has come. Though His first coming was humble, by faith we see that heaven has been opened to all who trust in the crucified and risen Lord, who continues to come by Word and Sacrament. He will come again at the glorious completion of the Lord's plan for the world on the Last Day.



The Large Print center thanks you for all the donations of plastic bags - they have enough. But could use donations of egg cartons and paper towel tubes.

usher as you leave. If there are no more pages left, hand the entire book to the Usher. Thank you, for this, and the continued help of taking all items home with you or disposing of them. It helps to keep our pews tidy.



Our 7th Annual Thanksgiving Community Dinner was another success. Thank you to EVERYONE!!! For your donations of food and time, the busy hands, the youngsters who bused tables and for everything in between. This year the tables were FULL, with 110 people sitting down and a record number of 70 deliveries/take-away meals going out the door!! For a total of 180 meals served! Wow!! What blessing to be able to share Thanksgiving with so many familiar faces and new ones! If you see a new face in church make sure to welcome them with a smile and a hello.



If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the Advent Season you may do so by adding \$7.00 to your offering envelope. Place a note in your envelope to reflect your purchase and if you would like it in memory of a loved one or to honor someone special. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia on your own, the Enhancement Committee would like to say, thank you in advance for your thoughtfulness. Thank you to everyone who has shared their lovely flowers all year long!! *The Enhancement Committee*

Intercessory Prayers

- † Those struggling with cancer: **Sheila Faut / Becky Post/ Marcia & Elwood Grushow / Emily Zietz / Beth Wangler / Delmer Meissel / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson / Laverne Faut / Christie Tomes / JoAnn Crabtree**
- † **Sophia Fischer / Carla Morast / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Stan Hanewald / Dawn Phillips / Allegra Boeckel / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Emma Huber / Elmer Schiermeister / Chloe Graberek / Bob Johnstone / Orville Miller / Eva Olin / Christina / Rev. Jason Wolter / Kinsey Tomes** for strength and healing.
- † **Dallas / Orlene / Loretta / Christine / Rodney / Marcella / Edwin / Layton** who reside in a care center.
- † **Pastors of our LCMS ND District**
- † **Large Print Work Center #193 / Dakota Hope Clinic**
- † **International Missions of the District**
- † **Our Military Personnel, Law Enforcement, and Rescue Workers**
- † **In Remembrance of Benny Guenther October 10, 1929- November 28, 2023)**
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." - Matthew 11:28-30

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Worship
Service
9:00 a.m.

Sunday School
& Bible Study
10:15 a.m.

Hear our
Sunday Morning
Service *live*
each Sunday on
KDKT 1410 AM
9:00 a.m.
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Render the heavens and come down

Isaiah 64:1

