

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**; Worship at KRCC **10:15 AM**
- WEDNESDAY Confirmation Class **4:00 PM**; Advent Supper **5:30 PM** (Scalloped Potatoes & Ham/LWML); Vespers **7:00 PM**
- THURSDAY Council Meeting **7:00 PM**
- SUNDAY Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**; Jesus’s Birthday Party, Bible Class following Worship; Christmas Program Practice **10:15 - 11:30 AM**



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

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ 15,867.82 (Nov. 26 & Dec. 3)

Together in Worship: 83 (Dec. 3)

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.



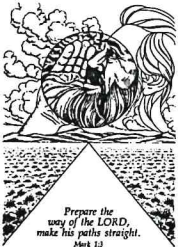
Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear "Empty Boxes - A Christmas Special from Lutheran Hour Ministries". Presented by Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, on December 15. Also on December 17, "Life After Landing". Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. What happens when a passenger suddenly has to be the pilot? Dr. Michael Zeigler talks about the power of words to save. (Isaiah 61:1-2)

Stewardship thought: 2 Peter 3:11 – “Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness?” All the things of the earth have an expiration date: “Good until the last day.” On that day, all these things will be dissolved. The things that seem so important now will simply cease to be. Peter issues this to us as a challenge: Since this is so, what kind of life should we be living? What should your priorities be? On things? Or on the things of God?



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Dive into Advent Hymnody on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study 1 Corinthians 12-14 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and learn more about the 3rd Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (10/13 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Music and programming for the 12 Days of Christmas begins December 25! Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUO Radio app.

About the Cover: As the King returns to His Holy City in victory, the voice in the wilderness calls out to clear the way. John’s “baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Mark 1:4; Luke 3:3) was a call to prepare every heart for Christ’s coming. God’s Law continues to call us to repentance so that His saving Gospel may reside in our hearts. Christ has conquered sin, death, and the power of the devil for us. Behold, He is coming again.



Please tear out the used page in the “Record of Fellowship” and hand it to the 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.



Did you know that you can order Literature from the Lutheran Braille/Large Print Workers. A Catalog is located in the Narthex tract rack. A New Mustard Seed Devotions, The Joy of Being, is now available in Large Print.

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 Myron McLaughlin May 21, 1940 - December 5, 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

Prayer chain contacts: Bonita Maas 748-6145 & Marie Mathisen 748-6347



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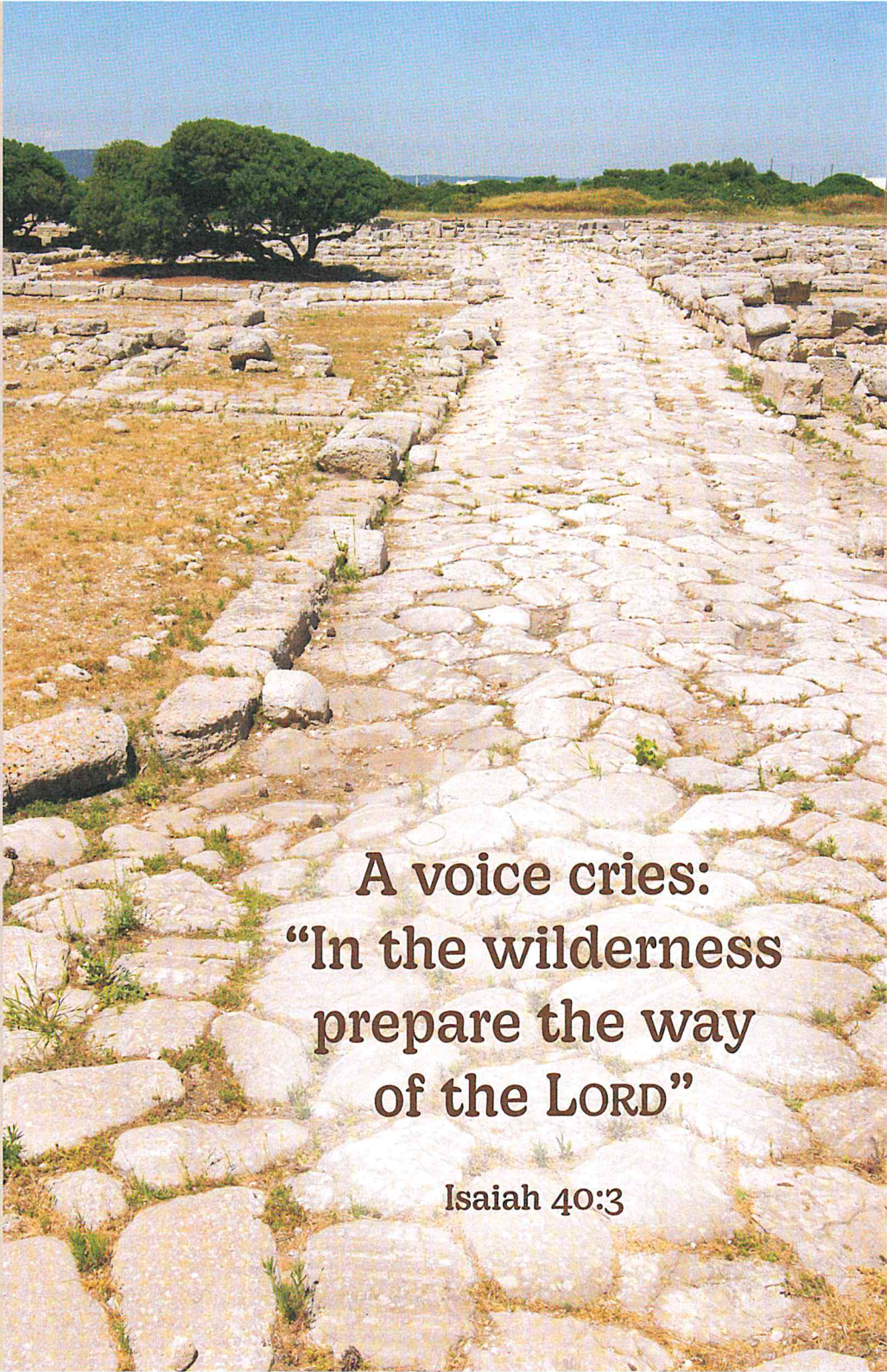
Pastor's Study:
748-5561

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.
or from coast-to-coast
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A voice cries:
“In the wilderness
prepare the way
of the LORD”

Isaiah 40:3