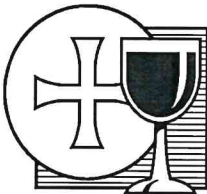


Are you a member or a guest? Pastoral Care - **All Visitor's and members**, please notice the red book on one end of your pew titled "Record of Fellowship". In order to help the pastor provide good care for you please fill out one line and pass it to the next person in the pew. If someone comes after 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**; Jesus's Birthday Party, 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 . . . . . Devotions at Sr. Suites **12:30 PM**; Confirmation Class **4:00 PM**;  
Advent Supper **5:30 PM** (Chili/Elders); Vespers **7:00 PM**
- THURSDAY . . . . . Communion at Sr. Suites **10:00 AM**
- FRIDAY . . . . . Children's Christmas Program Practice **1:30 - 3:00 PM**
- SUNDAY . . . . . Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**; Bible Class following Worship;  
Christmas Program Practice **10:15 - 11:30 AM**; Christmas Eve Hymn Sing **6:30 PM**; Children's Christmas Eve Program **7:00 PM**



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

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ 3,355.00 (December 10)

Faith Comes by Faith \$100

Together in Worship: 55 (Dec. 10) 42 (Dec. 13)

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 "**Community and Conversation**". Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. This Christmas Eve, God wants to be found in the human community gathered in the name of Jesus and in the conversation connected with Him. (John 1:1)

Stewardship thought: 1 Thessalonians 5:18 – "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord's work, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us.



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Look ahead to the Fourth Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (12/20 at 9:00 a.m. CT), dive into Advent hymnody on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and study 1 Corinthians 15-16 on Sharper Iron's "Nothing but Christ Crucified" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). The 12 Days of Christmas begins December 24 with music and messages for the Christmas Season! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app.

**About the Cover:** John was not the light, but his prophetic preaching testified to the light. Christ alone is the light that cannot be overcome by any darkness in this world—not even the darkness of death on the cross. Likewise, John's preaching still enlightens today because Christ is its source. God's Word casts out the works of darkness to bring us into the light of Christ so that we become the children of God.





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**

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



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Hear our  
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*He came as a witness,  
to bear witness about the light*

JOHN 1:7