

First Sunday after Christmas

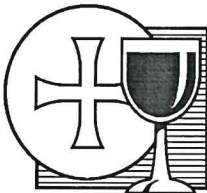
December 31, 2023

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; Sunday School **10:15 -11:30 AM**
- MONDAY No Bible Class
- TUESDAY Bible/Catechism Study **9:00 AM**; Elders' Meeting **7:00 PM**
- WEDNESDAY . . Devotions at Sr Suites **12:30 PM**; No Confirmation Class
- THURSDAY . . . Communion at Sr. Suites **10:00 AM**
- SUNDAY Communion Worship Service **9:00 AM**; Bible Class following Worship; Christmas Good Hodgepodge Snack Buffet - bring your extra Christmas Goodies to share - a free will collection will help with Organ repairs at Wittenberg Chapel; Sunday School **10:15 -11:30 AM**



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

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$ 3,140.00 (December 24)

Together in Worship: 71 (Dec. 24) 101 (Christmas Eve) 27 (Dec. 25)

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.



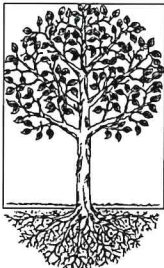
Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear **"As We Forgive"**. Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Dr. Michael Zeigler discusses forgiveness--what it is and what it isn't. (Matthew 6:12; Luke 11:4)

Stewardship thought: Psalm 8:2 – “Out of the mouth of babes and infants, you have established strength.” Jesus pointed to a little child as the image of faith. Infants and children show us a living picture of the sort of trust and dependence we should have on our Heavenly Father. The good works of our Christian life flow forth from that trust.



CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Continue enjoying the Twelve Days of Christmas on KFUO Radio, with special Christmas music, Scripture, and greetings until January 6. Blessed Christmas! Christ is born!

About the Cover: The unseen is seen. In the year of the Lord's favor, Isaiah compares a planted seed shooting forth above ground to the sprouting of the Lord's righteousness. The Christ Child is the righteousness of God made known to the nations. Simeon and Anna could do nothing but rejoice and praise the Lord when they saw the Savior of the world, who sprouts forth righteousness and freely gives it by forgiving sins.



Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ... 2 Peter 3:18

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.

Living Adornments for the Altar:



In memory of Johnny Florence Bachmeier, Becky Bachmeier, & Bob Goetz by Jim & Sharon Goetz
 In memory of Glen Miller by Edna Miller & Family
 In memory of Elmer & Monte Miller by Ilene Miller
 In memory of Tanner Hushka Love Perry & Kim Hushka
 In memory of Otto & Pauline Koehler by Rhonda Koehler
 In memory of John, Emma& Sylvia Richau by Sarah Richau
 In memory of Myron Maas by Bonnie Maas

The Enhancement Committee thanks everyone for making the advent season even more special with their gift of a living adornment. Please feel free to take one home with you today.

Intercessory Prayers

- † Those struggling with cancer: **Sheila Faut / Becky Post/ Marcia & Elwood Grushow / 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** 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 Layton Bornemann June 2, 1937- December 22, 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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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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**God will cause righteousness
and praise to sprout up**

Isaiah 61:11

