## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

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

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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

	Communion Worship Service <b>9:00 AM</b> ; Bible Class following Worship;
	Sunday School 10:15 -11:30 AM
MONDAY	Bible Class 10:00 AM
TUESDAY	Bible/The Lutheran Confessions Study 9:00 AM
WEDNESDAY.	No Confirmation Class
SUNDAY	Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM; Bible Class following Worship;
	Sunday School 10:15 -11:30 AM



The Business Office will be closed January 26 - February 6 Contact Pastor or Marie Johnson for Business Office items. 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, TTTplease 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 "Nature Abhors a Vacuum". Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler.

What fills the heart that has no room to forgive? (Ephesians 4:32)

Stewardship thought: Mark 1:22 – "And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes." Authority is a word we are sometimes afraid of and don't like to hear. But that's just our sinful flesh talking. Jesus' authority is something we need. We need Him to show us what to believe and how to live, for Jesus' authority is always connected to his love.





CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study 2 Corinthians 10-13 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Lamentations 2-4 plus Free Text First Friday on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear from Higher Things pastors on their journeys into church

work on our Set Apart to Serve series on The Coffee Hour (2/2 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUO Radio app!

About the Cover: Paul shows us that our life of freedom resulting from the Gospel does not entail an individualistic freedom to trample upon the weaker brother. Sometimes, freedom means abstaining from what is permitted for the sake of the broader family of faith. We have a Lord who willingly gave His own life on the cross for our sake and our brothers and sisters in the faith in order to save us from our sins.





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.



What's happening in Sunday School: This week, we study "The Gentile Cause." A disagreement arises in the Church concerning the Gentile believers. Some want to make the Gentiles follow the Jewish laws. Peter, Paul, and Barnabas give testimony to the Jerusalem Council concerning their work among the Gentiles.

The Council sends a letter to the Gentile believers, encouraging them and welcoming them as God's chosen people.

From the Voters' Meeting: more information about the Thrivent Choice and Thrivent Action Team and Copies of the updates to the Endowment Guidelines are available on the counter in the Narthex.



For Such a Time as This - February 10, 2024 at Zion Lutheran Church. Learn why Christians should engage with culture. Learn the principles of religious liberty. Discover how we can interact with culture for its benefit and the church's mission.

Speakers include: Dr. Gregory Seltz (Emeritus for Lutheran Hour Ministries) and Rev. Dr. Adam Filipeck - who will share insights in his book, "Life in Christ: Rooted, Woven, and Grafted into God's Story". See the narthex bulletin board for more information.

## Intercessory Pravers

- † 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
- t Our Military Personnel, Law Enforcement, and Rescue

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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. or from coast-to-coast via the FoxSports link on our web page at stmatthewhazen.org

> Facebook: **StMatthewHazen**



1 Corinthians 8:11

