Together in Worship: 56

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 or in the pew.



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.

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear "Completely Ordinary Human". Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Everyone has a story to tell and yours can be one through which Jesus is working to make the world new again. (Malachi 3:7)

About the Cover: As a cloud once obscured the disciples' view of Jesus' ascension into heaven, a day is coming when He will return in the same way (see 1 Thessalonians 4:17). The world shall see Jesus coming with all of His saints on the Day of Judgment. Though we do not see Him with our natural eyes today, we see Him by faith in His Word and Sacrament, where He delivers the benefits of all that He accomplished in His ministry, death, and resurrection. For in Christ, we have already passed through judgment and into eternal life through His forgiveness of our sins



Building Healthy Families: Parents, grandparents and pew buddies—the season of Advent is a time of waiting and wonder, giving us a space to slow down in an otherwise busy stretch. While most places outside of the church are eager to jump straight to Christmas and keep you hopping from one activity to the next, make time to rest in God's Word and embrace the slower

pace found in weekend and midweek services. Encourage children to take note of the new things they see in church (like the different candles, Chrismons, parament colors, banners, printed and digital art), and discuss how they point us to Jesus and his coming to earth! Lutheran Family Service www.LutheranFamilyService.org

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.)

Today we welcome President Pastor Bertsch. We pray the Holy Spirit's power and blessings on his leadership and his message from God's Word to us today.

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

TODAY . . . . . . Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM; Sunday School and Bible

Class Following Worship 10:15 -11:30 AM

MONDAY..... No Bible Class; Winkel

TUESDAY . . . . Bible Class 9:00 AM; Elders' Meeting 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY . . Devotions at Sr. Suites 12:30 PM; Confirmation 3:00 PM; Advent

Supper 5:30 PM; Advent Worship 7:00 PM

THURSDAY.... Thanksgiving Day Worship 9:00 AM; Thanksgiving Day Community

Dinner Noon to 1:30 PM

SUNDAY . . . . . Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM; Sunday School and Bible

Class Following Worship 10:15 -11:30 AM

The Business Office will be open Tuesday and Wednesday.





"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program "This Is the Life". Tune in at 10:00 AM on KBMY

Xtra Channel 17.3 or Midco - Channel 608.

flowers all year long!! The Enhancement Committee

Stewardship Thought: Luke 19:31 - "If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" Consider the faithfulness of that man who owned the donkey and colt. All he needed to hear was, "The Lord has need of it," and he willingly gave. The Lord has given each of us various callings in life (in our homes, in the church and in the communities we live in).

In each calling we have good work to do, which comes from the Lord's hand. The Lord has need of us in each calling. How is He calling you to generous giving in each of your vocations?

If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for the Advent Season you may do so by adding \$10.00 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

## 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 / Hanna Link / Eleanore Krumm
- † 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 / Tanya Schlamann / Esther Gerving-Grosz / Diann Miiller / Carla Morast for strength and healing.
- † Dallas / Loretta / Christine / Rodney who reside in a care center.
- Pastors of our LCMS ND District
- † Large Print Work Center #193 / Dakota Hope Clinic / Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads
- † International Missions of the District
- † Our Military Personnel, Law Enforcement, and Rescue Workers



