

Welcome to St Matthew!

If you have any prayer requests and wish them to be included in today's prayers, **please ask for a pink prayer request**, write your request, and hand it to the pastor. Because of the COVID-19 outbreak we will not be having fellowship hour following the services. We hope you worship with us again soon!

Our Mission is to be the living evidence of the mercies of Christ
John 13:34-35



LCMS

Participation in Holy Communion

With respect to the gravity of the benefits received with the bread and wine, and to your spiritual health (1 Cor 11:27-29) we invite to the Lord's Table those who make this confession:

- ❖ *I acknowledge that I am a sinner, and desire Christ's forgiveness.*
- ❖ *believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.*
- ❖ *I believe that the Risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament - in, with, and under the bread and wine that I receive for the forgiveness of my sins. (Matthew 26:26-28)*
- ❖ *I do intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins.*
- ❖ *I resolve to dedicate myself to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular worship, sacrificial giving and thankful living.*

Visitors who wish to commune at St Matthew are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so. When welcomed to the table, extend your hand and the elements will be placed in them. If you wish to have a pre-packaged communion cup & wafer, simply notify the pastor at the rail. Tear off the first layer of cellophane for the wafer and then the foil for the juice. On your way back to your seat place your used cup in the basket by the first pew.

331 The Advent of Our King



1 The ad - vent of our King Our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son In - car - nate deigns to be,
3 O Zi - on's daugh - ter, rise To meet your low - ly King,
4 As judge, on clouds of light, He soon will come a - gain



And we must hymns of wel - come sing In strains of ho - ly joy.
Him - self a ser - vant's form puts on To set His ser - vants free.
Nor let your faith - less heart de - spise The peace He comes to bring.
And His true mem - bers all u - nite With Him in heav'n to reign.

5

Before the dawning day Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away, The new self now put on.

△ 6

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

Invocation/ Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8; John 3:16; Matt 5:16

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P As we begin a new Church Year, let us put behind us everything in the past that would disqualify us from a new life, and remembering our Baptism, we boldly petition our Savior Jesus Christ, seeking for our entry into His presence and His plan and future for us, saying, stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance.

P What are those threatening perils? I now ask you before God, who searches the heart, do you sincerely confess that you have sinned against God and deserved His wrath and punishment? **C** I do confess.

P So you should confess as Holy Scripture says, “If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” Do you also repent of all your sins committed in thought, word, and deed?

C **I do repent.**

P So you should repent as did King David, who prayed for a contrite heart; Peter, who wept bitterly; the sinful woman; the prodigal son; and others. Do you sincerely believe that God, by grace, for Jesus’ sake, will forgive you all your sins?

C **I do believe.**

P So you should believe as Holy Scripture declares, “God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” Do you promise that with the aid of the Holy Spirit you will amend your sinful life?

C **I do promise.**

P So you should promise for Christ the Lord says, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Finally, do you believe that through me, a called servant of God, you will receive the forgiveness of all your sins?

C **I do believe.**

P As you believe, even so may it be to you. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come,

C **that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance. Amen.**

Lighting the Advent Candle

P Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

C the light no darkness can overcome.

P Let Your light scatter the darkness

C and illumine Your Church.

357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

sts. 1, ref, 2, 7

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som
2 O come, Thou Wis - dom from on high, Who or - d'rest
7 O come, De - sire of na - tions, bind In one the
cap - tive Is - ra - el, That mourns in lone - ly
all things might - i - ly; To us the path of
hearts of all man - kind; Bid Thou our sad di -
ex - ile here Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
knowl - edge show, And teach us in her ways to go.
vi - sions cease, And be Thy - self our King of Peace.
Refrain
Re - jice! Re - jice! Em - man - u - el
Shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el!

Kyrie

LSB 168

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mercy.

- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Salutation & Prayer of the Day

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 64:1–9

¹Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down, that the mountains might quake at your presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil— to make your name known to your adversaries, and that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome things that we did not look for, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From of old no one has heard or perceived by the ear, no eye has seen a God besides you, who acts for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet him who joyfully works righteousness, those who remember you in your ways. Behold, you were angry, and we sinned; in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved? ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Be not so terribly angry, O LORD, and remember not iniquity forever. Behold, please look, we are all your people.

- P** This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:3–9

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—⁶even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

P This is the Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

349 Hark the Glad Sound

sts. 1, 4



1 Hark the glad sound! The Sav - ior comes, The Sav - ior
 4 Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, Thy wel - come
 prom - ised long; Let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare a
 shall pro - claim, And heav'n's e - ter - nal arch - es
 throne And ev - 'ry voice a song.
 ring With Thy be - lov - ed name.

Holy Gospel

Mark 11:1–10

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the eleventh chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples ²and said to them, “Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. ³If anyone says to you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.’” ⁴And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, “What are you doing, untying

the colt?”⁶ And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go.⁷ And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it.⁸ And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields.⁹ And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!¹⁰ Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe *(Rom 10:8-10; 1 John 4:15; Heb 11:6)*

in one God, *(Deut 6:4, 1 Cor 8:4-6; John 10:30; Eph 4:4-6; Matt. 28:19)*

the Father Almighty, *(Mt 6:9; Ex 6:2-3; Rev 1:8, 4:8)*

Maker of heaven and earth, *(Gen 1:1; Ex 20:11; Ps 33:6-7)*

and of all things visible and invisible *(Col 1:15-16).*

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, *(John 10:30; Rom 10:9; Col 2:6; Acts 10:36; Rev 22:20; Matt. 28:19)*

the only-begotten Son of God, *(Mt 14:33; 16:16; John 3:16; 1 John 4:15)*

begotten of His Father before all worlds, *(John 1:2; 1:18; 3:16; 1 John 4:9)*

God of God, Light of Light, *(Ps 27:1; John 8:12, 12:35-36; 1 John 1:5-7; Mt 17:2, 5)*

Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, *(John 5:18, 8:58, 17:1-5)*

being of one substance with the Father, *(John 10:30)*

by Whom all things were made; *(John 1:3 [Gen 1:3, 6, 9, 14, 20, 24, 26; Ps 33:6]; Heb 1:1-2; Col 1:16)*

Who for us men and for our salvation *(Mt 1:21; 1 Tim 2:3-6; 1 John 1:8-10, 4:9; Is 53:11)*

came down from heaven *(John 3:31; 6:33-35; Is 12:2)*

and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, *(Luke 1:35, Mt 1:16; Is 7:14)*

and was made man; *(John 1:14)*

and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate *(Mt 27:22-26; 1 Cor 15:3-5; Gal 6:14; Is 53:4-6).*

He suffered and was buried *(Mt 27:50-60 [Is 53:9]; Mk 8:31; Luke 23:53).*

And the third day

He rose again according to the Scriptures; *(Mt 28:5; Luke 24:1-12; Rom 10:9; 1 Cor 15:3-5)*

and ascended into heaven, *(Acts 1:9-11; Luke 24:51)*

and sits at the right hand of the Father. *(Mk 16:19; Acts 7:55-56)*

And He shall come again with glory *(Mt 24:27, 25:31; Acts 1:11; Rev 22:20)*

to judge both the living and the dead; *(Acts 10:42 [4:12]; 2 Tim 4:1 [Rom 1:16-17, 3:21-26, Gal 2:21])*

whose kingdom shall have no end *(Luke 1:33 [1 Cor 15:57]).*

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, *(Gen 1:2; John 14:26; 1 Tim 1:14; Eph 1:13-14; Matt. 28:19)*

the Lord and Giver of Life, (*Rom 8:2-4; 2 Cor 2:6*)

Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, (*John 15:26; Rom 8:9-11*)

Who with the Father and the Son

together is worshiped and glorified, (*Mt 3:16-17; Eph 4:4-6*)

Who spoke by the Prophets. (*2 Pet 1:21; 2 Tim 3:16; Ezek 11:5*)

And I believe in one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. (*Eph 2:19-22, 5:26-27; 1 Pet 2:9*)

I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, (*Mk 16:16; 1 Pet 3:21; Acts 2:38; Titus 3:4-7*)

and I look for the resurrection of the dead (*John 11:23-27; Rom 6:5; 1 Cor 15:12-58*)

and the life of the world to come (*Mt 25:34; Mk 10:29-30; John 11:25-26; Rev 21:1-7*).

Amen (*Ps 106:48; Rev 22:20*).

332 Savior of the Nations, Come



1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come, Vir - gin's Son, make
2 Not by hu - man flesh and blood, By the Spir - it
3 Here a maid was found with child, Yet re - mained a
4 Then stepped forth the Lord of all From His pure and



here Your home! Mar - vel now, O heav'n and earth,
of our God, Was the Word of God made flesh—
vir - gin mild. In her womb this truth was shown:
king - ly hall; God of God, yet ful - ly man,



That the Lord chose such a birth.
Wom - an's off - spring, pure and fresh.
God was there up - on His throne.
His he - ro - ic course be - gan.

5

God the Father was His source, Back to God He ran His course.
Into hell His road went down, Back then to His throne and crown.

6

For You are the Father's Son Who in flesh the vict'ry won.
By Your mighty pow'r make whole All our ills of flesh and soul.

8

From the manger newborn light Shines in glory through the night.
Darkness there no more resides; In this light faith now abides.



Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king,
Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

- P** Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. Almighty God, our Father, we give You thanks that You bring us once again into a new Church Year whereby we confess and proclaim Your great love for the world in the sending of Your only-begotten Son as the Child of the Virgin Mary, the Lamb proclaimed by John the Baptist, the teacher of the holy apostles, the sacrifice for the sins of the world on the cross, and the risen Savior of all, who will come again in glory on the Last Day. Lord, keep us in this confession and faith, and bless its proclamation throughout the world. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Supply Your whole Church on earth with faithful pastors and laborers who will continually feed and lead Your people, rightly proclaiming Your Word, administering Your Holy Sacraments, and caring for all in their charge. Guard and bless Your servant [*name*], our Synod President, and [*name*], our District President. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** That we may live in peace and safety, we ask You to continually bless those in the authority of government, the President and Congress of the United States, the governor and legislature of this state/commonwealth, and all those who make, administer, and judge our laws. Grant that they rule according to Your good pleasure by Your grace. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**

P Comfort, O Lord, all who are in trouble, danger, or illness, [*especially . . .*]. Grant healing, peace, and courage for all bearing their crosses to Your praise and honor. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer.**

Individual petitions may be added here.

P As Your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, came down to us at Christmas and now comes to us by Your Spirit in Your Word, we pray for His final coming to deliver us all in the great day of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offertory:



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Preface & Proper Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared, proclaiming Him the promised Messiah, the very Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and calling sinners to repentance that they might escape from the wrath to be revealed when He comes again in glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

Isaiah 6:4; Matthew 21:9



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.

give us this day our daily bread;
 and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
 and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Peace of the Lord

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Lamb of God

John 1:29

C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

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343 Prepare the Royal Highway



- 1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; The King of kings is near!
- 2 God's peo - ple, see Him com - ing: Your own e - ter - nal king!
- 3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen To greet your prom - ised king!
- 4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; It comes from heav'n a - bove.



Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley A lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore Him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion Its trib - ute too should bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom And jus - tice, truth, and love.



Then greet the King of Glo - ry Fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands, bow down be - fore Him! All na - tions, now a - dore Him!
So let your praise be sound - ing For kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain



Ho - san - na to the Lord, For He ful - fills God's Word!

348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns



- 1 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And light tri - um - phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, To bear and fight and die,
- 3 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn When Christ, vic - to - rious, rose
- 4 Oh, bright - er than that glo - rious morn Shall dawn up - on our race
- 5 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns And light and beau - ty brings.



When beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills And life to joy a - wakes.
But crowned with glo - ry like the sun That lights the morn - ing sky.
And left the lone - some place of death De - spite the rage of foes.
The day when Christ in splen - dor comes And we shall see His face.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: Come quick - ly, King of kings!

Post- Communion Blessing

Post-Communion Canticle

LSB 199

The musical score is written on ten staves of a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving & Benediction

P Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

C Amen.

353 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring



1 Je - sus came, the heav'ns a - dor - ing, Came with peace from
2 Je - sus comes a - gain in mer - cy When our hearts are
3 Je - sus comes to hearts re - joic - ing, Bring - ing news of
4 Je - sus comes in joy and sor - row, Shares a - like our



realms on high; Je - sus came to win re - demp - tion,
worn with care; Je - sus comes a - gain in an - swer
sins for - giv'n; Je - sus comes with words of glad - ness,
hopes and fears; Je - sus comes, what - e'er be - falls us,



Low - ly came on earth to die; Al - le - lu - ia!
To an ear - nest, heart - felt prayer; Al - le - lu - ia!
Lead - ing souls re - deemed to heav'n. Al - le - lu - ia!
Cheers our hearts and dries our tears; Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Came in deep hu - mil - i - ty.
Al - le - lu - ia! Comes to save us from de - spair.
Al - le - lu - ia! Hope to all the world is giv'n.
Al - le - lu - ia! Com - forts us in fail - ing years.

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