St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church



All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

All Saints and all souls celebrate the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ, especially those of our number. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

Holy Communion *(ELW Setting 7, page 175)*
Evangelical Lutheran Worship

†*Congregation stands as able*

Gathering

Prelude Sandra Nearhoof

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P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives us all our sins, whose mercy endures forever.
C: Amen.

P: Gracious God,
C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.
C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn *"For All the Saints"* **ELW #422**

Kyrie Page 175

Prayer of the Day:
P. Let us pray,
Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Children's Message Katherine Kelly

First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

1 "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of
your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of
anguish such as has never occurred since nations first
came into existence. But at that time your people shall
be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book.
2 Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall
awake, some to life in the age to come and some to
shame and contempt to the end of this age. 3 Those
who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky,
and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the
stars forever and ever.

L: The word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 **Tone 2**

1 I will bless the Lord | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.
2 **I will glory | in the Lord;**
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.
3 Proclaim with me the greatness | of the Lord;
let us exalt God's | name together.
4 **I sought the Lord, who | answered me**
and delivered me from | all my terrors.
5 Look upon the Lord | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.
6 **I called in my affliction, and | the Lord heard me**
and saved me from | all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who | fear the Lord
and de- | livers them.
8 **Taste and see that the | Lord is good;**
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!
9 Fear the Lord, you saints | of the Lord,
for those who fear the | Lord lack nothing.
10 **The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing | that is good.
22 O Lord, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

Second Reading **1 John 3:1-3**

1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. 3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L: The word of the Lord
C: Thanks be to God.

✝ Gospel Acclamation Page 179

Gospel **Matthew 5:1-12**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.
C: Glory to you, O Lord.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the
mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to
him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be
comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the
earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for
righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive
mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see
God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be
called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the
sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of
heaven.
11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and
persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you
falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your
reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they
persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon *"Living as Saints"*
Pastor Taylor Burton Edwards

† Hymn of the Day *"Give Thanks for Saints"* **ELW #428**

Nicene Creed
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

You may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

A: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen to the cries of their communities. Surround the election process with wisdom and discernment, and protect its integrity. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: For all those who have asked us to pray for them….God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

A: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and, especially Marion Mion. Fill us with songs of praise until we are gathered at your side.
God, in your mercy,
C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
C: Amen.

The Peace Page 180

Meal

Anthem *"Sing With All the Saints in Glory"* Choir

The gifts may be brought forward.

Offering Prayer
A: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

✝ Great Thanksgiving Page 180

Holy, Holy, Holy Page 181

Lord's Prayer "Our Father, who…" Page182

Lamb of God Page 182

Communion
The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
Each person may respond, Amen.

✝ Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

A: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Sending Hymn *"You Servants of God"* **ELW #505**

Dismissal

A: Go forth as saints in God.

C: **Thanks be to God.**



The Memorial Book is open today to the Glory of God

In Memory of:

Margarete Walsh, 2024



THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL *Meeting*



St Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

NOV | **22nd** | **2026**

Right after the worship service!
Please help us celebrate 2026
and look forward to 2027!

READINGS AND PSALM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2026



Amos 5:18-24
Psalm 70
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

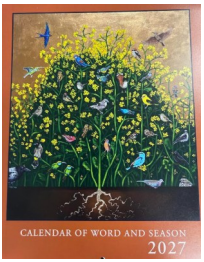
"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me." —Martin Luther

October 25, 2026
Reformation Sunday after Pentecost

ATTENDANCE - 51
(IN-PERSON— 40, YOUTUBE - 11
2026 BUDGET-$185,981

OFFERING

Benevolence	$	3,475.00
Building	$	200.00
Other	$	.00
Memorial*	$	200.00
Total	**$**	**3,875.00**



2027 Calendar of Word and Season available for sale. Calendars are $15. Please see Allena Sperry to purchase or you can email her at agsperry@bellsouth.net and let her know how many calendars you want. We only have 11 calendars - so first come, first served!

Serving November 1, 2026

Opener/Closer	Rose Johnson
Worship Assistant	Shannon Gardner
Communion Assistant	Samantha Thies
Lector	David Thies
Communion Ushers	Randy & Sandy Craven
Altar Guild	Lane Brown
	Rose Johnson/Jaxson Gardner
Greeter	Isabelle Clark
Live Streaming	Jaxson Gardner

Serving November 8, 2026

Opener/Closer	Terri Niederhammer
Worship Assistant	Rose Johnson
Communion Assistant	Debra Jarzomkowski
Lector	Jordi Banitt
Communion Ushers	Jim Sperry & Bill Wallace
Altar Guild	Terri Niederhammer
	Catherine Sayers
	Jaxson Gardner
Greeter	Isabelle Clark
Live Streaming	Matt Pettit

Pray Without Ceasing



"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." —1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

The Armed Forces, their families, and victims of war
The ministries of St. Matthew
Bishop Yehiel Curry
Bishop Kevin Strickland
Southeastern Synod Staff
Pastor Taylor Burton Edwards
St Matthew Congregational Council
Dan & Laura Alexander
Rigney Cofield
Jeff Gates
Charlotte Moore
Traudel Mosely
Debby Owen
Dorothy Redden
Jean Clemmons
Nancy Edmundson
Lynne Funck
Brandy Garnett
Moses Glidden
Doris Grier
Frank Henderson
Petra Henderson
Norma Kilby
Ken Korn
Emma Kump
Remi Lindquist
Robert Lowe
David & John Lucas
Michelle Matthias
Brady Meeks
Debi Nelson
Vincent Pawlowski
Beth Price
Tiffany Richardson
Phyllis Roan
Dayna Ryan
Shirley Scott
Dou Shizhen
Anne Sims
Ricky Skinner
Fred Turpin
Charlie VanHousen
Dawn VanHousen
Martha Zimmerman

Mion Family

People of Lebanon
People of Iran
Gaza
Palestinian People
Israel
Ukraine
People of Russia
Eastern Congo
People of Columbia

Grace Apostolic Church
#1 Nails
Landmark
McKibben Insurance
Rooster's Beer & Wine

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Matthew: Jesus Christ offers himself to all. All baptized Christians are invited to feast with us at the Lord's Table.

We invite you to join our congregation if you have not yet found a church home. We are people of God that share a living, daring, confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person, questions, complexities and all. Join us, as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Nursery: St. Matthew provides nursery service for children ages 6 and younger. All children are welcome to attend worship with their families. If a child needs a break during the service, they may sit with a parent/guardian in the Narthex. Changing table available there if needed.

Sunday School: We have Sunday School for pre-school thru 5th grade which meets from 9:15-10:15 each Sunday before our morning service.

Love in Action Opportunities:

- All unused all occasion and holiday cards
- Lion's Club: Glasses, sunglasses and old cell phones
- Family House of West GA: Pop tabs
- Flags to Retire: Used flags to dispose of properly
- MCSD Hygiene Closet: Any size toiletries
- SafeHouse/St. Benedict's Sealed plastic utensils (take-out meals)
- WNN Non-perishable foods & plastic bags

Leave donations in the labeled containers in the Narthex.

Bible Study: Please join us on Tuesdays at 10:15 in the Church House to review & discuss scripture readings for the upcoming Sunday.

Craf-Tea: This group will meet on the 3rd Friday of each month at 10:00AM-12:00 PM in Luther Hall. If you enjoy crafts and tea, this group is for you! Please see Linnea Grosse for more information.

Chair Yoga: Meets every Monday at 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.

Save the Date

- November 2nd - 11:00 AM - Chair Yoga - Fellowship Hall
- November 3rd - 10:15 AM-Bible Study - Church House-Study Room
- November 14th-10:00 am-Operation Christmas Child Packing-LH
- November 15th-6:00 PM- WNN Unity Service-Living Grace Church
- November 17th-9:00 AM - WNN Care Packing
- November 17th-10:45AM-Bible Study-Church House-Study Room
- November 19th - 5:00 PM - Council Meeting
- November 20th - 10:00 AM - Craf-Tea - Luther Hall
- November 22nd - Annual Congregational Meeting-After worship

Wynnton Neighborhood Network needs your help for the holiday giveaways. Please bring the following food items that will serve 250 families at Thanksgiving and 250 at Christmas:

Cranberry sauce
Brownie Mix
Green Beans
Corn
Chicken broth (box or can)
Corn Bread Mix
Pumpkin Pie Mix
Stuffing
Canned Yams
Evaporated Milk
Cream of Mushroom Soup
Jelly
Macaroni and Cheese



Memorial bricks will be dedicated in the Memorial Garden immediately following today's service. Please join us for this special time.

Bricks given in honor or memory of:

Ann Stevens Edwards
Dr. James B Edwards
Gaila Ruth Edwards
Mario Romano Mion
Ken & Myrna Hoag-70th anniversary
Louie Niederhammer
Eva Brown
Sandra Nearhoof
Rachel
Patricia Bonaker
Katherine Kelly
Patti Young Vinson



St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement



Reach in to grow in Christ

Reach up to worship God

Reach out to welcome and witness

To give online, please scan the QR code to the left to be taken to the give.tithe.ly website form. You can just fill out the form and click the Give button. You can also go to our website and click on the ONLINE GIVING button.

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Sonja Metcalf, Parish Administrator

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Sandra Nearhoof, Minister of Music

Penny Davis, Nursery Director