

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church



22nd Sunday After Pentecost

November 9, 2025

We worship on the first day of the week because Jesus was raised on that day. Every Sunday is a little Easter. This Sunday feels more like Easter than many as the appointed texts celebrate the reality of the resurrection. Live it up this Lord's day. Our God is the God of the living.

Holy Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

(ELW Setting 1, page 94)

† Congregation stands as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Sandra Nearhoof



P: In the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

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: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of +Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

"With High Delight Let Us Unite"

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Kyrie

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Gloria

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Prayer of the Day:

P. Let us pray,

O God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Amy Hoag

First Reading

Haggai 1:15b--2:9

^{1:15b}In the second year of King Darius, ^{2:1}In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Haggai, saying: ²Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, ³Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it

look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? ⁴Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the LORD; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the LORD; work, for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts, ⁵according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear. ⁶For thus says the LORD of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; ⁷and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the LORD of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the LORD of hosts.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

Tone 7

- ¹I will exalt you, my ¹ God and king,
and bless your name forev- ¹ er and ever.
- ²**Every day ¹ will I bless you**
and praise your name forev- ¹ er and ever.
- ³Great is the LORD and greatly ¹ to be praised!
There is no end ¹ to your greatness.
- ⁴**One generation shall praise your works ¹ to another**
and shall de- ¹ clare your power.
- ⁵I will speak of the glorious splendor ¹ of your majesty
and all your ¹ marvelous works.
- ¹⁷**You are righteous in ¹ all your ways**
and loving in ¹ all your works.
- ¹⁸You are near to all who ¹ call upon you,
to all who call up- ¹ on you faithfully.
- ¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of ¹ those who fear you;**
you hear their ¹ cry and save them.
- ²⁰You watch over all ¹ those who love you,
but all the wicked you ¹ shall destroy.
- ²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise ¹ of the LORD;**
let all flesh bless God's holy name forev- ¹ er and ever.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:1-5, 13-17

¹As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. ³Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. ⁴He opposes and exalts himself above every so- called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? ¹³But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you

as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Luke 20:27-38

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁷Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to [Jesus] ²⁸and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; ³⁰then the second ³¹and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. ³²Finally the woman also died. ³³In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

³⁴Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; ³⁵but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. ³⁶Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. ³⁷And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. ³⁸Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

"Resurrection"

Reverend Taylor Burton Edwards



Hymn of the Day *"The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"*
(Verses 1, 4, 5)

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Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
resurrection of flesh,
and the life everlasting. Amen

You may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A: God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastor, teachers, musician, administrator, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: For all those who have asked us to pray for them...Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

Anthem *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

Choir

The gifts may be brought forward.

Offering Prayer

A: God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**



Great Thanksgiving

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Holy, Holy, Holy

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Lord's Prayer "Our Father, who..."

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Lamb of God

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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: God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"In Thee is Gladness"

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Memorial Book is open today to the Glory of God

In Memory of:

Anneliese Murphy, 2005

READINGS AND PSALM **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025**

Isaiah 65:17-25
 Isaiah 12:2-6
 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
 Luke 21:5-19



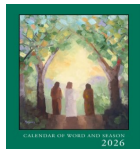
"The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me." —Martin Luther

November 2, 2025
All Saints Sunday

ATTENDANCE — 52
 (IN-PERSON— 42, YOUTUBE - 10
 2025 BUDGET-\$177,962

OFFERING

Benevolence	\$ 2,126.00
Building	\$ 100.00
Memorial	\$ 170.00
Other	\$ 0.00
Total	\$ 2,396.00



2026 Calendar of Word and Season is now on sale thru the end of the year. Please see Allena Sperry if you want to purchase a calendar for \$13. Please make checks payable to St. Matthew.

Serving November 9, 2025

Opener/Closer	Bill Wallace
Worship Assistant	Rose Johnson
Communion Assistant	Cecil McGouirk
Lector	Dave Bonaker
Ushers	Jim Sperry
	Bill Wallace
Altar Guild	Lisa Pettit
	Allena Sperry
	Catherine Sayers-Clean-up
Live Streaming	Matt Pettit

Serving November 16, 2025

Opener/Closer	Lisa Pettit
Worship Assistant	Dave Bonaker/Shannon Gardner
Communion Assistant	Amy Hoag
Lector	Shannon Gardner
Ushers	Jim Sperry
	Bill Wallace
Altar Guild	Nancy Gates
	Rose Johnson
	Catherine Sayers-Clean-up
Live Streaming	Paul Hicks

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (ELCA) will not engage in any act or public statements to endorse or oppose any candidate for public office.

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."

5:16-18

—1 Thessalonians

The Armed Forces,
their families,
and victims of war

The ministries of
St. Matthew

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Bishop Kevin

Strickland

Southeastern Synod

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Beth Price

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Dou Shizhen

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Amanda Steinagel

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Fred Turpin

Charlie VanHousen

Dawn VanHousen

Martha Zimmerman

Gaza

Palestinian People

Israel

Ukraine

People of Russia

Kerr County, Texas

Jamaica

Wynnton Neighborhood
Network

Church of the Annunciation

Acceptance Auto

Phuong's Tailor Shop

Walgreen's

Angel's Nails

Y & J Health

Hidden Lake Grocery

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.

Mission Outreach Opportunities:

Mission Focus:

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| | Operation Christmas Child |
| • 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 |
| • St. Anne's: | Feminine hygiene products, Personal hygiene products (travel size) |
| • SafeHouse/St. Benedict's | Sealed plastic utensils (take-out meals) |
- Leave donations in the labeled containers in the Narthex.

Craf-Tea: This group will meet November 14 and 21st 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.

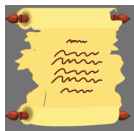
Chair Yoga: We are meeting every Monday at 11:00 AM in Luther Hall. Wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.



Gather with the many Christian and Jewish congregations who support WNN to give thanks for the privilege of serving together. An offering will be received to support this vital ministry. The annual WNN Unity Service will be 11/16 at 6:00 PM at Shearith Israel (6727 River Road)

Save the Date

- November 9th - 11:30 - Memorial Committee Meeting
- November 10th - 11:00 - Chair Yoga - Luther Hall
- November 11th - 10:15 - Bible Study - Church House
- November 11th - 6:00- Lutheran Social Statement @ Deorio's
- November 13th - 5:30 - Choir Practice
- November 15th - 10:00-Pack OCC boxes - Luther Hall
- November 16th - 6:00 - Annual WNN Unity Service - Shearith Israel
- November 21st - 10:00 - Craf-Tea - Luther Hall
- November 23rd - After worship - Congregational Meeting



The proclamation presented to Wynnton Neighborhood Network celebrating 40 years of service is on display in the Narthex. Each church that is a supporting congregation is listed in the proclamation.

UPGRADE



THE BREEZEWAY WILL BE RESURFACED FOR THE SAFETY OF EVERYONE!



DONATIONS ACCEPTED FOR THIS PROJECT – PLEASE MARK YOUR CHECK AS BREEZEWAY PROJECT!

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Statement



Reach in to grow in Christ

Reach up to worship God

Reach out to welcome and witness



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