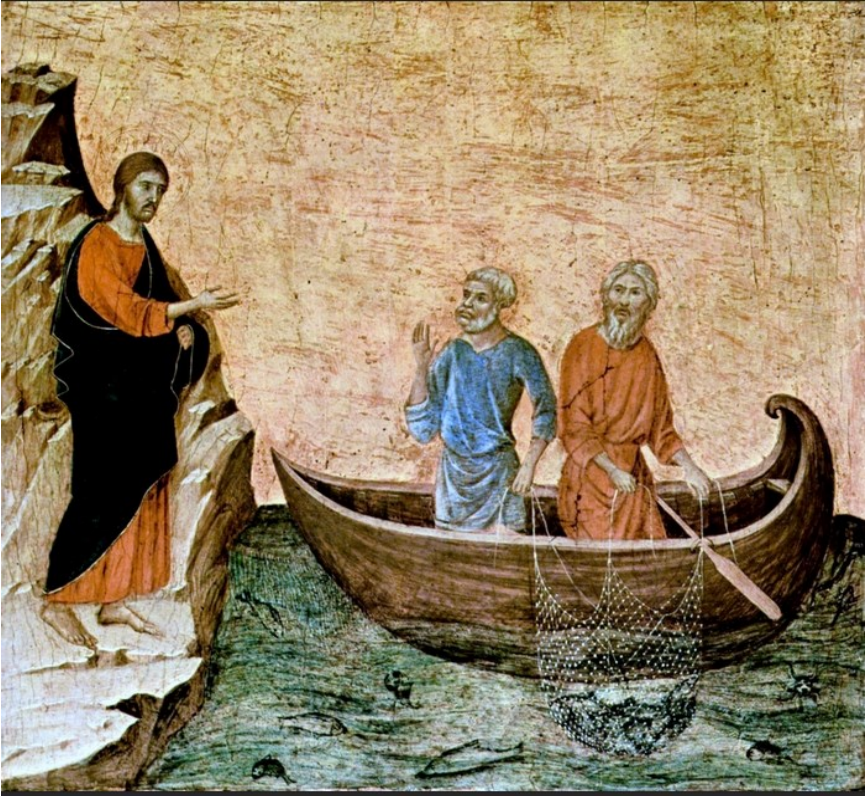


St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 9, 2025

The fifth Sunday after Epiphany makes clear that the call to discipleship is not only for those previously qualified. A person of unclean lips, a former persecutor of the church of God, and three fishermen who couldn't catch a thing. With all that we are, gifts and foibles, the call is to us, too.

Holy Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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† Congregation stands as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Sandra Nearhoof



P. Blessed be God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit.

C. And blessed be God's kingdom now and forever. Amen.

P. Most merciful God,

C. We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. 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

"Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult"

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Kyrie

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This Is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray,

Most holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and before you angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see your power at work in the world, and by your grace make us heralds of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Amy Hoag

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the LORD sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two

they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory."

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!"

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the LORD saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I; send me!"

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 138

Tone 5

¹I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with ¹ my whole heart;
before the gods I will ¹ sing your praise.

²**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast ¹ love and faithfulness; for you have
glorified your name and your word a- ¹bove all things.**

³When I called, you ¹ answered me;
you increased my ¹ strength within me.

⁴**All the rulers of the earth will praise ¹ you, O LORD,
when they have heard the words ¹ of your mouth.**

⁵They will sing of the ways ¹ of the LORD,
that great is the glory ¹ of the LORD.

⁶**The LORD is high, yet cares ¹ for the lowly,
perceiving the haughty ¹ from afar.**

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you ¹ keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right ¹ hand shall save me.

⁸**You will make good your pur- ¹pose for me;
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the
works ¹ of your hands.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles,

unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

✠ Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." ⁵Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Calling Disciples

Reverend Taylor Burton Edwards

✠ Hymn of the Day "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

ELW #817

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,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

You may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers.

Installation of Pastor

Insert

Prayers of Intercession

A: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: God of surprising abundance, you call your people to enter deeply into the world. Equip us to respond to your call, gather up what we have, and offer it to all. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: God of creation, provide protection from the elements and other hazards to all whose work brings them outside: for fishers, ranchers, line workers, and construction crews. Guide us to live carefully alongside the wonders of the land and waters. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Open the hearts of all leaders, especially those who serve in the armed forces, that they respond to their commission with wisdom and patience. Ensure that all who serve are kept safe in body, mind, and spirit. We pray for an end to all war and armed conflict. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Fill with your compassionate presence all who are suffering from addiction, mental illness, injury, or illness of any kind. Draw helpers to their side so that they find relief from their burdens. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Call our faith communities to do marvelous things. Bless the labor and efforts of this congregation, that we may be a sign of your presence in the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For all those who have asked us to pray for them...

C: hear our prayer.

A: For Taylor, our newly installed pastor, and for all ministries in the church...
God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: We thank you for those who have courageously gone before us in the faith especially Margarete Walsh and Patricia Bonaker. May we too show a deep trust in you throughout our lives. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

MEAL

Anthem

"I Received the Living God"

Choir

The gifts may be brought forward.

Offering Prayer

A: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance of the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

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: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

ELW #580

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Christ is born!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The Memorial Book is open today to the Glory of God

In Memory of:

William L Murphy, 2019



READINGS AND PSALM
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Jeremiah 17:5-10
 Psalm 1
 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
 Luke 6:17-26



*"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*

February 2, 2025
Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

ATTENDANCE —59

(IN-PERSON— 48, YOUTUBE - 11)

OFFERING

Benevolence	\$	2,643.00
Building	\$	180.00
Memorial	\$	150.00
Other	\$	100.00
Total	\$	3,073.00

Save the Date

- February 9th - 11:30 - Tackle Hunger - Luther Hall
- February 10th - 11:00 - Chair Aerobics - Luther Hall
- February 11th - 10:15 - Bible Study - Church House
- February 12th - 6:00 - Interfaith Bible Study - Luther Hall
- February 14th - 10:00 - Craf-Tea - Luther Hall
- February 20th - 5:00 - Council Meeting - Fellowship Hall
- February 27th - 9:00 - WNN-Pack Care Bags at
 St. Thomas Episcopal Outreach Center
- February 27th - 5:30 - Men's Group - Fellowship Hall

Serving February 9, 2025

Opener/Closer	Bill Wallace
Worship Assistant	Shannon Gardner
Communion Assistant	Katherine Kelly
Lector	Jaxson Gardner
Ushers	Jim Sperry
	Bill Wallace
Altar Guild	Nancy Gates
	Terri Niederhammer
Live Streaming	Paul Hicks

Serving February 16, 2025

Opener/Closer	Zocia Barr/Rose Johnson
Worship Assistant	Lisa Pettit
Communion Assistant	Raymond Lawton
Lector	Amy Hoag
Ushers	Jim Sperry
	Bill Wallace
Altar Guild	Allena Sperry
	Rose Johnson
Live Streaming	Cecil McGouirk

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
Persecuted Christians
The ministries of
St. Matthew
Bishop Kevin
Strickland
Southeastern Synod
Staff
Pastor Taylor Burton
Edwards
St Matthew
Congregational
Council
Laura Alexander
Carol Bingemann
Dave Bonaker
Matt Bonaker
Betty Davidson
Myrna & Ken Hoag
Mairetha & Bennie
Jackson
Sean Jeffery
Marga Miller
Charlotte Moore
Traudel Mosely
Terri Niederhammer
Debby Owen
Dorothy Redden
Connie Sieg
Allena Sperry

Carla Stickles
Albert VanHousen II
Harold Vinson
Eric & Tinisha Bryant
George Capps
Jim Chappel
Jean Clemmons
Xavier Danguilan
Penny Davis & Family
Brandy Garnett
Mike Gewin
Moses Glidden
Becky Goldsmith
Estrella Gonzales
Doris Grier
Petra & Franklin
Henderson
Norma Kilby
Ken Korn
Emma Kump
Melissa Lancheros
Laura & Boyd Lester
Robert Lowe
Michelle Matthias
Sandra McPeters
Brady Meeks
Tim Moore
Nearhoof Family
Angela Paul
Vincent Pawlowski
Beth Price
Mark Purushotham

Bill Rahm
Tiffany Richardson
Dayna Ryan
Shirley Scott
Dou Shizhen
Ricky Skinner
Amanda Steinagel
Torrijos Family
Fred Turpin
Charlie VanHousen
Dawn VanHousen
Molly Wright
Martha Zimmerman

Israel
Ukraine
Gaza
Lebanon
Western North Carolina
New Orleans
Los Angeles

Menzie Dance Company
Frankie's Hair Design
AMG Financial
Sunset Finance
Diamond Kutz
Kee J's

Welcome to the Rev. Jonathan P. Hemphill who serves as The Assistant to the Bishop for Congregational Life in the Southeastern Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. In this role, Pastor Hemphill has oversight of the mobility process and Global Mission relationships and works with the Director of Evangelical Mission in the areas of stewardship and justice ministries. He is the favorable husband of Lady Angela Nicole, a proud lifetime member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Together, they nurture two kiddos, Kir’Ra, 20 and Garrett, 17.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Matthew: Jesus Christ offers himself to all. May you be blessed as we celebrate God’s love for us. All the baptized are invited to feast with us at the Lord’s Table. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday.

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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| | Wynnton Neighborhood Network |
| • Lion’s Club: | Glasses, sunglasses and old cell phones |
| • Family House of West GA: | Pop tabs |
| • Flags to Retire: | Bring used American flags that you no longer want or need. |
| • St. Anne’s: | Personal hygiene products (travel size), toilet paper, and non-perishable food items |
| • Safe House | Sealed plastic utensils (take-out meals) |

Leave donations in the labeled containers in the Narthex between bathrooms.

Craf-Tea: This group will meet Fridays 10:00-12:00 PM in Luther Hall. If you enjoy crafts and tea, this group is for you! Please see Beth Hoag for more information.



Interfaith Bible Study meeting on February 12th and meeting each Wednesday thru February 26th. Micah: Words of Judgment, Words of Hope - Jewish and Christian Understandings. We hope to see you at 6:00 in Luther Hall for this study with Pastor Taylor and Rabbi Beth Schwartz.

James Tissot: Prophet Micah, 1896.
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TACKLE HUNGER

TODAY after the worship service, in Luther Hall. Please donate non-perishable items to help us Tackle Hunger!



Empty Bowl

Fundraiser

March 9th, 2025

11:00 AM-3:00 PM

This year the Empty Bowl Luncheon will be on Sunday, March 9, 2025, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at Northside Recreation Center, 2010 American Way, Columbus GA. Ticket holders will be able to choose a hand-painted or handmade bowl as part of their ticket price (**NOTE: bowls made at St. Matthew will be available for sale!**), from among hundreds of uniquely made pieces and enjoy all-you-can-eat “homemade” style soups, bread, desserts, and drinks. Proceeds benefit the Kids Café Program of Feeding the Valley. Every ticket sold will provide 120 meals. Additional bowls are available for sale for \$15 each.

Ticket Information: Cost: \$20 for Adults, \$10 for Children under 12
Tickets can be purchased online at feedingthevalley.org/events.
Tickets can also be purchased at the Empty Bowl luncheon at Northside Recreation Center on March 9.

Shrove Tuesday



St Thomas Episcopal Church
5:30 PM, MARCH 4, 2025

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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