A mosaic of Jesus Christ with a halo, wearing a blue robe and holding a scroll. The background is gold. The text is overlaid on the center of the image.

**The Spirit of the Lord**  
is upon me, because  
he has anointed me to  
bring good news  
to the poor

LUKE 4:18

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Church Office: 717-637-7101**  
**Third Sunday after Epiphany**  
**January 22 & 23, 2022**



**WELCOME!** We gather as a community for worship around *word, wine, and water*. Put another way, in worship we meet Christ in scripture proclaimed in speech & song, in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism celebrated or remembered, and in community gathered together. Whether you are a long-time member of St. Matthew, a first-time visitor, or somewhere in between, we are thankful you are here today. If you have questions or need visual, audio, or mobility accommodations, please let a name tagged **usher** know. To learn more about the ministries of St. Matthew, please page through the announcements in this bulletin and check out our website at [www.stmattlutheran.org](http://www.stmattlutheran.org). All are invited to join us any Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for Faith Connections, when there are opportunities for all ages to connect with God, our faith, and one another through learning and relationship. Meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 for refreshments and information about ways to plug in.

**Please tear off and put in the offering basket as you leave:**

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Names of everyone attending Saturday, **January 22, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.:**

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Names of everyone attending Sunday, **January 23, 2022, at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m.:**

(Please circle one)

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**FROM CONGREGATION COUNCIL - GUIDELINES FOR WORSHIP**

Due to the highly contagious nature of the Delta and Omicron variant of Covid, we recommend masking at all indoor gatherings and will continue social distancing. We require that masks be worn at the 10:30 service and by those who are unvaccinated at all times. We remain committed to offering online worship through live-streaming.

- We continue to distance people by separating chairs and marking pews to be used.
- We continue the current procedures for communion and offerings. A waste basket for the communion cups and napkins is placed at the exits.
- Offering plates will not be passed. There is a basket at the door.
- Online worship through live-streaming will continue to be offered.

The Council hopes that our variety of worship offerings will provide you with options that fit a diversity of comfort levels and health needs.

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+ Celebrating God's Love - Serving in Jesus' Name +

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**GATHERING SONG (5:00)**

*Sanctuary*

**Thompson/Scruggs**

Voice

5  
Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and

9  
true. With thanks - giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - ry for

13  
1. You. Lord, pre - You. 2. Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc-tu -

16  
ar - y, pure and ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks -

19  
giv - ing, I'll be a liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - ry for You.

**PRELUDE (8:30&10:30)**

*Beautiful Savior*

**arr. Bish**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

who creates us, redeems us,  
and calls us by name.

**All: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Pastor: Most merciful God,

**All: we confess that we have sinned against you  
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory  
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word  
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality  
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done  
and the things we have left undone.**

**For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe  
in the glory of your Son born among us,  
and reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

Pastor: Rejoice in this good news:

In Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.

You are descendants of the Most High,  
adopted into the household of Christ,  
and inheritors of eternal life.

Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**All: Amen.**

## OPENING HYMN.... *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* – Wesley/Gläser/Mason



- 1 Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
- 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
- 3 The name of Je - sus charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease,
- 4 He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!  
to spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.  
sings mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, brings life and health and peace.  
the mourn - ful, bro-ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**(10:30)** *Children ages 10 and under are invited to meet Stacy Parsons at the baptismal font at the front of the Nave. She will take the children for Children's Church at the "Pray-ground" in the Fellowship Hall. They will hear a Bible story from this week's lectionary in an age-appropriate format and spend some time*

*exploring their faith and creativity together. If your child is not yet potty trained, please send a guardian along with them to Children’s Church. They will return during the passing of the peace.*

**THE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a** *The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.*

Pastor/Lector: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21** *Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he states and claims his identity, purpose, and mission.*

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

**THE MESSAGE**

**Pastor Taylor Berdahl**

**MUSICAL OFFERING**

*With a Heart of Praise*  
(Lea Coppola, Soloist)

**Weston**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

*Apostles' Creed*

Pastor: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: 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.**

**PRAYERS**

Each petition concludes, "*God of grace.*" and the congregation responds, "*hear our prayer.*"

## PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **And also with you.**

*(The congregation is invited to greet one another **with nods** and **waves**)*

*(Children return from Children's Church.)*

## GENEROSITY MOMENT

## INSTALLATION OF CONGREGATION COUNCIL MEMBERS (10:30)

### THE OFFERTORY

### *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

Duck/Walter



A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.

### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Pastor: Blessed are you, O God,

All: **Sovereign of the universe.**

**You offer us new beginnings**

**and guide us on our journey.**

**Lead us to your table,**

**nourish us with this heavenly food,**

**and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world,**

**in the name of Christ our light. Amen.**

## THE MEAL

### GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 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.**

#### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

#### RECEIVING OF THE ELEMENTS OF BREAD AND WINE

Pastor: The body of Christ, given for you.

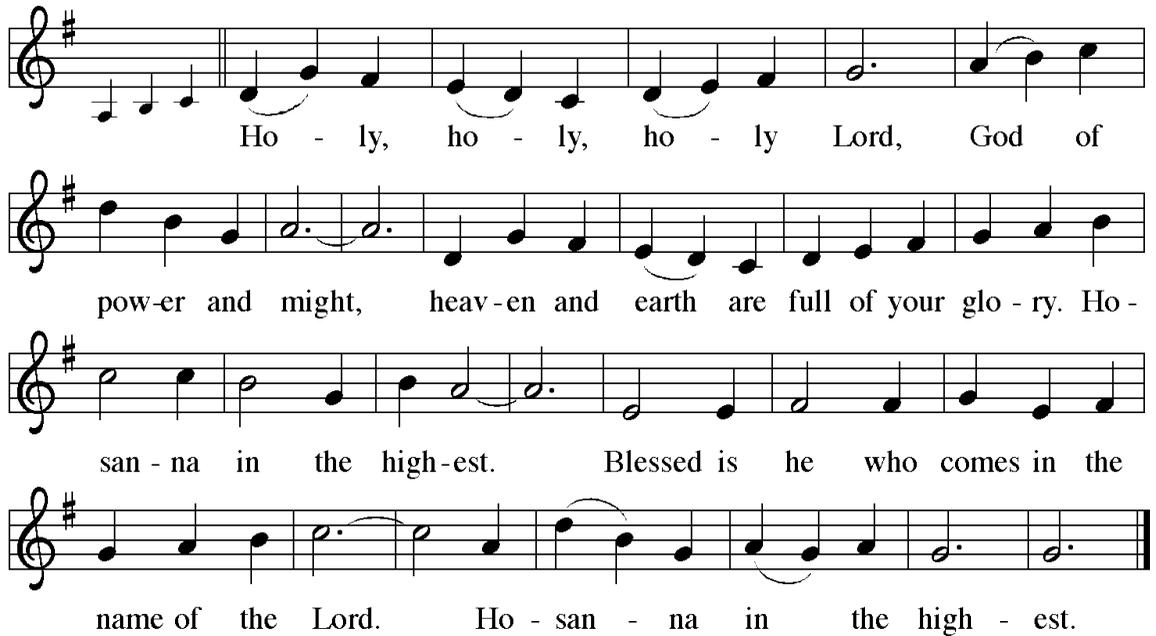
**All: Amen. (*Eat wafer*)**

*(Pause)*

Pastor: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

**All: Amen. (*Drink wine*)**

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy.....we praise you name  
and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

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

**All: Amen.**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, gracious God,  
for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all,  
strengthened with the richness of your grace  
in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## BLESSING

Pastor: God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls you by name, bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN..... *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve* – Dufner/Haweis



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
share a dream and help the blind to see.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## DISMISSAL

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

arr. Lowe

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**St. Matthew Lutheran Church Calendar**  
**January 23-30, 2022**

Sun.	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	8:30 a.m.
	Faith Connections (Fellowship Hall) .....	9:30-10:20 a.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Nave).....	10:30 a.m.
	Mini-Minister Puppet Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall) ...	11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
	Youth Gathering Prep Meeting (Fellowship Hall).....	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Mon.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:30-11:15 a.m.
	Girl Scouts .....	6:30-8:00 p.m.
Tues.	Discovery Place classes .....	8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
	Staff Meetings.....	10:30 a.m.
	Primary Choir .....	4:20-5:00 p.m.
	Cub Scouts.....	6:30-7:30 p.m.
	Executive Committee Meeting (Parlor) .....	6:30 p.m.
	Congregation Council (Upper Room).....	7:00-9:30 p.m.
Wed.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:45 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
	Junior Choir .....	4:30-5:15 p.m.
	Boy Scouts.....	6:00-7:30 p.m.
	Book Study (Zoom) .....	7:00-8:00 p.m.
Thurs.	Discovery Place Classes .....	8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
	Preschool Choir .....	6:15-7:00 p.m.
	St. Matthew Ringers .....	7:15-8:00 p.m.
	Adult Choir .....	8:00-9:00 p.m.
Fri.	Discovery Place Classes.....	8:30-11:45 a.m.
Sat.	Council Retreat (Upper Room) .....	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
	Worship with Holy Communion (Fellowship Hall) .....	5:00 p.m.
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**FOR THOSE YOUTH** attending the Youth Gathering in July, we will meet this Sunday, January 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will be working on our curriculum. We may know our hotel assignments in time for the meeting!



**TO ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS: ANNUAL REPORTS** are due in the church office by Monday, January 31. Remember that this is a historical document and we like to have a clear report of how the past year affected St. Matthew and our activities. If you have email access, please email your report to [info@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:info@stmattlutheran.org). If you do not have e-mail access, we would appreciate if you could have the report typewritten. If you need a copy of your committee's report from last year or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact Stacy, ext. 223, or Jane, ext. 222, in the Church Office, 717-637-7101. Thank you for your time!

**A PRAYER CHAIN MEETING** is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2 at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. If you have any changes or updates for the prayer chain, please notify the church office at [info@stmattlutheran.org](mailto:info@stmattlutheran.org), prior to the meeting. Persons or situations added to the prayer chain are kept on the list for 3 months. At that time they are removed if there have been no calls asking to extend their stay on the list. Our pray-ers do like to hear about prayers answered so, please keep them updated as to the person/situation. Thank you to all who assist in this ministry.



**OUR 2022 GIVING ENVELOPES ARE** now available in the church office.

**COMMUNION MILESTONE** This Lent, we'll be marking a faith milestone- receiving Holy Communion- on Maundy Thursday, April 14. Those who have been baptized but have not yet marked their "First Communion" (whether it will be their *first* time receiving communion or not) are invited to participate in this milestone. ELCA Lutherans gauge appropriateness for this milestone based on *interest* rather than *age*, and if you or someone you know is unsure about the timing, please talk to one of the pastors. We will offer a class throughout the season of Lent in preparation for this milestone that will be scheduled based on participant availability. For the sake of scheduling and ordering materials, please contact the office by **February 13** to let them know that you(r child) would like to participate.

### ***FREED IN CHRIST: RACE, ETHNICITY AND CULTURE***

The Pastor's Class will be exploring the ELCA Social Statement "Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity and Culture" in a 7-week series from January 9 through February 20 during Faith Connections from 9:30-10:20 a.m. on Sunday mornings in the Upper Room.

***Freed in Christ: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture*** expresses the ELCA's calling to celebrate culture and ethnicity. This calling commits the ELCA to confront racism, to engage in public leadership, witness and deliberation on these matters, and to advocate for justice and fairness for all people. The statement is grounded in the conviction that the church has been gathered together in the joyful freedom of the reign of God as announced by and embodied in Jesus. That reign has not come in its fullness, but the message of God's yes to the world breaks down all dividing walls as we live into that promise.

Join us in this holy and challenging calling to live as the Body of Christ together. Together, we will practice loving discourse and even disagreement with one another that honors the dignity of all our siblings in Christ.

**FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10** [not printed]

**Psalms 19**

**SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ, <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body. <sup>21</sup>The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." <sup>22</sup>On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, <sup>23</sup>and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; <sup>24</sup>whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, <sup>25</sup>that there may be no dissension within the body,

but the members may have the same care for one another. <sup>26</sup>If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

<sup>27</sup>Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup>And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup>Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup>Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31a</sup>But strive for the greater gifts.

**GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release  
to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Jeremiah 14-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30.

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