

# *Palm Sunday*

## **April 10, 2022**

8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



*We give thanks for improving local conditions regarding Covid-19:*

*fewer folks in our area are testing positive, being hospitalized, or dying from the virus. In light of these changes, and out of consideration for our members who remain medically vulnerable or care for those who are, we are inviting members at the 10:30 a.m. Sunday and Lenten Wednesday services to choose whether or not to wear a mask, except while singing when we ask everyone to mask. We ask that members continue to wear a mask throughout the whole 8:30 a.m. Sunday service, and we recommend the 8:30 a.m. service for those who want to attend in person but who are at higher risk. Please continue to test if you have symptoms or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, and please participate in worship from home by livestream if you feel ill, are awaiting test results, or have recently tested positive. Thank you for your continued efforts to protect and care for one another.*

***Everyone Is Invited to Sing All the Hymns While Remaining Masked***

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRELUDE**

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **C Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Holy one,

**C** we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. **Amen.**

**P** Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **C Amen.**

**PROCESSION &  
OPENING HYMN**

*All Glory, Laud, & Honor*

*ELW # 344*

*Refrain*

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,  
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;  
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;  
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.  
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Refrain*

now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One.  
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.  
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.  
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P* *Let us pray ...* Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-9a**

<sup>4</sup>The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. <sup>5</sup>The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. <sup>6</sup>I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.

<sup>7</sup>The Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; <sup>8</sup>he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. <sup>9a</sup>It is the Lord GOD who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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

**PSALM 31:9-16 (To be read responsively.)**

<sup>9</sup>Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.

<sup>10</sup>**For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.**

<sup>11</sup>I am the scorn of all my enemies, a disgrace to my neighbors, a dismay to my acquaintances; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

<sup>12</sup>**Like the dead I am forgotten, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.**

<sup>13</sup>For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

<sup>14</sup>**But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. I have said, "You are my God.**

<sup>15</sup>My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

<sup>16</sup>**Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love."**

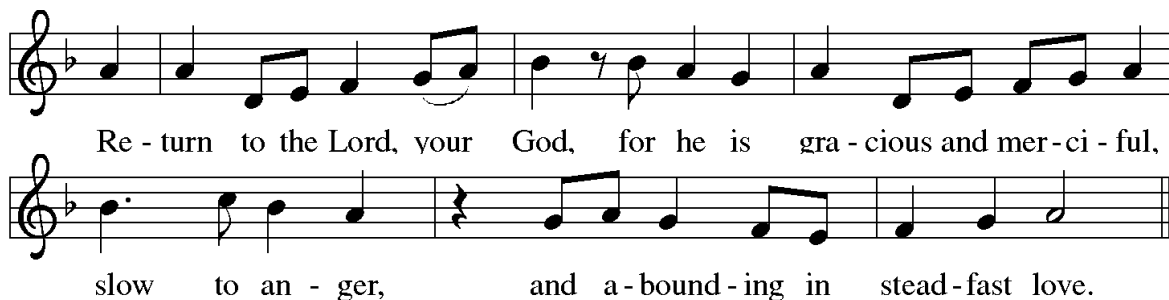
**SECOND READING: Philippians 2:5-11**

<sup>5</sup>Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

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

**\*LENTEN VERSE**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

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**\*Gospel: Luke 19:28-40**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup>After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

<sup>29</sup>When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, <sup>30</sup>saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. <sup>31</sup>If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" <sup>32</sup>So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. <sup>33</sup>As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" <sup>34</sup>They said, "The Lord needs it." <sup>35</sup>Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. <sup>36</sup>As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. <sup>37</sup>As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, <sup>38</sup>saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

<sup>39</sup>Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." <sup>40</sup>He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

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

## HOMILY

Pastor Traci

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

*Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

ELW # 337



1 A - las! And did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my sov-'reign die?  
2 Was it for sins that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?  
3 Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut its glo - ries in  
4 Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears,  
5 But tears of grief can - not re - pay the debt of love I owe;



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for sin - ners such as I?  
A - maz - ing pit - y, grace un-known, and love be - yond de - gree!  
when God, the might - y mak - er, died for his own crea - tures' sin.  
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt my eyes to tears.  
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way: 'tis all that I can do.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.

Music: MARTYRDOM, Hugh Wilson, 1764–1824

## **\*CREED**

P Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C 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 OF THE CHURCH**

P Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

P We pray for the church, called to follow Jesus in the way of the cross. Make us unflinching servants of the gospel. Deliver us from hardship as we confront the forces of injustice and practice radical compassion. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P For the earth and all its inhabitants, created in love: Train us to recognize your divine goodness in the world around us. Rouse in us a reverence for creation, that we take greater care of its resources. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P For those in positions of authority called to lead with integrity and compassion: Supply them with courage and vulnerability when challenged with new ideas. Deliver them from fear that limits imagination and impedes justice. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P For those who suffer, waiting expectantly for mercy and consolation: Accompany those who feel abandoned or betrayed, defend those who are wrongly accused, and embrace those who are incarcerated or detained. Heal those who are ill. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P For Christians around the world, preparing this week to journey with Jesus to the cross: Reveal to us once again the earthshaking power of humble service, unmerited forgiveness, and sacrificial love. Lead us all from death to life. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P We remember those who have died, who were commended into your hands. Remember us when you come into your kingdom, and prepare a place for each of us with you in paradise. Merciful God, **C receive our prayer.**

P Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ. **C Amen.**

## **\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

Blessed are you, O God of the universe. Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth. Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood. Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea. Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one. Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ. Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

With this bread and cup we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **C Amen.**

**\*LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**C 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**

The Agnus Dei *O Lamb of God, to Earth You Come* OLS # 7



1 O Lamb of God, to earth you came to  
2 O Lamb of God, the on - ly Son, to



save us all from grief and shame. Shorn of your life, up -  
us show mer - cy, Ho - ly One. You save the world from



on the tree you hung in deep hu - mil - i - ty.  
all its sin. Lord, give to us your peace. A - men.

Text: Beth Bergeron Folkemer, based on the Agnus Dei

MUSIC: THE SUFFOLK MIRACLE, Appalachian traditional

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P Here is food and drink for the journey. Take and be filled.

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen**

**Post Communion Prayer**

P Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body, the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hope to a world in need. **C Amen.**

## Blessing

P You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, ✠ bless you this day and always. **C Amen.**

## \*SENDING SONG

### *Go to Dark Gethsemane*

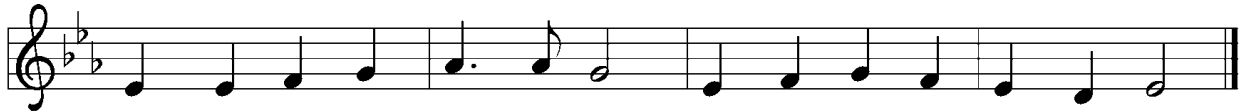
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1 Go to dark Geth-sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;  
2 Fol - low to the judg-ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;  
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn-ful moun-tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,  
4 Ear - ly has - ten to the tomb where they laid his breath - less clay;



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;  
oh, the worm-wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained!  
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete.  
all is sol - i - tude and gloom. Who has tak - en him a - way?



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.  
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.  
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.  
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes. Sav - ior, teach us so to rise.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854  
Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820–1901

## Dismissal

P Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **C Thanks be to God.**

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## Church Messenger

The April 2022 *Messenger* is now available at the St. Matthew **Website** (stmatthewlc.com), and on your recent **Email** message from St. Matthew by using the link listed in the body of the message. A paper copy of the *Messenger* is available in the news rack in the church Narthex. By calling the church office at (814-793-2413), you can request a paper copy to be sent by mail to your home. Do not hesitate to call the church office if you need help in securing a copy of the *Messenger*. Your readership, and articles are always appreciated.

### Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from Clover Creek Church of the Brethren will be assisting with the regular volunteers to distribute items on Thursday, April 21. The pantry will be open from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m., and other times by appointment.

**Following is the “Wish List” for April:** Sunny D (medium size) bottles, Ravioli, Pineapple, Pasta Sides and Cleaning Supplies.

*Linda Smith*

### Adult Choir

The adult choir will sing on Easter – actually they will lead the congregation in a three part canon. For the remainder of the spring, rehearsals will be immediately following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. These rehearsals will always conclude by noon. Special face masks, known as “singer’s masks,” have been purchased. Choir members should see Pastor Ed for theirs.

### Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith

Our Organist – Mary Nelson

Our Missionary Family – On Eagle’s Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Acolyte – Gabby Decker, Lily & Lucy Lightner

Our Lector – Mary Baker

Our Altar Guild – Tina Harclerode, Tonya Walter

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

**Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to “Youth & Camping”**

## *Holy Week Schedule*

<p><b><u>April 13</u></b>  <b>Fellowship Meal at          6:00 p.m.</b>  <b>Lenten Service at          7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b><u>April 14</u></b>  <b>Maundy Thursday          7:00 p.m. Service</b></p>	<p><b><u>April 15</u></b>  <b>Tenebrae Service          7:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p><b><u>April 17</u></b>  <b>8:30 a.m. Service</b>  <b>Sunday School          9:30 a.m.</b>  <b>Easter Sunday          10:30 a.m. Service</b></p>
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### **Office Hours This Week:**

Pastor Traci – No office hours this week.

Office Hours – Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lori Tremmel

### **This Week Events**

- Today –**
  - Worship in Sanctuary 8:30 a.m.
  - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
  - Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
  - Adult Choir Rehearsal 11:30 a.m.
  - Evangelism Meeting, Fellowship Hall 11:30 a.m.
- Monday –** Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. FH
- Tuesday -** Council Meeting via Zoom 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday** Yoga, Nursery 4:45 p.m.
  - Fellowship Meal, Fellowship Hall 6:00 p.m.
  - Lenten Service, Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday** Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 p.m.
- Friday -** ***Good Friday***  
**Office Closed**
  - Prayer Vigil 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
  - Tenebrae Service 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday –** ***Easter Sunday***
  - Worship in Sanctuary 8:30 a.m.
  - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
  - Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
  - May Messenger Article Deadline

**Prayers and Christian Sympathy** are asked for Margie Smith and family upon the death of her sister-in-law, Ginny Zeek, Sunday, April 3, 2022.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Mary Creps, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Bill Stahl, Norm Tremmel, Joy Williams.

**Prayer Concerns:** Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Diane Cappel, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Betty Helsel, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Darren Kreuzer, Carrie Lively, Mike Lovell, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Elaine Ormsby, Pastor Drahos Oslikova, Deb Peters, Linda Piper, Jensine Reese, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Don Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Jean White, Pete Williams, Jim Zeek, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

**Our college students:** Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

**Those Serving in the Army Overseas:** Nathan Smith (Germany)

### **The Knotty Ladies are back!!**

For those who may have forgotten our mission, or for new members not familiar with this group of ladies, we are St. Matthew's blanket group. We make knotted blankets that we send to New Windsor, MD. From there they are distributed around the world.

We meet in the basement (Quilt Room) from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday and the fifth Tuesday if there is one, starting on April 26. During that time we knot the blankets. There is also opportunity at other times to help with preparations of materials used in the blankets and final binding.

Come join us for this time of service and fellowship. **All are welcome!**

### **Events at Sequanota**

**April 22-24: 5K Benefit Weekend**

Grab a sponsor sheet and get family and friends to sponsor you (\$1/km - \$5 donation). Run at home or choose one of two marked courses at Sequanota. Cabins will be available for reservations? Watch the website and Facebook page for more information.



**Saturday, May 14: Intergenerational Day at Camp Sequanota**

**9:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. - "God's Great Creation"**

For All Ages—Youth and Youth Groups Welcome with Chaperones. *Register at*

[www.sequanota.com](http://www.sequanota.com). **\$8/Person Ages 5 and Under—Free**

(Optional Overnight Accommodations Friday Night—\$20/person)

## **Third Century Fund (Endowment Fund)**

The Third Century Fund had a good earnings year in 2021 and as a result has \$5,705 for distribution in 2022. You or your committee may request funding in writing by contacting David Lehman, chairperson, or committee members Allen Kuster, Laura Orczeck, Beth Garner or Pastor Traci.

Deadline to submit a request is Sunday, May 29, 2022. Funds will be distributed in June 2022.

The following is from the by-laws of the Third Century Fund and outline the guidelines for fund requests.

### **PURPOSE**

The St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Mission Endowment Fund is established to encourage responsible Christian stewardship and to promote the mission of the congregation. In response to God's love and mercy, the Endowment Fund seeks to enhance and expand the mission outreach objectives of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church.

Members and friends of St. Matthew congregation are encouraged to practice responsible Christian Stewardship by making contributions to the Endowment Fund. There are a variety of ways such gifts can be made such as, Cash, Securities, Bequests through wills or living trusts, Life insurance policies, charitable gift annuity and Life estates.

The Endowment Fund provides financial support for the church in a manner that is separate from the expenditures normally funded by the annual operating budget of the congregation,

### **USE OF THE FUND**

All contributions to the St. Matthew Lutheran Church Endowment Fund will be undesignated and added to the principal balance of the fund. The Endowment fund principal balance will be retained and only the dividend income will be used for annual disbursements.

Consideration for awarding fund requests will be given using the following guidelines.

1. Youth of all ages - scholarship support of congregational members and their children; for youth events, for church camps or similar Christian programs and education.
2. Christian outreach ministries and missions of St. Matthew Lutheran Church, its members and the ELCA.
3. Worship and Music - support for the worship of St, Matthew.
4. Capital Projects - major renovations or building projects of St. Matthew.