All Saints Sunday November 5, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

Masks are optional but available in the narthex for anyone who feels more comfortable taking that precaution for themselves or on behalf of others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved. C: **Amen.**

P: Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

P: Holy One,

C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints (stz 1-4)

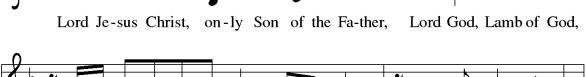
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*GREETING

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



men.



take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy you on us;



you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re-ceive our prayer.







*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.

FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom

and thanksgiving and honor

and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,

and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,

nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

PSALM 34:1-10,22 (read responsively)

¹I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

²I will glory in the Lord;

let the lowly hear and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt God's name together.

⁴I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me from all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the Lord and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord and delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!

⁹Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord, for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

²²O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

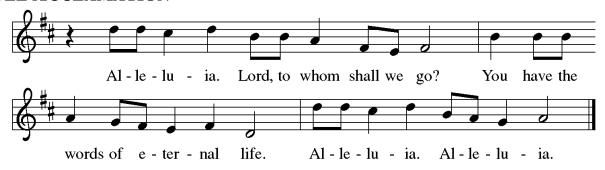
SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And 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



*Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then 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.

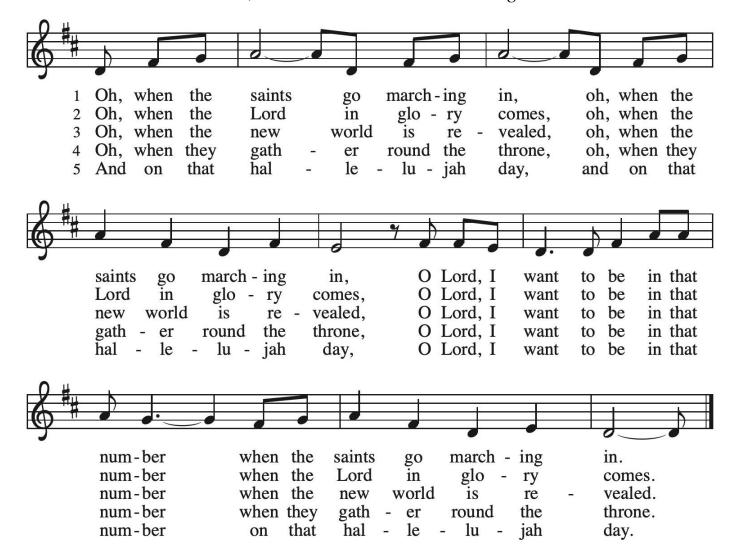
⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, 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. ¹²Rejoice 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.

HOMILY Pastor Traci



Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

*APOSTLES' 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

- A: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.
- A: Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.
- A: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God, *C:* Your mercy is great.
- A: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.
- A: Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you. Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.
- A: Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.
- P: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. We remember especially...and those whose names we lift up now aloud or in the silence of our hearts...Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God, C: Your mercy is great.
- P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

*THE PEACE

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

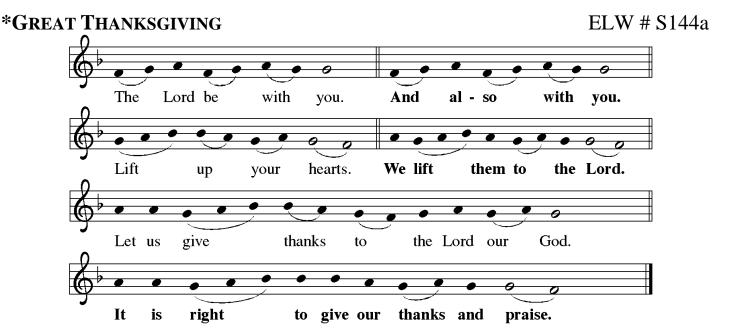
C: And also with you.

Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting that is comfortable for both you and them.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave; we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:

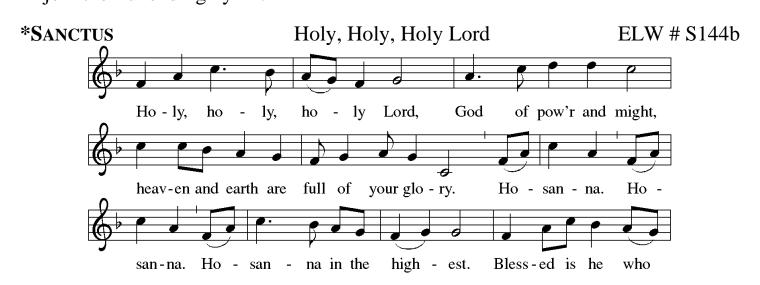
A: Let us pray... God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. C: Amen.



*PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: surrounded by evil and bordered by death, we appeal to you, our Sovereign, our Wisdom, our Judge.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace and promised an end to injustice and harm.

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.

Remembering, therefore, the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints his loving redemption of our suffering world.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **C: Amen.**

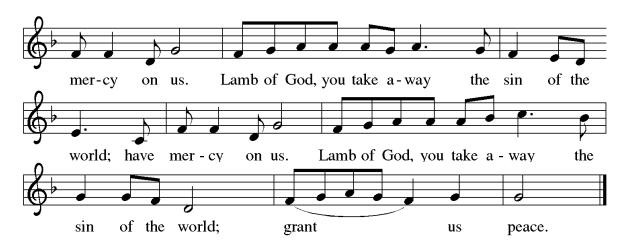
*LORD'S PRAYER

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

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*THE AGNUS DEI Lamb of God ELW # S146





*INVITATION

P: There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

COMMUNION HYMN For All the Faithful Women (Stz 1,2, Last) ELW # 419

*BLESSING

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

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Let us pray... Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.. C: Amen.

*BENEDICTION

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign,

→ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. C: Amen.

*SENDING SONG

For All the Saints (stz 5-7)

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*DISMISSAL

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

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A gift has been given to the Martinsburg Food Pantry in memory of The Rev. D. L. Shaffer by St. Matthew Women of the ELCA.

Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Organists - Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree

Our Missionary Family - Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings

Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka

Our Financial Bookkeeper – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Assisting Minister – Jim Barley

Our Lector - Elaine Smith

Our Acolytes – Jay Hoenstine, Mace Baker, Max Baker

Our Usher – Dennis Smith

Our Altar Guild – Jackie Lightner, Tina Harclerode

Our Audio/Video Tech - Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to "United Lutheran Seminaries"

This Week at St. Matthew:

814-793-2413: Office Hours

Pastor Traci – Pastor Traci on vacation from 11/8 – 11/15

*Please call Pastor Drew McCaffery at 814-538-9036 for emergencies.

Jen – Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This Week Events

Today – All Saints Sunday

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Monday – Free Community Meal, Martinsburg Church of God 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Cub/Boy Scouts, Scout Rooms 6:00 p.m.

Worship & Music Meeting, Zoom Only 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday – Election Day

Sunday – Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Carl Alexy, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenberg, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Bill Stahl.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Randy Barrett, Caleb, Diane Cappel, Ted Chipperfield, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Greg Dick, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Rodger Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Baby James, Darren Kreutzer, Linda Lehman, Carrie Lively, Kristen Malloy, Ruth Marshall, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Kay McGraw, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Nathan, Deb Peters, Bob & Annette Ritchey, Paul Ruth, Denny Smith (Shelly Hill), Cindy Thomas, Tiffany Townsend, Lyndsay Tremmel, Drew Wenzel, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Tim Wilson, Pat Winston, Tom Woodrow, Jody Zelanko, and for our Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.

Away at School: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Camryn Gates, Elizabeth Haffling, Jeff Hoenstine.

Those Serving in our Armed Forces: Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).



The annual Fellowship Meal will be held on Sunday, November 19, 2023, immediately following worship.

The Fellowship Committee will provide a pulled pork sandwich (regular and slider size) and a beverage. Table service will be provided as well. We ask that you bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share with others.

We look forward to this time of fellowship and thanksgiving. Hope to see you there.

Fellowship Committee

Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from the Mt. Pleasant Church will be assisting the regular helpers with food distributions on Thursday, November 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.



Several churches are providing Thanksgiving dinners for food pantry families that would like to prepare turkey dinners themselves.

Items most needed for November: Cereal, Mashed Potatoes, Stuffing Mix, Fruit, Tomato Sauce.

We appreciate your prayers and support! Thank you for all your donations! *Linda Smith*



For Sale: A 12' x 21' roll of high-quality indoor/outdoor, coffee colored carpeting. It was originally purchased to replace the outdoor carpeting at the main entrance. After tearing up the old carpeting, it was discovered that the concrete was detioriated and determined that carpeting will no longer be used there. Stop in at Cove Flooring to take a look or call the church office.

Church Messenger

The November 2023 *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.



Boy Scout Troop 358
Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, November 18, 2023

Martinsburg Firehall 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Baked Goods available for purchase.

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE SCOUTS AND THEIR ACTIVITIES THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!





They will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from the God of their salvation. Page 24.6

All Saints Sunday

Today we remember those from our congregation and friends who have, by God's grace, joined that "Company of Heaven" since All Saints' Sunday of 2022.

Gary Baker
Verna I. Blough
Jeanne Bolger
Andrew Dickson
Daniel Goldberg
Bob Guyer
Ed Henry
Brad Krehl
David B. Lehman
Jean Neely
Donald R. Smith
Elaine Joy Williams
Ginny Zeek



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

Please speak with Pastor Traci if you have any interest in attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans.

The Weekend

Allegheny Synod Youth Event Grades 6-12 December 8-10, 2023 Huntingdon, PA

Registration is Now Open \$10 deposit/ for Familes & Friends -St. Matthew covers the remainder See Pastor Traci for forms & details



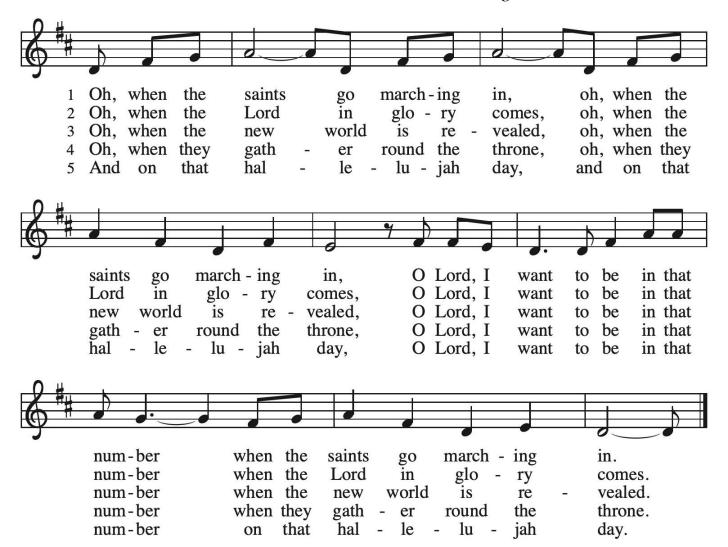
2022 Audit The full church audit of 2022 is available in the church office.



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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual





- 1 For all the faith-ful wom en who served in days of old,
- 2 O God, for saints and ser vants, those named and those un-known, 3 in praise to God the Fa ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told. O whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone, All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad-ness in tasks your wis-dom gave. we of - fer glad thanks-giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit-ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro-claimed your pow'r to save. that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise. we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., 1923-2007