

# *St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 2, 2021

6:00 PM

For he  
who sanctifies  
and those  
who are  
sanctified  
all have  
one source.



HEBREWS 2:11

## OUR MISSION

As a Lutheran community of faith, we continue our history of proclaiming Christ crucified through Word and Sacrament in joyful service to God and our neighbor.

### ***WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH***

We welcome all who worship with us today. We gather as the Body of Christ to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to God. Ushers are available to answer any of your questions. The church is equipped with a hearing impaired system. If you need a listening device, it may be obtained from an usher. In the minutes prior to the beginning of each service, the doors to the nave are closed, and quiet is encouraged. Music is offered which prepares worshippers to receive God's gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

**Celebrating Holy Communion:** We believe, teach, and confess Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians, who share this belief, are invited to receive Jesus as He comes in the Holy Communion to forgive the sins of the penitent. Children and others who are not yet receiving the sacrament, or who choose not to commune with us, are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest.

During this Covid-19 season, specific instructions for communion will be given by the Pastor. Please receive the host in your flattened palm. If you cannot receive alcohol, please inform the Pastor before the host is dipped in the chalice. If you need gluten free host, please ask before the host is dipped in the chalice.

**The altar flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God, and given by Fred and June Doll in celebration of Judy DiVita's birthday and Judy and Chris DiVita's wedding anniversary, and by Joe and Diane Rumsey in memory of loved ones.

**Sunday School** is sponsored by the Rappold family.

**WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!** On this 19th Sunday after Pentecost, we begin a series of readings from the biblical sermon known as Hebrews that will, with the exception of two lesser feast days, carry us to the end of this liturgical year. Under the Old Covenant (testament), forgiveness of sins could, in time, only be obtained in the Jerusalem Temple by blood sacrifices at the hands of the priesthood. The preacher to the Hebrews makes the point that Christ Jesus, true God and true man, is both our Great High Priest and the once-and-for-all Blood Sacrifice, so that now, and always, forgiveness of sins can only be obtained through Him. Jesus, the Holy One of God, makes sinners holy (sanctifies) through our Baptism into His saving death and glorious resurrection. Our lesson begins with a clear admonition that those who have been purchased by His Blood must not drift away from God's Word made flesh. As at His Transfiguration, the Father declares: "This is my Beloved Son. Listen to Him!"

I will strive to .....**Pray daily**

**Worship weekly**

**Read the Bible**

**Serve at and beyond St. Matthew's**

**Be in Relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others**

**Give of my time, talents and resources**



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\* Please stand as you are able.

## Silence for Meditation

### PRELUDE

*Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*

Paul Manz

### WELCOME

#### \* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

**Congregation: we confess that we are in bondage 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.**

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

#### \* OPENING HYMN

#### *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*



1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's  
2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -  
3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal

praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and  
Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -

ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, sts. 1-2; William W. How, 1823-97, st. 3  
Tune: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623

**\* THE GREETING**

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

**Congregation: And also with you.**

**\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, they may be free and glad to serve. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Genesis 2:18-25**

<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." <sup>19</sup> Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup> The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. <sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

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

**PSALM 128**

Blessed is everyone who fears the Lord,  
who walks in his ways!

**You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;  
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
Within your house;  
your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.

**Behold, thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the Lord.**

The Lord bless you from Zion!

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!

**May you see your children's children!**

**Peace be upon Israel!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**SECOND LESSON: Hebrews 2:1-13**

Therefore, we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. <sup>2</sup> For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, <sup>3</sup> how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, <sup>4</sup> while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. <sup>5</sup> For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. <sup>6</sup> It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him?" <sup>7</sup> You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup> putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. <sup>9</sup> But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. <sup>10</sup> For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. <sup>11</sup> For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, <sup>12</sup> saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." <sup>13</sup> And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

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



**\* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Heavenly Father,

**Congregation:** you wait for our support of the Church to help restore our dignity as we learn to live by faith. Through the willingness of Jesus Christ to fulfill your love, inspire us to become partners with him in his saving ministry and then in the glory he has prepared. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\* COMMUNION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: We give you thanks....now and forever.

**People:** Amen.

**\* THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: We give you thanks...both now and forever.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**\* THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 DISTRIBUTION**

**\* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Lord Jesus, by faith we have tasted the life-giving food of your Kingdom and hunger to live and reign with you. Help us to make full use of the new strength we have received to produce the good works that you enjoy. We bless you now and evermore.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**Congregation:** I will strive to pray daily, worship weekly, read the Bible, serve at and beyond St. Matthew's, be in relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others, and give of my time, talents, and resources.

**\* THE BENEDICTION**

\* CLOSING HYMN

*How Great Thou Art*

LBW 532

*At this time anyone desiring prayer for healing is invited to approach the altar rail.*



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won-der con-sid-er  
2 When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing, sent him to  
4 When Christ shall come, with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion, and take me



all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might-y  
birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; when I look down from loft-y moun-tain  
die, I scarce can take it in, that on the cross my bur-den glad-ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-



thun-der, thy pow'r through-out the u-ni-verse dis-played;  
gran-deur and hear the brook and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
bear-ing he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
ra-tion and there pro-claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to thee, how great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to



thee, how great thou art! How great thou art!

Text: Carl Boberg, 1859-1940; tr. and adapt. Stuart K. Hine, 1899-1989  
Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk tune

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\* THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

*How Great Thou Art*

arr. Fred Bock

**LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:**

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 3:12-19; Mark 10:17-22

## God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion: I am bap-tized  
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized  
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing To this life-long



in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it,  
 in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er:  
 in - to Christ! Drop your ug - ly ac - cu - sa - tion,  
 in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness  
 com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing:



Gave my full re - demp - tion price. Do I need earth's  
 Je - sus' cleans - ing sac - ri - fice. Should a guilt - y  
 I am not so soon en - ticed. Now that to the  
 To in - her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in  
 E - ven there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a -



treas - ures man - y? I have one worth  
 con - science seize me Since my Bap - tism  
 font I've trav - eled, All your might has  
 dust and ash - es, Faith's as - sur - ance  
 waits its rais - ing, Still my soul con -



more than an - y That brought me sal -  
 did re - lease me In a dear for -  
 come un - rav - eled, And, a - gainst your  
 bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
 tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized



va - tion free Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!  
 giv - ing flood, Sprin - kling me with Je - sus' blood?  
 tyr - an - ny, God, my Lord, u - nites with me!  
 strength di - vine To make life im - mor - tal mine.  
 in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

Text: Erdmann Neumeister, 1671-1756; tr. Robert E. Voelker, b. 1957  
 Tune: Johann Caspar Bachofebm 1695-1755, alt.

## The Word of God: Sanctifies

### Praying

“Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.” (*The Daily Prayer of the Church*, 622).

### Listening

Hebrews 2:1 “...we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.”

Origen [Late 2<sup>nd</sup> – early 3<sup>rd</sup> century Bible scholar in Alexandria, Egypt]: “The design of Judas concerning the betrayal of our Lord and Savior did not originate in the wickedness of his mind alone. For Scripture testifies that the ‘devil had already put it into his heart to betray him.’ On this account Solomon rightly commanded saying, ‘Keep your heart with all diligence’” (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: Hebrews*, 32).

*Hebrews 2:3 “how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation?”*

St. Augustine [Late 4<sup>th</sup> - early 5<sup>th</sup> century Bishop of Hippo Regius, Algeria]: “And, just as though you had asked, ‘what salvation?’ he replied as follows, in order to show that he was referring to the salvation of the New Testament, that is, to the word not spoken by the angels but by the Lord” (33).

*Hebrews 2:9 “... so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.”*

St. John Chrysostom [Late 4<sup>th</sup> – early 5<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch of Constantinople, Turkey]: “This occurred... not for the faithful only, but even for the whole world, for he indeed died for all. He has fulfilled his own part... For as a physician, though not needing to taste the food prepared for a sick person, tastes it first himself so that he may persuade the sick person to eat with confidence, so also, since all people were afraid of death... he tasted it himself, though he did not need it himself” (40).

*Hebrews 2:10 “... should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering.”*

St. John Chrysostom: “God has done what is worthy of God’s love toward humankind in showing the firstborn to be more glorious than all... He is a Son, and we are sons and daughters; but he saves, and we are saved” (43).

*Hebrews 2:11 “For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source.”*

St. John Chrysostom: “For though we are ‘of one origin,’ yet he sanctifies and we are sanctified and great is the difference... ‘he’ is of the Father as a true Son, that is, of his substance; ‘we’ are created, that is, brought out of things that are not, so that the difference is great” (43).

### Reflecting

Do I understand that God’s Son Jesus is both truly God and truly human in order to save us sinners?

## Learning

### The Ten Commandments

AS THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD SHOULD TEACH THEM IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD.

### The Fifth Commandment

You shall not murder.

*What does this mean?*

“We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need” (*Luther’s Small Catechism*).

### Doing

1. Pray for every unbaptized child you know and for the child’s parents, too.
2. Pray for your unchurched loved ones and friends. Invite one or more of them to worship.
3. Commit yourself to the study of God’s Word at St. Matthew’s in-person.
4. Practice every day saying the fifth commandment and its explanation. Rehearse it with others in your household or with a Christian friend over the phone. In what ways does God want you to stand for the culture of life over the ever encroaching culture of death in the world around us?
5. Will you join in the Life Chain at 2 p.m. on October 3? Or sign up to give witness as part of the Forty Days for Life campaign? <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/local-campaigns/wilmington/>
6. Set aside time daily, preferably first thing, but when you are able to focus, to hear the Word of God, to reflect upon that Word, and to ask the Holy Spirit to grant you grace to be shaped by and conformed to that Word. Daily Bible readings may be found at [www.stmatthewsch.org](http://www.stmatthewsch.org). If you haven’t previously done so, please pick up a copy of the *Portals of Prayer* devotional booklet on the table in the narthex. Daily lectionary readings are on p.184 in the front of the Lutheran Book of Worship (Year One, Week of 19 Pentecost).

### For Husbands and Wives

Repeat daily: “I (name) take you (name) to be my wedded wife (husband), to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish until death do us part, according to God’s holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge you my faith.”

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*Alex Schwartz, Jeremy and Jo Beth Brinkley, Jack Loflin, Walt Brehm, Diane Sundberg, Glen Lindner, David Hunsberger, Tonya Reeves, John Darr, Lynne Bryson, Joel Peterson, Sally Przybranowski, Cannon Helms, Ronnie Dunlop, Peggy Davis, Maggie Hoyer, Brigitte Walters, John Tullous, Jr.*

**MEMBERS**

Nancy Fauser	Bill Baldwin	Butch Ruefle
Denis Hall	Mike Thompson	Charlotte Thompson
Regina Ryder	Janet Hall	Ruth Smith
Keith Farmer	Helen Knoll	Barbara Teigland-Duff
Donna Siegmund	Arthur Moore	Joanne Johnson
Kenn Slocum	Laura Gray	Margaret French
Ken Manning	Jack and Marie Loflin	Maureen Richey
Harry Comeskey	Vivian Alexander	Carol Comeskey
Pat Mahl	Lani Beuerman	David Medlin
Jan Magnus	Pr. Marv Schedler	Barbara Moore
Liz Newbery	Judy Benson	Leslie Long
George Schwenzer	Fran Perry	Howard Beuerman
Charles Smith	Lon Ostby	Patty Macino
Terry Miller	Laura Matthess	Al Scheidt
Dwight Crim	Micki Matthess	Lois Kuppler
Al Birnstein	John Raia	Carrie McDonough
Arthur Pease	Jane Dove	Gabriela Walters
Judy Daniels	Ed Ludacer	Greg Adams

**FRIENDS/FAMILY OF MEMBERS**

Amie Knauer	Jean Langrall	Lauren Miller
Albert Rossetti	Stan Brunt, Sr.	Gretchen Donaldson
Jerry Knoll	Barbara Colton	David Schwartz
Journey Heyer	David Searle	Rhonda Melton
Lisa Holgerson	Cary Murphrey	Gene Gause
Richard Truax	Sandra Marshburn	Ronnie Carter
Paul Rady	Doris Isaacs	Sean McShane
Betsy Miller	Eileen Carzon	Pat Lienhart
Crosby James Asher	Megan McKinney	D. Perry
Tracy Boandl	Settie Jones	Harriet Benson
Jane Dumire	August Hopper	Gunder Peterson
Lynn Howell	Kattie Duff	Vinny Swidorski
Bishop Mayfield	Noah Renfro	

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:**

Elsie Cates	Margaret French	Jim Harshbarger
Frank Fauser	Ruthann Getsinger	Jane McDougald

<b><u>Operating Fund: August 2021</u></b>		
	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	36,638.02	294,014.35
<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>36,197.27</u>	<u>302,067.36</u>
<b>Income/ (Loss)</b>	440.75	(8,053.01)

<b><u>Offerings Received through September 26</u></b>	
<b>Projected Sept. receipts:</b>	44,283.45
<b>Received to date:</b>	<u>42,150.45</u>
<b>Expected additional receipts:</b>	2,133.00

<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
<b>Budgeted expenses for Sept:</b>	38,392.40
<b>Bills paid to date:</b>	<u>12,832.93</u>
<b>Bills yet to be paid:</b>	25,559.47

### Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday - Eucharist, 6 p.m.    Sunday - Traditional Eucharist, 8:30 and 11 a.m.    Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
2nd and 4th Sundays - Contemporary Eucharist, 8:30 a.m.    Monday - Evening Prayer and Bible Study, 6 p.m.  
Wednesday - Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 p.m.

A nursery is provided for all Sunday Services and during the Sunday School hour.

**First Time Visitors** - Please stop by our *Welcome Center* to sign our guest book and get information about St. Matthew's.

Baby changing tables are available in the two restrooms across from the church offices and in the nursery.

### This Week at St. Matthew's

#### **Sunday, October 3 Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 Traditional Eucharist  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Eucharist  
2:00 Life Chain - front of church

#### **Monday, October 4**

9:00 Counting Team - Finance Office  
12:00 Conversations - Rm. 117  
6:00 Evening Prayer  
7:00 CKM Team - McSwain  
7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs  
7:00 Harbour Towne Band rehearsal - Choir Room

#### **Tuesday, October 5**

10:00 Staff Meeting - Rm. 117  
10:00 Prayer Group - Library  
6:00 Girl Scouts #1327 - McCombs  
6:30 Joyful Noise - Nave  
6:30 Stephen Ministry - Rm. 117

#### **Wednesday, October 6**

8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study - McCombs  
12:00 Healing Eucharist  
6:00 Crossways - McCombs  
6:00 MS Youth  
6:00 Handbells - Nave  
7:00 Confirmation Class  
7:00 Adult Choir

#### **Thursday, October 7**

10:00 Quilt Ministry - Rm. 117  
10:00 Crossways - Library  
7:00 Boy Scouts - McSwain  
7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs

#### **Friday, October 8**

4:00 Shaver-Wharton wedding rehearsal

#### **Saturday, October 9**

3:00 Shaver-Wharton wedding  
6:00 Eucharist

#### **Sunday, October 10 Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 Contemporary Eucharist  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Eucharist  
12:00 Grief Support Group - Library

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**Altar Flowers for October and November are filled. Thank you! Remaining dates are open December through August. When signing up, remember to fill out the yellow information sheet.** Invoices are sent out at the beginning of each month from the church office. For questions contact Donna Capozio at [dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Stewardship Sunday is October 17th.** Pledge cards and Simply Giving forms are available in the Commons, and we encourage you to return your 2022 Pledge card on October 17. Those who choose to give via Simply Giving need to fill out a new form for that as well as the Pledge Card.

**Dr. and Mrs. Shaver** invite you to attend the wedding of their daughter, Caroline, to Larsen Wharton at 3pm on Saturday, October 9th, at St. Matthew's. Following the ceremony, there will be refreshments served in the McCombs hall.

**A Dedicatory Hymnfest with David and Susan Cherwein** is Sunday, October 24th at 4 p.m.

**Reformation Prayer Retreat** with Pr. Carl Voges is Saturday, October 30th. A sign-up sheet is on the board in the Commons. Cost is \$10 to cover continental breakfast and lunch. Pr. Voges will be our guest preacher for services Reformation weekend.

**Trunk or Treat** is Saturday, October 30th, 3-5 p.m. We need people to dress up and decorate their trunks. Be creative! Prize awarded for the best display! We also need candy donations by Wednesday, October 27th. A collection tote is in the Commons.

**OWL's Luncheon is October 28th, at 11:30 am** in McCombs Hall. The menu is marinated chicken breasts, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, rolls, and apple crisp or pie with ice cream for dessert. Price is \$10 per person. We look forward to seeing you all! Someone will be contacting you the week before to confirm your attendance. Thank you!

**Christkindlmarkt Servant Sign-up sheets** are available in the Commons. If you would like to help, fill out a sheet and let us know. This will help us match folks to the right assignment. Come and join in the fun!

**Our next New Disciples Class** for adults new to the Lutheran church is on Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. Those, who have never been baptized with water in the name of the Triune God, will also be prepared for Holy Baptism. New Member Orientation for confirmed Lutheran transfers and those who attended the New Disciples Class will be on Saturday, December 4, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. We will next receive new members on the weekend of December 4-5. To express your interest in joining St. Matthew's, please email Donna Capozio at [dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org).

**If you would like to receive** Pr. Sam's weekly email, please let him know by emailing him at [szumwalt@bellsouth.net](mailto:szumwalt@bellsouth.net).



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