

*St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

November 27, 2022

8:30 AM



## 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.

As we continue our return to our pre-Covid practice, ushers will direct you to the altar where you may kneel or stand. Please continue to 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 a gluten free host, please ask before the host is dipped in the chalice. Once you have communed, please return to your seat. If you need to be communed at your seat, please inform an usher. The pastor(s) will come to you.

**The Altar Flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by Craig Hales in honor of Beth Hales' birthday, and by Pr. Joel and Judy Kettner in honor of Judy's birthday.

**STIR UP YOUR POWER, O LORD, AND COME!** We welcome you in Jesus' name to worship with us on this First Sunday in Advent. Today, we begin Year A, the first in a three-year cycle of Sunday biblical readings, in which the primary gospel read throughout most of the Church on earth is that of St. Matthew the Evangelist. In our parish which bears his name, we are also beginning a three-year preaching emphasis on first lessons from the Old Testament, which was the only Bible of the early Church. Throughout this new church year, our pastors and vicar will focus our attention on Holy Communion, the third of Martin Luther's seven marks of the true Church, and the most intimate way in which we experience the forgiveness of sins won for us by the Blood of God's Son Jesus Christ shed on the cross for sinners. The color on the paraments and the pastors' vestments is blue, which symbolizes the hope that is ours in Christ Jesus. If this is your first time at St. Matthew's or even in a Christian church, we invite you to listen closely for the hope and the peace that only Christ can bring us.

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

### WELCOME

#### \* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us make confession to God.

**Congregation: Almighty God, merciful Father:**

**I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have offended you and for which I justly deserve your punishment. But I am sorry for them, and repent of them, and pray for your boundless mercy. For the sake of the suffering and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being; forgive my sins, give me your Holy Spirit for the amendment of my sinful life, and bring me to life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. Through his Holy Spirit he cleanses us and gives us power to proclaim the mighty deeds of God who called us out of darkness into the splendor of his light. 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 of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

#### \* OPENING HYMN

#### *My Lord, What a Morning*

*Refrain*



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn - ing; oh,



my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be - gin to fall.



- 1 You will hear the trum - pet sound,
- 2 You will hear the sin - ner cry, to wake the na-tions un - der - ground,
- 3 You will hear the Chris-tian shout,



look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be - gin to fall.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: BURLEIGH, African American spiritual

#### \* 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:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us from the threatening dangers of our sin and free us with your generous salvation. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation:** Amen.

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE** *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah* (verse 1)



1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.  
4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.  
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.  
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.  
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954  
Music: TIF IN VELDELE, Yiddish folk tune  
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**FIRST LESSON: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, <sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.” For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

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

**PSALM 122**

I was glad when they said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the LORD!”

**Our feet have been standing\*  
within your gates, O Jerusalem!**

Jerusalem—built as a city  
that is bound firmly together,

**to which the tribes go up,  
the tribes of the LORD,  
as was decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the LORD.**

There thrones for judgment were set,  
the thrones of the house of David.

**Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!\*  
“May they be secure who love you!**

Peace be within your walls  
and security within your towers!”

**For my brothers and companions' sake  
I will say, “Peace be within you!”**

For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,  
I will seek your good.

**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: Romans 13:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup> The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup> Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

**THE VERSE**

Musical score for the verse. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line lyrics are: "Lead me, Lord, lead me in Thy right-eous-ness,". The piano accompaniment is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line lyrics are: "Make Thy way plain be-fore Thy face. A-men." The piano accompaniment continues in the same style.

Text: Ps. 5:8  
Tune: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

**\* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Pastor: The HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fourth chapter.

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

**HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44**

<sup>36</sup> "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup> For as were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup> Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

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

**\* THE HYMN OF THE DAY** *Savior of the Nations, Come* (stanzas 1-3)

**LBW 28 (next page)**

**THE SERMON**

**"Holy Communion: Holy Peace"**

**Pr. Zumwalt**

1 Sav - ior of the na - tions, come; Show the glo - ry of the Son!  
 2 Not of hu - man seed or worth, But from God's own mys - tic breath,  
 3 Won-drous birth! Oh, won-drous child Of the vir - gin un - de - filed!  
 4 God the Fa - ther is his source, Back to God he runs his course;

Ev - 'ry peo - ple, stand in awe; Praise the per - fect Son of God.  
 Fruit in Mar - y's womb be - gun When God breathed the Word, his Son.  
 Might-y God and man in one, Ea - ger now his race to run!  
 Down to death and hell de - scends, God's high throne he re - as - cends.

5 He leaves heaven to return;  
 Trav'ling where dull hellfires burn;  
 Riding out, returning home  
 As the Savior who has come.

6 God the Father's precious Son  
 Girds himself in flesh to run  
 For the trophies of our souls,  
 Longer than this round earth rolls.

7 Shining stable in the night,  
 Breathing vict'ry with your light;  
 Darkness cannot hide your flame,  
 Shining bright as Jesus' name.

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 Tune: J. Wälther, Geistliche Gesangbüchlein, 1524

\* THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Congregation: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

*El Shaddai*  
 Becky Howard

**\* THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve  
 you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that  
 I might be re - newed. So fill me and  
 heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -  
 ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

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**\* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Heavenly Father,

**Congregation:** in your generous care of everything you give us a symbol of eternal life. Receive these offerings as a sign that we hope in Christ alone and wish to serve you as your Spirit leads. Through 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: It is indeed right...thanks and praise.

**People:** Amen.

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

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**\* THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: You are indeed holy...now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

**\* THE LORDS 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 SONG**

*Now the Silence*

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

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Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929  
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**\* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, we recognize your coming in this Sacrament. Encourage us to watch for you by doing works of faith that such unexpected meetings with you may be blessed. You are the Lord forevermore.

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

*All Earth Is Hopeful*

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



To - da la tie - rra es - pe - ra al Sal - va - dor  
 1 All earth is hope - ful, the Sav - ior comes at last!  
 2 Peo - ple of Is - rael, you heard the proph - et tell:  
 3 Moun - tains and val - leys will have to be pre - pared;  
 4 We first saw Je - sus a ba - by in a crib.



y el sur - co a - bier - to, la ob - ra del Se - ñor; es el  
 Fur - rows lie o - pen for God's cre - a - tive task; this, the  
 "A vir - gin moth - er will bear Em - man - u - el"; she con -  
 new high - ways o - pened, new pro - to - cols de - clared. Al - most  
 This same Lord Je - sus to - day has come to live in our



mun - do que lu - cha por la li - ber - tad, re -  
 la - bor of peo - ple who strug - gle to see how  
 ceived him, "God with us," our broth - er, whose birth re -  
 here! God is near - ing, in beau - ty and grace! All  
 world; he is pres - ent, in neigh - bors we see our



cla - ma jus - ti - cia y bus - ca la ver - dad. dar - nos li - ber - tad.  
 God's truth and jus - tice set ev - 'ry - bod - y free.  
 stores hope and cour - age to chil - dren of this earth.  
 clear ev - 'ry gate - way, in haste, come out in haste!  
 Je - sus is with us, and ev - er sets us free.

Text: Alberto Taulé, b. 1932; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946  
 Music: TODA LA TIERRA, Alberto Taulé  
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\* THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

**LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:**

Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

## Holy Communion: Holy Peace

### Praying

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come; that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen” (*The Daily Prayer of the Church, 92*).

### Listening

*Isaiah 2:2 “... the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest....”*

St. Augustine [Late 4<sup>th</sup> – early 5<sup>th</sup> century Bishop of Hippo Regius, Algeria]: “The central place they are all coming to is Christ; he is at the center, because he is equally related to all; anything placed in the center is common to all ... There you will be safe, there you will be protected; Christ is your mountain of refuge” (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: Isaiah, 24*).

*Isaiah 2:3 “... that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.”*

St. Justin Martyr [2<sup>nd</sup> century Christian apologist]: “But through the power of God they [the apostles] witnessed to every race of humanity that they were sent out by Christ to teach the Word of God to all people. Now we who once killed one another no longer war against each other, but moreso we gladly die for the confession of Christ in order not to lie or to deceive our interrogators” (26).

*Isaiah 2:4 “... nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”*

St. Athanasius the Great [4<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt]: “Who is the one who has done this, or who is the one who has joined together in peace people who once hated one another, except for the beloved Son of the Father, the Savior of all, even Jesus Christ, who because of his own love suffered all things for our salvation? For of ages past the peace he would initiate is promised” (27).

*Isaiah 2:4 “... nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.”*

St. John Chrysostom [Late 4<sup>th</sup> – early 5<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch of Constantinople, Turkey]: “Governments and monarchies will be destroyed; there will be but one kingdom put together for all people, and, unlike in times past, its greater part will be at peace. For in the past, all craftsmen and men in public life were trained in warfare and took their place among the ranks. After the coming of Christ, all that was done away with, and wars were confined to widely separate areas” (27).

*Isaiah 2:5 “O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.”*

St. Jerome [Late 4<sup>th</sup> – early 5<sup>th</sup> century Translator of the Latin Vulgate Bible]: “For all who do evil hate the light and fail to come to the light lest theirs work be proven. But you, the house of Jacob, you the house of my people, come with me and let us walk in the light of the Lord. Let us accept the gospel of Christ and be illuminated by him who said, ‘I am the light of the world’” (28).

### Reflecting

1. Do I understand that Christ Jesus comes to me in the Host and Cup to give me His peace?

## **Learning**

### **THE CREED (from Luther's Small Catechism)**

*As the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household.*

#### **The Third Article**

##### **Sanctification**

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.

*What does this mean?*

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian Church he daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day, he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

##### **Doing**

1. Pray for every unbaptized child and adult 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 especially with you on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.
3. Discuss with your spouse, your family, or a friend how the Third Article of the Creed helps you to understand the means by which God the Holy Spirit gives you faith and sustains you.
4. Consult Lutheran Book of Worship, p. 179, for the daily lessons for the Week of Advent 1 (Year One) and read them daily before offering your prayers on behalf of your family, the world, our nation, our state, and our local communities.
5. Reflect on the Holy Spirit's work in and through the Word and Sacraments. If I am indeed born dead in my trespasses, what part do I really play in my coming to faith in Christ Jesus?"
6. Worship every Wednesday and weekend at St. Matthew's during this Advent season.

##### **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**

*Marie Loflin, Janet Hall, Maggie Hoyer, Carol Comeskey, Helen Knoll, Cynthia Brown,  
Jodei Taylor, Gina Martuscelli, Christine Dingfelder, Becky Howard, Julia Bennett,  
Annie Ferry and Elizabeth, Jean Langrell, Cindy Harms, Jennifer Stirrat*

**MEMBERS**

Regina Ryder	Carrie McDonough	Ken Manning
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Ed Ludacer	Joel Peterson	
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**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:**

Elsie Cates	Margaret French	Laura Gray
Nancy Fauser	Ruthann Getsinger	Jane McDougald

<b><u>Operating Fund: October 2022</u></b>		
	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	57,643.18	424,016.10
<b>Expenses:</b>	41,022.12	419,035.94
<b>Income/ (Loss)</b>	16,621.06	4,980.16

<b><u>Offerings Received through November 21</u></b>	
<b>Projected receipts:</b>	34,443.50
<b>Received this month:</b>	<u>19,355.00</u>
<b>Anticipated add'l receipts:</b>	15,088.50

<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
<b>Anticipated expenses for Nov:</b>	46,070.35
<b>Bills paid to date:</b>	<u>10,330.32</u>
<b>Anticipated remaining:</b>	35,740.03

### 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, 5 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, November 27 First Sunday in Advent***

8:30 Contemporary Eucharist

11:00 Traditional Eucharist

##### ***Monday, November 28***

9:00 Counting Team - Finance Office

12:00 Conversations - Rm. 117

4:00 CFA Basketball - McSwain

6:00 Evening Prayer

7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs

7:00 Harbour Towne Band - Choir Room

##### ***Tuesday, November 29***

10:00 Prayer Group - Library

10:00 Staff Meeting - Rm. 117

3:30 WCA Basketball - McSwain

5:15 Girls Choir of Wilmington - Choir Room

6:00 Girl Scouts 354 - McCombs

##### ***Wednesday, November 30***

8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study - McCombs

12:00 Advent Eucharist

6:00 Crossways - McCombs

6:00 Handbells

7:00 Advent Evening Prayer

7:30 Confirmation Class

7:30 Adult Choir

##### ***Thursday, December 1***

10:00 Crossways - McCombs

4:00 CFA Basketball - McSwain

7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs

##### ***Friday, December 2***

3:30 WCA Basketball - McSwain

##### ***Saturday, December 3 Second Sunday in Advent***

9:00 New Member Orientation - Library

11:00 Fellowship Team

6:00 Eucharist; New Members received

##### ***Sunday, December 4 Second Sunday in Advent***

8:30 Traditional Eucharist; New Members rec'd.

9:45 Sunday School

11:00 Traditional Eucharist; New Members rec'd.

12:30 Annual Congregational Lunch & Meeting -  
McSwain

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Poinsettia forms are in the narthex.** Poinsettias are \$7 each and/or you may make a donation to the Building Fund.

**Deadline for all orders and payment is Wednesday, November 30th.**

**There are still slots open on the Advent Wreath lighting sign up.** We still need families or couples. Please sign-up on the board in the Narthex.

**It is time once again to sign up for 2023** to provide dinner for families of Lower Cape Fear Lifecare patients. The Hospice Meals sign-up is posted on the board in the narthex. With the return to regular meals (no individual packaging) we have signed up to provide dinner two times each month. If you have questions, please contact Sue Mowrey.

**New Member Orientation** is Saturday, December 3 at 9:00 am. This class is for transferring Lutherans and those that attended New Disciples Class. New members will be received December 3-4. If interested in attending, please email Donna Capozio at [dcapozio@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:dcapozio@stmatthewsch.org).

**The Annual Congregational Meeting** and lunch will be December 4, 12:30 pm. A sign-up sheet is posted in the narthex.

**Owl's Luncheon will be Thursday, December 15** at 11:30am in McCombs Hall. The meal will be catered by Middle of the Island for \$15 per person. The menu is meatloaf, chicken & pastry, mashed potatoes, green beans, house salad, and banana pudding. Anyone who is interested may bring a holiday treat to share with the group.

**Nave Decorating & Pizza Supper is Thurs. December 15<sup>th</sup>** starting at 6:00 pm. Please sign up on the board in the narthex.

**Altar flowers still has open slots for Jan-Aug. 2023.** See the chart in the Narthex and please fill out the yellow information form when you sign up.



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