

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

FEAST OF THE MARTYRDOM OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

August 29, 2026

6:00 PM



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.

OUR VISION

A welcoming family, encouraging lives of service to Christ

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

A congregation of the American Association of Lutheran Churches (taalc.org)

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 worshipers to receive God's gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Celebrating Holy Communion: We believe, teach, and confess the Lord Jesus Christ is truly present in the earthly elements of bread and wine. We refer to this as the sacramental union. 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 are unable to commune with us are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please cross your arms over your chest to indicate this.

Ushers will direct communicants to the altar where you may kneel or stand. Please receive the host in your flattened palm. The ceramic cup is for intinction, in which you dip the host. Unless otherwise announced, the metal cup is the common cup from which you drink after having consumed the host. If you cannot receive alcohol, please touch the host to the outside of the chalice. If you need a gluten free host, please ask the pastor when he approaches you. Once you have communed, please return to your seat. If you need to be communed at your seat, please inform an usher. The pastor will come to you.

The Altar Flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by Leah Sparks in loving memory of Dan Sparks, and by Barbara Duff in loving memory of her mother, Aileen Teigland.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS! On this Feast of the Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist, we remember the cost of speaking the truth in love when the neighbor is hellbent on self-destruction. It is easy to be a consumer, to delight in those things that please *me*, including those things that will steal one's very soul. St. John the Baptist is the exemplar of faithfulness unto death in anticipation of his Lord's crucifixion for the world's salvation. Submit to God's truth and His rule over all things.

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 God's time, talents and resources

Those Serving in Worship

Greeter:

Lector:

Acolytes and Crucifers:

Ushers:

Altar Guild: Beth Hales



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(* Please stand as you are able.)

Silence for Meditation

THE PRELUDE

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

Ronald A Nelson

THE WELCOME

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: who made heaven and earth.

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

Congregation: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

Congregation: I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

* THE OPENING HYMN

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus



1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, Ye sol - diers of the cross.
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; Stand in His strength a - lone.
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus; The strife will not be long;

Lift high His roy - al ban - ner; It must not suf - fer loss.
Stand forth in might - y con - flict In this His glo - rious day.
The arm of flesh will fail you, Ye dare not trust your own.
This day the din of bat - tle, The next the vic - tor's song.

From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry His ar - my He shall lead
Let all His faith - ful serve Him A - gainst un - num - bered foes;
Put on the Gos - pel ar - mor; Each piece put on with prayer.
The sol - diers, o - ver - com - ing, Their crown of life shall see

Till ev - 'ry foe is van - quished, And Christ is Lord in - deed.
Let cour - age rise with dan - ger And strength to strength op - pose.
Where du - ty calls or dan - ger, Be nev - er want - ing there.
And with the King of Glo - ry Shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

Text: George Duffield, Jr. 1818-88, alt.

Tune: George J. Webb, 1803-87; setting: *Service Book and Hymnal*. 1958

*** THE GREETING**

2 Corinthians 13:14

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: O God, who sent Your messenger, John the Baptist, to be the forerunner of the Lord, and to glorify You by his death: Grant that we, who have received the truth of Your most holy Gospel, may bear witness to it, and after his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Congregation: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 6:9-11:

⁹When He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the testimony which they held. ¹⁰And they cried with a loud voice, saying, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, until You judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?" ¹¹Then a white robe was given to each of them; and it was said to them that they should rest a little while longer, until both the number of their fellow servants and their brethren, who would be killed as they were, was completed.

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

Psalm 116:12-19

What shall I render to the LORD

For all His benefits toward me?

**I will take up the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of the LORD.**

I will pay my vows to the LORD

Now in the presence of all His people.

Precious in the sight of the LORD

Is the death of His saints.

O LORD, truly I am Your servant;

I am Your servant, the son of Your maidservant;

You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
And will call upon the name of the LORD.**

I will pay my vows to the LORD

Now in the presence of all His people,

In the courts of the LORD's house,

In the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

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 6:1-5

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? ²Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? ³Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection,

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

*** THE VERSE**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

John 6:68

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Pastor: The HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

¹⁴ Now King Herod heard of Him, for His name had become well known. And he said, "John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ Others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is the Prophet, or like one of the prophets." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard, he said, "This is John, whom I beheaded; he has been raised from the dead!" ¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent and laid hold of John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife; for he had married her. ¹⁸ Because John had said to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ Therefore Herodias held it against him and wanted to kill him, but she could not; ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and he protected him. And when he heard him, he did many things, and heard him gladly. ²¹ Then an opportune day came when Herod on his birthday gave a feast for his nobles, the high officers, and the chief men of Galilee. ²² And when Herodias' daughter herself came in and danced, and pleased Herod and those who sat with him, the king said to the girl, "Ask me whatever you want, and I will give it to you." ²³ He also swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom." ²⁴ So she went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask?" And she said, "The head of John the Baptist!" ²⁵ Immediately she came in with haste to the king and asked, saying, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought. And he went and beheaded him in prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard of it, they came and took away his corpse and laid it in a tomb.

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

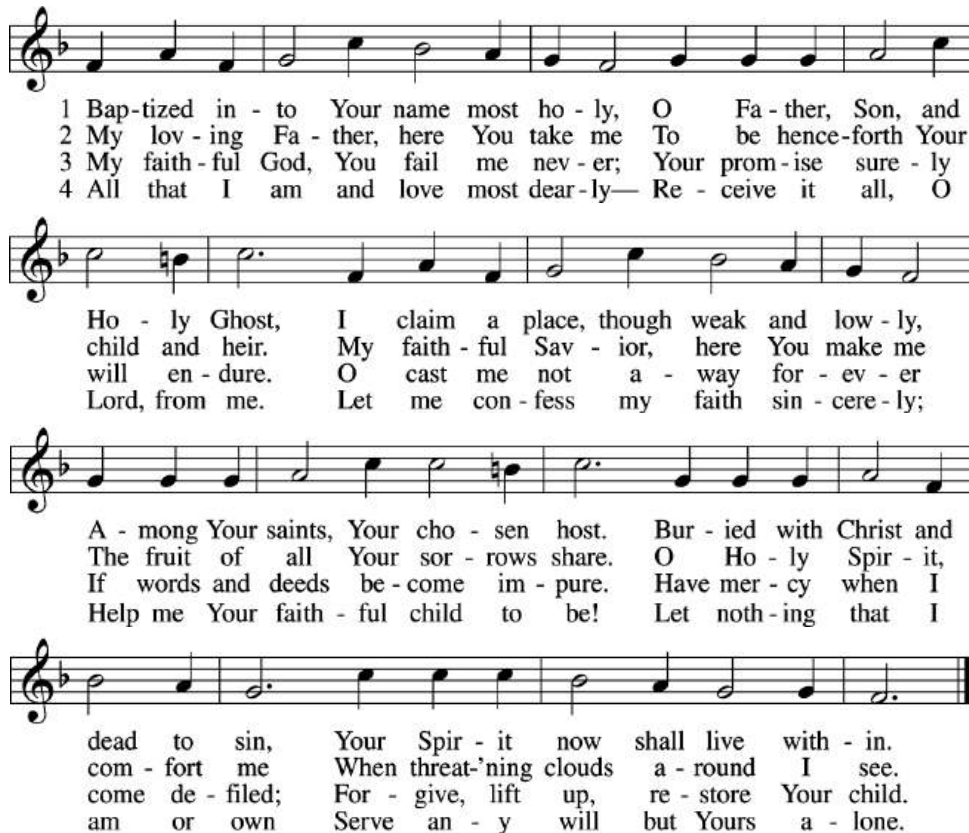
THE SERMON

"Holy Worship: All In for Jesus"

Pr. Zumwalt

*** THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy



1 Bap-tized in - to Your name most ho - ly, O Fa - ther, Son, and
2 My lov - ing Fa - ther, here You take me To be hence-forth Your
3 My faith - ful God, You fail me nev - er; Your prom - ise sure - ly
4 All that I am and love most dear-ly— Re - ceive it all, O

Ho - ly Ghost, I claim a place, though weak and low - ly,
child and heir. My faith - ful Sav - ior, here You make me
will en - dure. O cast me not a - way for - ev - er
Lord, from me. Let me con - fess my faith sin - cere - ly;

A - mong Your saints, Your cho - sen host. Bur - ied with Christ and
The fruit of all Your sor - rows share. O Ho - ly Spir - it,
If words and deeds be - come im - pure. Have mer - cy when I
Help me Your faith - ful child to be! Let noth - ing that I

dead to sin, Your Spir - it now shall live with - in.
com - fort me When threat - ning clouds a - round I see.
come de - filed; For - give, lift up, re - store Your child.
am or own Serve an - y will but Yours a - lone.

Text: Johann Jacob Rambach, 1693-1735, abr.; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-78, alt.
Tune: Cornelius Heinrich Dretzel, 1697-1775; setting: *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941

*** THE APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

*** THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayers.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

Congregation: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Give Me Jesus

Kristina Langlois

*** THE DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Blessed are You,

Congregation: O Lord, our God, Maker of all things. Through Your goodness You have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to Your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that You have made; for the sake of Him who gave Himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*** THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

[Colossians 3:1]

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

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

[Psalm 136]

Congregation: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed....

*** THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

1 Corinthians 11:23-25

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

Congregation: Amen.

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Matthew 6:9-13

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** (*An usher will direct you to the altar rail.*)

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Amen

*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 God's time, talents, and resources.

*** THE BENEDICTION**

Matthew 28:19

Pastor: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

*** THE CLOSING HYMN *We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God***

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

THE DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

THE POSTLUDE

Festival Postlude on "Thaxted"

David Lasky

LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:

Ezekiel 33:7-9; Psalm 32:1-7; Romans 13:1-10; Matthew 18:1-20

We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God's right hand,



The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-'ry one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.



To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tys of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin's womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,



The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



"O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
"O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,



Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!"
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!"
You o-pened heav-en's king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

Text: Stephen P. Starke, b. 1955; © 1999 Stephen P. Starke; admin. Concordia Publishing House
Tune Gustav Holst, 1874-1934, alt.

Holy Worship: All in for Jesus

Praying

O God, who sent Your messenger, John the Baptist, to be the forerunner of the Lord, and to glorify You by his death: Grant that we, who have received the truth of Your most holy Gospel, may bear witness to it, and after his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.” (*Sacred Hours: The Lutheran Daily Office*, 146).

Listening

Mark 6:18 “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife.”

St. John Chrysostom [Late 4th – early 5th century Patriarch of Constantinople, Turkey]: “Do not shrink from the duty of chastising a brother, even though one may be required to die for it. Now do not make this cold reply: ‘what does it matter to me? I have nothing in common with him’ With the devil alone we have nothing in common, but with all humanity we have many things in common. All partake of the same nature with us” (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: Mark*, 84).

Mark 6:23 “Whatever you ask me, I will give you, up to half my kingdom.”

St. John Chrysostom: “So much did he value his kingdom, such a captive was he to his passion, that he would give it to her for her dancing. And why do you wonder that this happened then, when even now, after so much instruction in sound doctrine, many men give away their soul for the dancing of these effeminate young men with no oath needed? They have been made captives by their pleasure and are led around like sheep wherever the wolf may drag them” (85).

Mark 6:26a “And the king was exceedingly sorry; yet, because of the oaths”

St. John Chrysostom: “It is indeed a haven of safety if we do not swear at all. So whatever storms burst upon us we are in no danger of sinking. Whether it is through anger or insult or passion, be what it may, the soul is stayed securely. Even though one might have vented some chance word that ought not to have been spoken, one is not laying oneself absolutely under necessity or law ... For it is indeed a snare of Satan, this swearing. Let us burst these cords. Let us bring ourselves into a condition in which it will be easy not to swear” (86).

Mark 6:28 “brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl; and the girl gave it to her mother.”

St. John Chrysostom: “In what way, then, was this just man harmed by this demise, this violent death, these chains, this imprisonment? Who are those he did not set back on their feet – provided they had a penitent disposition – because of what he spoke, because of what he suffered, because of what he still proclaims in our own day – the same message he preached while he was living. Therefore, do not say: ‘Why was John allowed to die?’ For what occurred was not a death, but a crown, not an end, but the beginning of a greater life” (88).

Reflecting

Do I understand that Holy Baptism is not a mere symbolic water ritual done out of a sense of obedience to my Lord, but rather it is indeed a daily dying to my sinful self and daily rising to a new life in which Christ lives in me?

Learning

What is the Office of the Keys?

The Office of the Keys is that special authority which Christ has given to His church on earth to forgive the sins of repentant sinners, but to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant as long as they do not repent.

Where is this written?

This is what St. John the Evangelist writes in chapter twenty: The Lord Jesus breathed on His disciples and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” (John 20:22–23)

What do you believe according to these words?

I believe that when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command, in particular when they exclude openly unrepentant sinners from the Christian congregation and absolve those who repent of their sins and want to do better, this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself.

Doing

1. Pray for every unbaptized child, youth, 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.
3. Commit yourself to the study of God’s Word at St. Matthew’s. New Sunday School classes for all ages begin on September 13. The Crossways Bible Study, a biblical survey course, resumes with an overview of Hosea (Unit 23 of 60) on September 9 at 6 p.m. and on September 10 at 10 a.m.
4. Discuss with your spouse, your family, or a friend the importance of making a private confession to God in the presence of a pastor. If you have never considered making a private confession in the presence of a pastor, please do so... not for the pastor’s sake but for yours.
5. 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 lectionary readings are on pp.190 in the front of the Lutheran Book of Worship (Year Two, Week of 14 Pentecost). *Portals of Prayer* devotional booklets are available in the narthex on the welcome table.

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

***Robyn Butler, Carol Mueller, Steve and Pat Manor, Judy Daniels, Mary Pat Jones, Barbara Ulnik,
Grace Koder, Connie Forler, Elyssia Eubanks, Ed Ludacer, Brigitte Walters, Marti Felter,
Christi Everette, Carol Stacherski, Erika Braje, Dianne Zenz, Sondra Tullous***

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REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Don Butzin	Ruthann Getsinger	Nancy Miller
Jane Dove	Pat Mahl	Elaine Nelson

<u>Operating Fund: July 2026 FINAL</u>		
	Month	YTD
Revenues:	51,057.95	358,152.19
Expenses:	<u>61,546.97</u>	<u>425,415.56</u>
Income/ (Loss)	(10,489.02)	(67,263.37)

<u>Operating Fund for August 2026</u>	
Avg. Monthly	
Anticipated expenses:	75,350.00
Received for the month:	<u>51,672.20</u>
Additional needed:	23,677.80

**Want to give online to St. Matthew's? Please
open the QR code with your phone's camera.**



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.

Changing stations are available in the two restrooms across from the church offices and in the nursery.

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday, August 30 Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

8:30 Traditional Eucharist
9:45 Rally Day Activities
11:00 Traditional Eucharist
12:30 Rally Day Potluck Luncheon

Monday, August 31

On call - Pr. Zumwalt (Aug. 31-Sept. 6)
9:00 Counting Team
12:00 Conversations
6:00 Evening Prayer
7:00 Midtown AA
7:00 Harbour Towne Band

Tuesday, September 1

10:00 Staff Meeting
10:00 Prayer Group

Wednesday, September 2

8:30 Men's Bible Study
12:00 Healing Prayer and Eucharist
6:00 Handbells
7:00 Confirmation Orientation
7:00 Adult Choir

Thursday, September 3

10:00 Quilt Ministry
7:00 Midtown AA

Friday, September 4

Hospice Meal - Linda Tennant

Saturday, September 5 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

6:00 Eucharist

Sunday, September 6 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Traditional Eucharist
11:00 Traditional Eucharist
12:30 Executive Team
12:30 Stephen Ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Ministry is inviting the congregation and community at large to attend a seminar on Sunday, September 20th at 12:30 p.m. The topic is "Identifying and Dealing with Dementia in Loved Ones", presented by John Dawson from Trillium Health Resources. If you are concerned about a parent, spouse, sibling, or friend whose degree of forgetfulness seems to be more intensified than usual, we encourage you to attend. A light lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Faith Circle is inviting the congregation to their meeting on Tuesday, September 8th at 10:00 a.m. Guest speaker, George Elam, will have a presentation on Eden Village, a tiny village here in Wilmington supporting the disabled and chronically homeless. Please sign up in the Narthex so we know how many to prepare for.

Christkindlmarkt is our annual event for the benefit of all ministries of our church. Please support our efforts by being a Sponsor. Our goal for 2026 is \$18,000 to cover expenses. There are several levels to choose from and forms are available in the narthex.

HELP! St. Matthew's is in desperate need of a servant to be the Team Leader of the Church Property Team. This team is responsible for the maintenance and protection of all property of the congregation. Currently there is a small group of individuals that perform various functions related to property maintenance, but a leader is needed to conduct team meetings, organize required work and provide guidance to the team members. Also, the Team Leader is required to report monthly to the church council, through the council liaison, the accomplishments and needs of the team. If you feel a call to serve this important function, please contact Dusty Pilcher by email at dustman343@mail.com, call 717-542-1818, or speak to him at church to further discuss your interest.

Erika Braje is in need of a weekly ride to the 11:00 a.m. service. Please see the directory for her contact information or email the church office.



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