

Welcome to St Matthew!

If you have any prayer requests and wish them to be included in today's prayers, **please write them on a pink prayer request slip** found in the pew racks and hand them to the usher as he collects the offering plates. We request that all attendees to fill out the **blue attendance slip for each worship service** so we may track attendance and can update records as necessary.

Celebrating Children in Worship

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

- ✝ Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ✝ Sit toward the front where it's easier to see and hear.
- ✝ Quietly explain the parts of the worship service.
- ✝ Sing the songs, pray, and speak the responses. Children learn worship by copying you.
- ✝ If you need to leave the worship service with your child, please feel free to do so... but please come back! For your convenience there is a "Wiggle Room" that looks into the sanctuary and is piped with audio for you to use. The entrance is in the entry way of the church.

To all who worship with us today...

- ✝ Remember, the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to church and to God. Let them know they are at home in this worship gathering.
- ✝ A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.
- ✝ If you see a family could use some assistance, graciously offer your help.



*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.* Mark 10:14

In the Meantime

As We Gather

The Last Day may come soon, but in the meantime, many people are neglecting to use their abilities and opportunities for God's purposes. Zephaniah writes that it will be a day of wrath and mourning. But for those who have realized God's blessings over the years, as Psalm 90 recalls, though the times are mean, each day is an opportunity to "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Today is an opportunity to hear God's very gracious Word, "well done!" and be strengthened to respond by using the talents He has loaned to us.

Brothers & Sisters in Christ

1 Allelulia! Amen!

Let your prayers and your praises ascend.

Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior, our King!

Here brought together by grace,

we are gathered as friends in this place.

And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.

We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

2 Man walked alone and in need,
without faith, hope or promise or creed;
wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;
that God in his mercy would save all his people from death
and the grave.

And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.

We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

3 Lord, teach us how to proclaim
all your goodness, your love and your name!
Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love,
teach us Lord, how to live.
Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we belong.

And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
and proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Text: Terry Dittmer, Arr. By Craig Alea

Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Opening Sentences *Zephaniah 1:7b; 1 Thessalonians 5:11; Matthew 25:29a*

P The LORD has prepared a sacrifice

C and consecrated His guests.

P Encourage one another

C and build one another up.

P To everyone who has will more be given,

C and he will have an abundance.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8–9; Psalm 90:17

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us in all honesty hear His Word again and confess our sins.

The Lord has consecrated His guests,

C but we have been more attentive to the things of this world. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

P Build one another up,

C but we are used to the darkness of this world and fear His coming like a thief in the night. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

P To everyone who has will more be given,

C but we seldom recognize the abilities and opportunities He has given. Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us.

P The favor of the Lord is on you! Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

464 The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1 The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the victor's triumph won;
Now be the song of praise begun.
Alleluia!

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✠ WORD ✠

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus,

God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Matthew 25:29a

P Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given,

C and he will have an abundance. Alleluia.



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴[Jesus said:] “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. ¹⁵To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. ¹⁷So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. ¹⁸But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰And he who had received the five talents came forward,

bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I scattered no seed? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children's Message

Because He Lives (God Sent His Son)

- 1 God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal, and forgive.
He lived and died to buy my pardon;
An empty grave is there to prove my
Savior lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;

Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because
He lives.

- 2 How sweet to hold a newborn baby
And feel the pride and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance
This child can face uncertain days
because He lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because
He lives.

- 3 And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain.
And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know
He lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because
He lives.

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Sermon

Video – “Promises”

Offering

Offertory

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Creed

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;

**who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and
the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and
glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the Church around the world, for ourselves in this place,
for people in positions of authority, for families, and for all in need.

Guide and protect Your Church, Lord Jesus, as it endeavors to share
the Gospel in the many circumstances of this sin-ridden world.
Embolden leaders to speak Your Word with conviction, open the ears
of those who hear the Good News in all circumstances, and grant
increase of faith and numbers wherever people gather around Word
and Sacrament.

C Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for
whom we pray.

P O Holy Spirit, strengthen this congregation so that we are a beacon of Your gracious love, calling one and all to join us to celebrate the Good News shining in this darkened world.

C **Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.**

P Lord our God, hear the prayers of Your people near and dear to us, [*including . . .*], as well as those known only to You. As fits Your gracious plans for them, give healing, relief, and comfort, so that they may live out each day in peace and joy.

C **Hear our prayer, O Lord, and let Your favor be upon us and all for whom we pray.**

P These and any other things You would have us ask of You, heavenly Father, grant us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

✠ Sacrament ✠

Preface

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

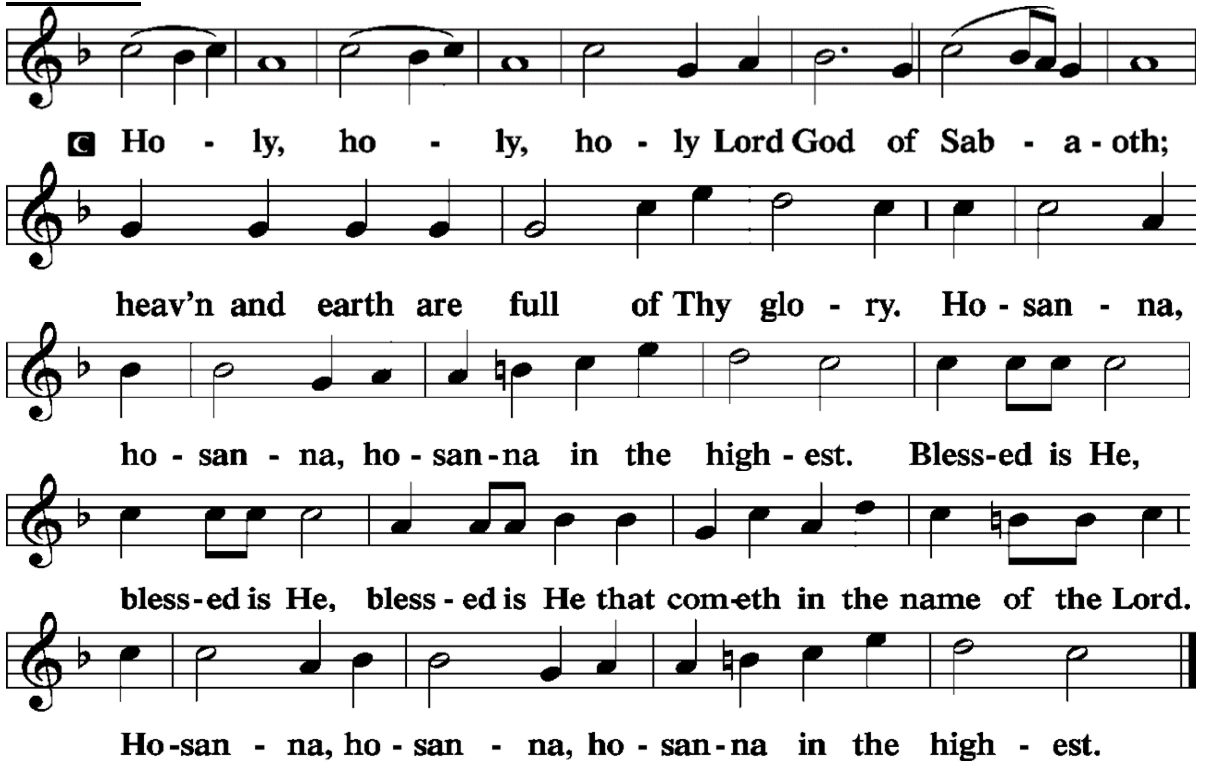
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and

the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus



☐ Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is He,
bless-ed is He, bless - ed is He that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Words of Our Lord

☐ Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the

forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

✠ Lord's Prayer ✠

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

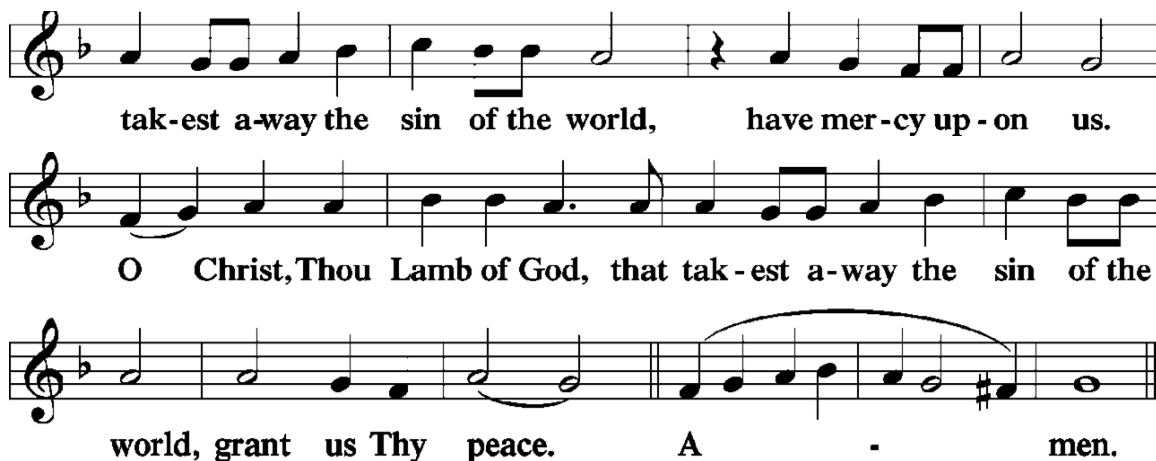
Lamb of God



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



✠ Distribution Hymns ✠

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

- 1 Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness
My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,
With joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day,
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
Fully absolved through these I am
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,
Which at the mercy seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty,
Was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more
Than sands upon the ocean shore,

Thou hast for all a ransom paid,
For all a full atonement made.

5 When from the dust of death I rise
To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea:
Jesus hath lived and died for me.

6 Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,
For me, and all Thy hands have made,
An everlasting ransom paid.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. John B. Wesley, 1703–91, alt.
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628 Your Table I Approach

- 1 Your table I approach;
Dear Savior, hear my prayer.
Let not an unrepentant heart
Prove hurtful to me there.
- 2 Lord, I confess my sins
And mourn their wretched bands;
A contrite heart is sure to find
Forgiveness at Your hands.
- 3 Your body and Your blood,
Once slain and shed for me,
Are taken at Your table, Lord,
In blest reality.
- 4 Search not how this takes place,
This wondrous mystery;
God can accomplish vastly more
Than what we think could be.

5 O grant, most blessed Lord,
That earth and hell combined
May not about this sacrament
Raise doubt within my mind.

6 Oh, may I never fail
To thank You day and night
For Your true body and true blood,
O God, my peace and light.

Text: Gerhard Wolter Molanus, 1633–1722; tr. Matthias Loy, 1828–1915, alt.
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525 Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless king
Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
Yet of that rose the stem,
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The babe of Bethlehem.

3 Crown Him the Lord of love.
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky

Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bend their wond'ring eyes
At mysteries so bright.

- 4 Crown Him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save.
His glories now we sing,
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.
- 5 Crown Him the Lord of heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the king to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is king of all.

Text (sts. 1-3, 5): Matthew Bridges, 1800-94, alt.; (st. 4): Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903
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684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary

- 1 "Come unto Me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that hath no ending,
Of love that cannot cease.
- 2 "Come unto Me, ye wand'ers,
And I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus,

Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way;
But Thou hast brought us gladness
And songs at break of day.

- 3 “Come unto Me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life.”
O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager,
The fight is fierce and long;
But Thou hast made us mighty
And stronger than the strong.

- 4 “And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out.”
O patient love of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy
Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners
To come, dear Lord, to Thee!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–98, alt.
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Post-Communion Thanksgiving

P Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us
through this salutary gift,

C 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;

P through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with
You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord lift up his countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

- 1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,
Among us with Your grace
That Satan may not harm us
Nor we to sin give place.
- 2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,
Among us with Your Word,
And thus now and hereafter
True peace and joy afford.
- 3 Abide with heav'nly brightness
Among us, precious Light;
Your truth direct and keep us
From error's gloomy night.

Text: Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
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Please join us downstairs for



Please sign up for Coffee Hour Fellowship. We need 2 volunteers each week to help bring goodies to share after worship service.

We are still looking for someone to take over as Fellowship Chair.
Search in your heart to see if you can assist with filling in this open Council position. Our church's success depends on volunteers.



2 Envelope Fundraisers boards in the Narthex and in Fellowship Hall. Each envelope has a dollar amount printed on it. Put either a check or cash of that amount into the envelope, include your offering # and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or turn it in to the church office.

Fundraiser 1- Carpet/Flooring Fund

"We will not neglect the house of our God." Nehemiah 10:39

We are wanting to purchase new carpet in the Fellowship Hall and update the flooring under the pews in the Sanctuary.

Fundraiser 2- Preschool Fund

Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14

This money will help to fund the preschool and to help keep it operational.

OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

Pastor:	Rev. Roger Sonnenberg
Organist:	Ken Young
Choir Director:	Rod Larson
Sound Technician:	Bob Hicks
Video Technician:	Bob Edmunds
Usher:	Steve Schlaffman
Elder Servers:	Craig Smith & Mike Ashton
Lay Reader:	
Altar Flowers from:	Tim & Linda Stone

Altar Guild for November:
Lynn Vernon & Belinda Young



Our Mission is to be the living evidence of the mercies of Christ
John 13:34-35



Participation in Holy Communion

With respect to the gravity of the benefits received with the bread and wine, and to your spiritual health (1 Cor 11:27-29) we invite to the Lord's Table those who make this confession:

- ❖ *I acknowledge that I am a sinner, and desire Christ's forgiveness.*
- ❖ *I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.*
- ❖ *I believe that the Risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament - in, with, and under the bread and wine that I receive for the forgiveness of my sins. (Matthew 26:26-28)*
- ❖ *I do intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins.*
- ❖ *I resolve to dedicate myself to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular worship, sacrificial giving and thankful living.*

Visitors who wish to commune at St Matthew are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so. Non-alcoholic wine is the light-colored wine offered in the center portion of the individual cup trays.

If you do not wish to participate in Communion, we invite you to spend the time in silent meditation or prayer. You may be interested in meditating on Psalm 6, 23, 32, 46, 51, or 90 which can be found in the either the Bibles or the Hymnals in the pew racks in front of you.

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