

A warm welcome to you. Members & Visitors: Please complete a yellow "caring card" **each time you attend a service.** They can be found in the pew racks. Please place your card in the offering plate. If you have a **Prayer Request**, please put that information on the back of the card. Thank You!

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Using Scripture as our guide, we believe that when we eat this bread and drink this wine, we receive the true body and blood of our Savior. It assures us of His love for us, of the forgiveness of our sins, and of His empowering presence in our daily lives. Any who have not been instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or one of our elders. NOTE: If you would like to receive communion at any service from the pew, please tell the pastor or an elder before the service. Thank You!

THOSE MINISTERING AMONG US TODAY

Organ/Keyboard Linda

Elders David, Philip

Ushers (8) Myron; (10:15) Kevin

Acolytes (8) Cody; (10:15) Camdin

Readers (8) Craig/Nancy; (10:15) Julie

Tech Crew (8) Bryon & Bev, ____ *(We welcome you to the balcony to help and train with us.)*
(10:15) Jason, Holly, Madison/Monroe

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Short-term Specific Prayer Requests: *Bill, Logan, Judy, Steve, Marlis, and those we name in our hearts.*

Altar flowers were given by Al & Connie Reitmeier.

Are you ready to trade control for obedience? This week in the Red Letter Giving Challenge we will focus on giving regularly as we read Days 27-33. There are still a few books available and we invite you to join us for Adult Bible Study between services or to read on your own.

If you have some time tomorrow morning, we would love your help assembling the November Newsletter at 9 a.m. in the basement. People to assemble, tape, and label are needed.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Bi-Annual Voters Meeting
TODAY, October 26th at 11:30 AM
in Basement Fellowship Hall
The youth are serving a Burrito Brunch.
Our 2026 Operating Budget is included on the agenda.

Do you enjoy being able to see our liturgy and hymns on the big screen for our 8 a.m. worship service? If so, we REALLY NEED YOUR HELP in the balcony for our 8 a.m. worship services. All you need to do is use a couple buttons on the keyboard and follow along with the service! Someone will train with you, and you will not go on your own until you are ready. Our scheduling is super flexible! Contact Bev in the church office for more information. **You can also go up to the balcony and observe what happens up there during a worship service!**

We want to thank everyone for the cards, gifts, and telling us in-person "Happy 70th Anniversary." Thank you so much.

Don & Lula Junker

We are looking for Ushers for our worship services. You would help with collecting the Offering and releasing pews for communion. **A sign-up sheet is in the Great Hall.** A flexible schedule is done for this.

Our Youth are doing a FUNDRAISER - cookie dough from Wooden Spoon Cookies! Orders are due by November 5th. *"You Can Bake A Difference – One Cookie At A Time."* The fundraiser is in support of their 2026 Mission Trip to Colorado.

WORSHIP SERVICE & SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:00 AM CLASSIC WORSHIP (communion 1st and 3rd Sundays)
10:15 AM MODERN WORSHIP (communion 2nd and 4th Sundays)
Adult Bible Study is 9:15-10:00 AM in the basement.
Sunday School for PreK-12th grades is 9:15-10:00 AM.
Parent Sunday School meets in the Fireside Room.

The evening Widow's Group will meet TOMORROW at 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Join us as we continue in our book, From One Widow to Another by Miriam Neff. The main entrée will be chicken, potatoes, and pizza from Pizza Ranch. Please bring a dish to share.

Immanuel Lutheran School is once again hosting a SHOPPING NIGHT on Friday, November 7 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. It will be held in the ILS Activity Denter located at 620 Bush Street in Lakefield. Shop many home-based and local businesses and Silent Auction baskets. Please see more information on the flyer posted on our north entrance bulletin board.

St. Peter Lutheran Church, N Hwy 86 & 880th Street, Lakefield, MN is having a Turkey Supper on Wednesday, November 12. This is a Curbside Pickup Only event and will be held from 5 p.m. until the food is gone. The meals are \$12 each and will include turkey and all the trimmings and a piece of pie.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. NEWSLETTER ASSEMBLY
11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
5:15 p.m. Widows in Fireside Room |
| Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. Bible Study in Conference Room |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. Women in the Word
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
5:10 p.m. Confirmation Supper
5:30 p.m. Confirmation & Kids in the Word
5:30 p.m. Youth Group
6:30 p.m. Bell Practice
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice |
| Thursday | <i>Roxie's Day Off</i> |
| Friday | <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. Classic Worship, Communion
9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Parent Sunday School in Fireside Room
10:15 a.m. Modern Worship
11:15 a.m.—1:00 p.m. HARVEST DINNER |



If the Son

sets you free,

you will be

free indeed.

JOHN 8:36, ESV

Reformation Sunday October 26, 2025

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Worthington, MN (507) 376-6168**

Administrative Pastor, Rev. David G. Hahn – ext. 3

Administrative Assistant, Bev Spittle – ext. 2

Director of Human Care & Children's Ministries, Roxann Leckband – ext. 5

Director of Music, Lorenda Glade – ext. 6

Youth, David & Alexie Cross – ext. 4

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8:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – Divine Service Setting 3

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Call to Worship *"Sanctuary"*

Invocation

Hymn *"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"* (stand vs. 4) LSB 909

Confession & Absolution (pg. 184)

Gloria Patri (pg. 186)

Kyrie (pg. 186)

Gloria in Excelsis (pg. 187-189)

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Scripture Lessons Revelation 14:6-7

Romans 3:19-28

Alleluia (p. 190)

John 8:31-36

Nicene Creed

Children's Message

Hymn *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"* LSB 657

Sermon *"Made Free"* John 8:31-36

Prayers of the Church

Offertory (pg. 192-193)

Offering

Lord's Prayer

Salutation & Benedicamus (pg. 201)

Benediction (pg. 202)

Closing Hymn *"Built on the Rock"* LSB 645

We invite you to join us for coffee fellowship in the basement and Adult Bible Study and Sunday School classes!

10:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preservice Countdown Video

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Ringling of the Bell

Welcome

Call To Worship *"Sanctuary"*

Invocation

Worship Song *"10,000 Reasons"*

Confession of Sins

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

Confession of Faith Song *"We Believe"*

Apostles' Creed

God' Word

Revelation 14:6-7

Romans 3:19-28

John 8:31-36

Children's Message

Message *"Made Free"* John 8:31-36

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Singing of the Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

The Lord's Supper

Distribution Music *"Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone"*

Closing Prayer

Benediction Song *"The Blessing"*

Closing Song *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER BAKE SALE & HELPERS INFORMATION

We are having a Bake Sale! **If you like to bake, please have your items here by 9 a.m. NEXT Sunday, November 2nd.** Have them on paper plates or in bags, wrapped, labeled, and priced. **Thank you for supporting our LWML!**

If you signed up to bring a pie, please have it in a disposable pan and in the kitchen area by 9 a.m. on November 2nd. Ladies need to get the pies cut and on plates before we begin serving. We have a lot of pumpkin pies coming, so please make any other kind you like.

Helpers, please be in the dining room area by 11:15 a.m. **Servers,** be there by 11:10 a.m.

This will be an awesome event!
Thanks to you, we will be able to get everything done.



ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER

Hosted by the St. Matthew's LWML

NEXT Sunday, November 2

Serving 11:15AM-1:00PM

**Come enjoy a delicious Turkey with
all the trimmings meal!**

**(Please use the north entrance to the basement
so we have good "traffic flow.")**

**A free-will donation will be received
for the meals eaten here at the church.**

Please give what you can.

This year we will be helping the Logan Waldner family. As many of you know, Logan was severely injured in an event while he was on duty as a Nobles County Deputy. He has undergone months of hospitalization and rehab and is still unable to return to work. If you would like to give a donation but can't attend the dinner, please make a check payable to St. Matthew LWML and give the check to Sandie Spittle, Kathy Roslansky, Gail DeGrote, or Jeanette Varuska. We will add it to the dollars raised at the Harvest Dinner.

Take-outs and Delivery will be available.

Please call the church office by noon on Friday,
October 31, to get on our delivery list.

Delivery meals will be \$10 each.

**There will also be boxed greeting
cards to purchase from our LWML
Bookstore, and a Bake Sale!**

