

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 Lorenda
Elders Philip, David
Ushers (8) Voris; (10:15) _____
Acolytes (8) Isabella; (10:15) Wren
Readers (8) John; (10:15) Julie
Tech Crew (8) Jen & Ron, Avery
(We welcome you to the balcony to train with us.)
(10:15) Jason, Holly, Madison/Monroe

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Short-term Specific Prayer Requests: *Lula, Logan, Judy, and those we name in our hearts.*
On-going Prayer Requests: *Ruby, Joan, Rosemary, Mary, Dennis, Maureen, Francis & Lorraine, Jan, Brian, Ilona, Marianne, Muriel, Marilyn, Lot & Bing, Lula, Sharon, Judy, Marlyn, Logan, Dwayne, Bill, Steve, and Marlis.* We also remember the families of those who have recently passed to their heavenly home: Irma Sasse, Helen Markman, JoAnn Meyer, and Iva Barber.

Do you enjoy being able to use the big screen for our 8 a.m. worship service liturgy and hymns? For that to continue, we REALLY NEED YOUR HELP in the balcony for our 8 a.m. tech crew. All you need to do is use a couple buttons on the keyboard and follow along with the service! We will train you, and you will not go on your own until you are ready. Our scheduling is super flexible! Contact Bev in the church office with questions. You can also go to the balcony and observe during a service!

CHOIR PRACTICES:

Wednesdays, December 10 and 17

- 5:45-6:15 p.m. – Ladies Choir practice in Chapel
- 7:15-7:30 p.m. – ALL Choir Members
- 7:30-8:00 p.m. – Bell Choir practice

UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE:

Dec. 10 – Advent Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 14 – Worship Services at 8 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

Dec. 17 – Advent Worship at 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 21 – Children's Christmas Service at 9:30 a.m.
(Communion will be offered after the service.)

Dec. 24 – Christmas Eve Services at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Service at 9 a.m. with communion

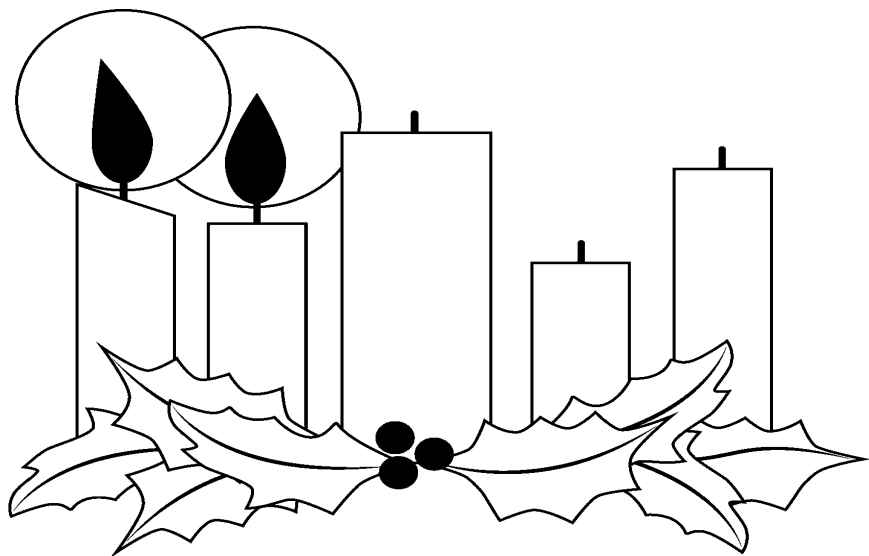
**Dec. 28 – One Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.
with Communion**

Our Youth are doing an OCHEDA ORCHARD APPLE FUNDRAISER again this year! Honeycrisp apples may be ordered in 5-pound or a 10-pound bag. Costs are \$5 and \$10, respectively. Deadline to order is December 10 and the apples will be delivered around December 13.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Monday	9:00 a.m. Pastor at The Meadows 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 12:00 p.m. Noon Fellowship 5:30 p.m. Council Meeting
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Bible Study in Conference Room 3:00 p.m. Hope Circle in Fireside Room
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Women in the Word 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline 5:00-6:00 p.m. Advent Supper 5:30 p.m. Confirmation & Kids in the Word 5:30 p.m. Youth Group 5:45 p.m. Ladies Choir 6:30 p.m. Advent Worship 7:15 p.m. Adult Choir 7:30 p.m. Bells
Thursday	<i>Roxie's Day Off</i> 9:00 a.m. Mission Sewing
Friday	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i> 10:30 a.m. Moms & Jesus' Little Lambs
Saturday	10:00-11:30 a.m. 4th-8th Grade Program Practice
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Classic Worship 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study & Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Parent Sunday School in Fireside Rm 10:15 a.m. Modern Worship, Communion

***God's Blessings as we prepare
to celebrate the birth of Our Savior!***



SECOND SUNDAY
OF
Advent
December 7, 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

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Youth, David & Alexie Cross – ext. 4

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8:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – Divine Service Setting 4

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Ringin of the Bell/Welcome

Call to Worship Song

"Come to Us, O Promised One/O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Invocation

Hymn *"Prepare the Royal Highway"* LSB 343

Confession & Absolution (pg. 203)

Kyrie (pg. 204)

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Alleluia & Verse

Matthew 3:1-12

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Hymn *"On Jordan's Banks the Baptist's Cry"* LSB 344

Sermon *"Christmas Is Coming! Are You Prepared?"*

Prayers of the Church

Offering

Sacrament of Holy Communion (pgs. 208-212)

Preface

Sanctus

Lord's Prayer

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Distribution *"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"* LSB 621

"Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" LSB 359

Closing Prayer & Benediction

Closing Hymn *"Sing Praise to the God of Israel"* LSB 936

10:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preservice Countdown Video

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Ringin of the Bell/Welcome

Call To Worship Song

"Come to Us, O Promised One/O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

Invocation

Worship Song *"Even So, Come"*

"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

Confession of Sins

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

Confession of Faith Song *"We Believe"*

Apostles' Creed

God' Word

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-13

Matthew 3:1-12

Children's Message

Message *"Christmas Is Coming! Are You Prepared?"*

Prayers of the Church

Offering

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

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

Closing Prayer

Benediction Song *"The Blessing"*

Closing Song *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

Thank you for joining us in worship today!
Blessings on your week!

Jesus' Birthday Party
Tuesday, December 30th
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

This celebration is for all ages!
There will be games, crafts, a Bible story, treats and a light lunch. We will meet downstairs. **Please join us!**



**WALK
THRU^{THE}
BIBLE[®]**

TAKE A WALK. CHANGE THE WORLD.

Did you read, in our church's December Newsletter, about the "otLive" event taking place here at St. Matthews on January 10th?

It is "A Walk Thru the Old Testament – Teaching the Big Picture of the Old Testament."

Many believers are confused about the Old Testament – what it says, what it means, how to apply it to daily life. Some wonder if it is even relevant today. Some are overwhelmed by it and don't know how to read it.

This event is for anyone 5th Grade through Adult. So reserve a spot on your calendar for Saturday, January 10th, 9:00AM-12:30PM.

Mid-Week Advent Worship Services on December 10 and 17 at 6:30 p.m.

Come early and enjoy an **Advent Supper served from 5-6 p.m.** This week our LWML ladies are serving a turkey noodle hotdish, salads and bars. **Have you picked up a FREE Devotion Book to use for Advent? They are available in the Great Hall.**

UNDIE SUNDAY – Today marks the end of our Undie Sunday collections! Thank you to all who participated. May your donations be blessed to those who receive them. All items received will be sent to Orphan Grain Train in Norfolk, NE.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM PRACTICES:

Please make every effort to have your child/children at the church for these important practices. Thank You!

- **Sunday, Dec. 7 – Preschool-3rd graders** meet in the basement **at 8:45 a.m.** (This is in place of a Saturday practice time.) We will move to the Sanctuary to practice after 8:00 service is done.
- **Saturday, Dec. 13 – Grades 4-8** practice from 10-11:30 a.m.
- **Sunday, Dec. 14: Preschool-8th graders** will practice during the Sunday School hour.
- **Sunday, Dec. 21: Program is at 9:30 a.m.**
Please have students here by 9 a.m.

Please be sure to read our church's December Newsletter. It includes information about upcoming happenings, stories, and pictures!

Many hours of work are put into making this publication for our members every month. Thank You!