

## ***St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School***

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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*Worship for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany  
January 11 & 14, 2024*

♪ **Baptized into your name most holy,  
O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
I claim a place, though weak and lowly,  
Among your saints, your chosen host,  
Buried with Christ and dead to sin.  
Your Spirit now shall live within. (CW 680)**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God

**C: unless he is born of water and the Spirit.**

P: Flesh gives birth to flesh,

**C: but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

P: Surely we were sinful at birth,

**C: sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.**

P: But we were washed, we were sanctified,

**C: we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by  
the Spirit of our God.**

♪ **My loving Father, there you took me  
To be henceforth your child and heir.  
My faithful Savior, there you let me  
The fruit of all your sorrows share.  
O Holy Spirit, comfort me  
When threat'ning clouds around I see. (CW 680)**

P: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

♪ **My faithful God, you fail me never;  
Your promise surely will endure.  
Oh, cast me not away forever  
If words and deeds become impure.  
Have mercy when I come defiled;  
Forgive, lift up, restore your child.** (CW 680)

P: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

♪ **All that I am and love most dearly—  
Receive it all, O Lord, from me.  
Let me confess my faith sincerely,  
And help me your own child to be!  
Let nothing that I am or own  
Serve any will but yours alone.** (CW 680)

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, you engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism. Grant that we who have been baptized may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing our Savior's glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

♪ Lord, I will tell while I am living,  
Your love and grace with every breath  
And greet each morning with thanksgiving  
Until my heart is still in death,  
And, when at last my lips grow cold,  
Your praise shall in my sighs be told. *(tune of CW 680)*

**Old Testament: Exodus 15:1-13**

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD:

**"I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted.**

The horse and its rider

**he has hurled into the sea.**

<sup>2</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song;

**he has become my salvation.**

He is my God, and I will praise him,

**my father's God, and I will exalt him.**

<sup>3</sup>The LORD is a warrior;

**the LORD is his name.**

<sup>4</sup>Pharaoh's chariots and his army

**he has hurled into the sea.**

The best of Pharaoh's officers

**are drowned in the Red Sea.**

<sup>5</sup>The deep waters have covered them;

**they sank to the depths like a stone.**

<sup>6</sup>"Your right hand, O LORD,

**was majestic in power.**

Your right hand, O LORD,

**shattered the enemy.**

<sup>7</sup>In the greatness of your majesty

**you threw down those who opposed you.**

You unleashed your burning anger;

**it consumed them like stubble.**

<sup>8</sup>By the blast of your nostrils

**the waters piled up.**

The surging waters stood firm like a wall;

**the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>"The enemy boasted,

**'I will pursue, I will overtake them.**

I will divide the spoils;

**I will gorge myself on them.**

I will draw my sword

**and my hand will destroy them.'**

<sup>10</sup> But you blew with your breath,

**and the sea covered them.**

They sank like lead

**in the mighty waters.**

<sup>11</sup> "Who among the gods is like you, O LORD?

**Who is like you—majestic in holiness,**

awesome in glory,

**working wonders?**

<sup>12</sup> You stretched out your right hand

**and the earth swallowed them.**

<sup>13</sup> "In your unfailing love you will lead

**the people you have redeemed.**

In your strength you will guide them

**to your holy dwelling.**

### Verse of the Day

♪ **Glory and praise, still onward reaching,**

**Be yours, O Spirit of all grace,**

**Whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching**

**Give me among your saints a place.**

**Whatever good by me is done**

**Is worked by grace divine alone.** (*tune of CW 680*)

### Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

<sup>4</sup>John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

<sup>5</sup>The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him. They were baptized by him in the Jordan River as they confessed their sins. <sup>6</sup>John was clothed in camel's hair, and he wore a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup>He preached, "One more powerful than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the strap of his sandals! <sup>8</sup>I baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>Just as Jesus came up out of the water, he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am well pleased with you."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

### 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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. 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, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.**

Hymn: God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It *CW 679*

1 God's own child, I gladly say it:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it,  
gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many?  
I have one worth more than any  
that brought me salvation free,  
lasting to eternity!

- 2 Sin, disturb my soul no longer:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger:  
Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me  
since my baptism did release me  
in a dear forgiving flood,  
sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?
- 3 Satan, hear this proclamation:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation,  
I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled,  
all your might has come unraveled,  
and, against your tyranny,  
God, my Lord, unites with me!
- 4 Death, you cannot end my gladness:  
I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness  
to inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes  
faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine  
to make life immortal mine.

**Sermon: Romans 6:1-14**

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup>By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? <sup>3</sup>Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

<sup>5</sup>If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. <sup>6</sup>For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might

be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup>because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.

<sup>8</sup>Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup>For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup>The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

<sup>11</sup>In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup>Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup>Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

*Go Back To Go Forward*

*I. Go back to what happened when you were baptized*

*II. Go forward thru what happened when you were baptized*

**Response to God's Word: God's Own Child** CW 679

♪ **There is nothing worth comparing  
to this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring:  
even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising,  
still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ;  
I'm a child of paradise!**

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church for Epiphany**

P: As we celebrate the epiphany of your Son, dear Father, we rejoice again to hear the good news of great joy that you sent your own dear Son to be the Savior of all nations. For fulfilling your prophecies and for sending your Son in the fullness of time to bring salvation to all people, we give you our heartfelt thanks and praise.

**C: The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all people!**

P: What a great mystery of our faith this is: that God has become fully human for our salvation, and yet he remains the all-powerful Lord of all who changes gloom to joy, shame to honor, and darkness to light.

**C: Great is the mystery of our faith; that God appeared in a body!**

P: What a great mystery of our faith this is: that our Savior who once came in such deep humility as a baby born in Bethlehem, still comes to us in the humble means of grace—the Gospel in the Word of God and the sacraments. Open our eyes to see the saving power of God that lies hidden beneath the humble forms of preaching, the washing of Holy Baptism, and our partaking of the Lord’s Supper.

**C: Increase our desire to receive these precious gifts, so that we may continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

P: In the midst of our joy, we grieve for the many people in our world who do not know that Jesus has come to bring them forgiveness and healing. As the first followers of Jesus spread abroad the good news of the birth of the Savior born for all the world, may we also make use of the unique opportunities that our time presents to tell others of what we have seen and heard concerning the Savior.

**C: Grant that the good news of peace with God through Jesus may comfort all people.**

P: As the angels sang out their praise, move us also to sing out our praise to you, today and every day, as the joy of Epiphany remains in our hearts.

**C: Glory to God in the highest! Amen.**

### 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.**

### The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**



P: Lift up your hearts.

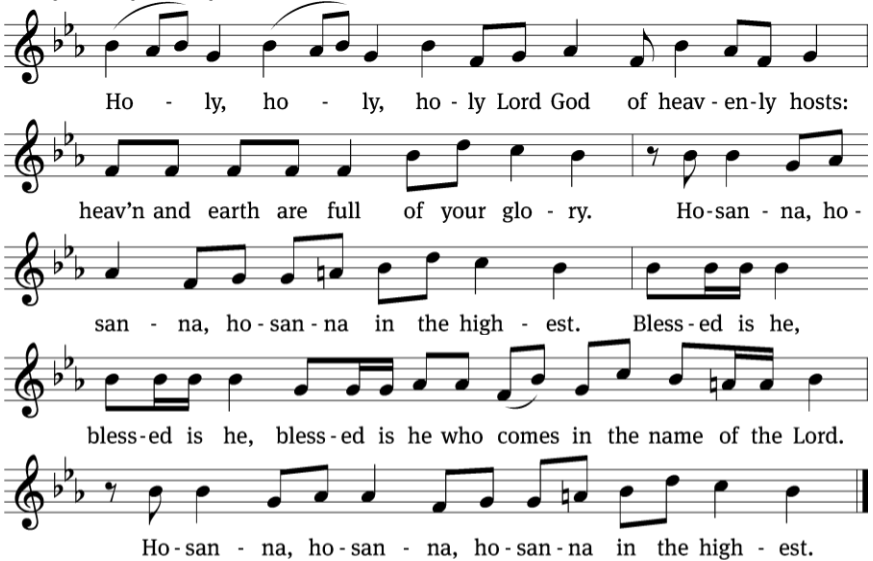
**C: We lift them up to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your 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 who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

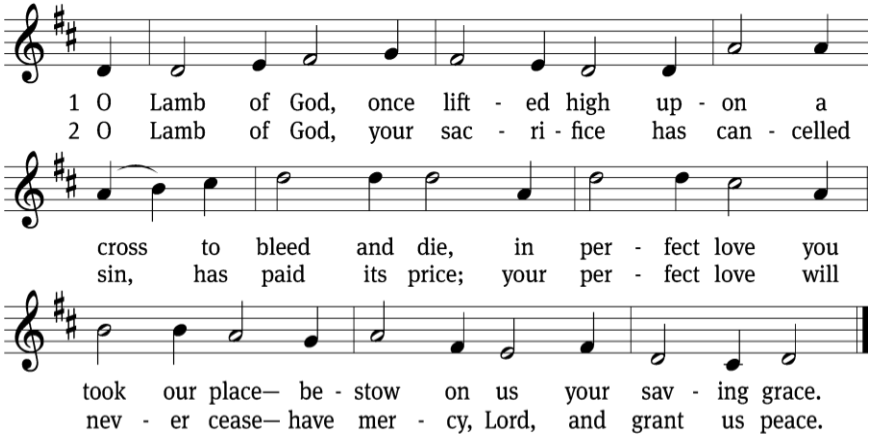
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

**Lamb of God** *Tune of CW 380*



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled  
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will  
took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing** CW 668

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
knocking at my door, appealing,  
off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He himself makes preparation,  
and I hear his invitation:  
"Come and taste the blessed feast."
- 2 Christ himself, the priest presiding,  
yet in bread and wine abiding  
in this holy sacrament,  
gives the bread of life, once broken,  
and the cup, the precious token  
of his sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
blood and body, giv'n for me,  
very Lamb of God from heaven,  
who to bitter death was given,  
hung upon the cursed tree.

- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,  
gives himself to me this hour  
in this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue his pledge receiving,  
I accept his grace, believing  
that I taste his love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
whose own feast of love I savor,  
bidden by his gracious call.  
Wedding garments he provides me,  
with a robe of white he hides me,  
fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,  
comfort in my tribulation,  
balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
cleanses me from sin and error,  
makes my wounded spirit whole.

Distribution Hymn: Through Simple Water *CW 685*

- 1 Through simple water, drawn and poured,  
united with his pow'rful Word,  
in baptism Jesus sets us free  
from sin's dread pow'r and slavery.
- 2 There at the font with promise true  
God brings his saving grace anew—  
the sin-infected soul he heals  
and all his pard'ning love reveals!
- 3 My sinful self was crucified  
with Christ, as if I, too, had died;  
and as he rose, I also rise  
to live with strength that he supplies.
- 4 From that day on God helps me drown  
the sinful self and hold it down.  
I am made new; I'm born again,  
repenting, trusting, serving him.

5 When doubts arise, when sin assails,  
 the pow'r of baptism never fails.  
 "I am baptized! What should I fear?  
 God's love for me is always near!"

**Thanksgiving**

Song of Simeon CW '93, p.61



In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part ac-cord-ing  
 to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which  
 you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,  
 a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
 glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, 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 look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**Closing Hymn: All Who Believe and Are Baptized** CW 692

- 1 All who believe and are baptized  
shall see the Lord's salvation;  
baptized into the death of Christ,  
they are a new creation;  
through Christ's redemption they shall stand  
among the glorious, heav'nly band  
of ev'ry tribe and nation.
  
- 2 With one accord, O God, we pray:  
grant us your Holy Spirit;  
help us in our infirmity  
through Jesus' blood and merit;  
grant us to grow in grace each day  
that by this sacrament we may  
eternal life inherit.

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**Communion Registration** *Communicant members of St. Matthew's are reminded to register for Holy Communion on the "Care Card" found in the pews. If you are visiting St. Matthew's today, we request that you please speak with the Pastor before communing. Questions and answers which will assist you in preparing for partaking of the Lord's Supper are found beginning on page 295 in the hymnal.*

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**Members, Visitors & Guests—Welcome to St. Matthew's!**

May we always remember that our baptism means that we have been buried with Christ and raised with him to live new lives!

If you are visiting our service, please sign a "care card" in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Sunday—232 (23/209)      Bible Class – 60

Offering Last Week—\$13,151.60      Sunday School – 17

**Finish the Work - \$85,234.75**

*(Meeting our 2024 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)*

*"Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;  
may your good Spirit lead me on level ground"*

*(Psalm 143:10).*

## Announcements:

1. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – We have begun a study of the Minor Prophets in Bible Class. We are currently studying the book of the prophet Joel. Bible class meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship area downstairs. You are invited to join us.
2. **During the month of January**, Bible class participants will have the opportunity to donate to a building project for Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico. Mrs. Pfaffenbach's brother, Pastor Nathanael Jensen, is the pastor at this congregation and they are in the process of trying to acquire land to build a new church. Money raised will be sent to this congregation to help with the expense of purchasing land. Anyone wishing for more information, please contact Sally Wellnitz.
3. **Women's Bible Class** Women's Bible Class is held Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We are currently working on our handouts regarding Pastor Mark Paustian's books "Prepared to Answer" and "More Prepared to Answer". We hope to have the lessons ready to print in 2024. When we aren't doing these lessons we are using a Women's Bible Study Book from NPH called "In God's Orchard- Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit-Filled Life. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lenser at 608-728-3120.
4. **Wednesday Evening Confirmation Class** Wednesday evening confirmation class will meet at 5:00 p.m.
5. **Open Forum Meeting** There will be an Open Forum meeting on Sunday, January 21 in between services in the Fellowship Hall. Please plan to attend!
6. **Voters' Meeting & Call Meeting** Mr. Kip Jones returned the Call to teach grades 7 and 8 and be the Athletic Director. We will have the Annual Voters' Meeting on Sunday, January 21 after the second service. We will also have a Call meeting to Call a 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher/Athletic Director and a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher/Principal. Please keep St. Matthews in your prayers.
7. **Mustang Invitational A Team Basketball Tournament**: The Basketball Tournament is almost here! We had quite a few people say they were willing to volunteer. Please indicate how you can help us with our tournament by **Tuesday, January 16, 2024**. I will

put together a final schedule of helpers as soon as I have everything filled. You can email me, text me, or sign up in the lobby/narthex. Thank you! (920) 342-8281;

[bpfaffenbach@stmatthewsjanesville.org](mailto:bpfaffenbach@stmatthewsjanesville.org)-Brittany Pfaffenbach

8. **Finish the Work** Perhaps you have noticed that we are running regular updates for the special “Finish the Work” debt retirement/reduction offering. **To date offerings given to this special effort total over \$85,000.00!! We have received 63 special offering envelopes.** For this we thank our gracious God and his generous people here at St. Matthews. If you would still like to participate in the offering, special “Finish the Work” envelopes are still available on the counter in the narthex. Thank you again to all for your prayers and support.
9. **2024 Flower Chart** If you would like to supply altar flowers for a Sunday in 2024, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lower hallway. Thank you!

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### **Assisting with Worship**

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#### **Organists:**

Meredith Moeller

#### **Ushers:**

8:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain, Jeff Burandt, Nathan Wagner

10:30 a.m. – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

#### **Next Week Ushers:**

8:00 a.m. – Mark Schulz, Mike Lenser, Kevin Paasch

10:30 a.m. – Steve Sage, David Johnson & Jason Carlson

#### **CODS:**

Thursday, January 11, 6:30 p.m. – Jim Daley

Sunday, January 14, 8:00 a.m. – Kyle Stade

Sunday, January 14, 10:30 a.m. – Briton Peterson

#### **Next Week CODS:**

Thursday, January 18, 6:30 p.m. – Karl Kroening

Sunday, January 21, 8:00 a.m. – Brain Hartwig

Sunday, January 21, 10:30 a.m. – Phil Fry

### **Greeters**

Sunday, January 14, 8:00 a.m. – Mike & Deb Lenser

Sunday, January 14, 10:30 a.m. – Arlan Miller

### **Next Week Greeters:**

Sunday, January 21, 8:00 a.m. – Gerry & Sally Wellnitz

Sunday, January 21, 10:30 a.m. – Sue Balog

### **Church Cleaning:**

January 20, 2024 – Tara Chapman & Jeff Christianson families

January 27, 2024 – Don Dickinson & Kevin Foster families

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## **This Week at St. Matthew's**

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### **Sunday**

Worship with Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

### **Monday**

No School

### **Tuesday**

Seedlings 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

### **Wednesday**

Women's Bible Study 9:03 a.m.

Public School Confirmation 5:00 p.m.

Sr. Choir 5:45 p.m.

### **Thursday**

Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.

### **Saturday**

Boys Mustang Invitational Tournament

### **Sunday**

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School 9:15 a.m.

Open Forum Meeting 9:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall

Annual Voters' Meeting After 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

Call Meeting After 2<sup>nd</sup> Service



