

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

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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*Worship for the 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*November 7 & 10, 2024*

**Opening Hymn: Day of Wrath** CW 485

**1 Day of wrath, O day of mourning!**

**See fulfilled the prophets' warning;  
heav'n and earth in ashes burning.**

**2 Death is struck and nature quaking;  
all creation is awaking,  
to its judge an answer making.**

**3 See, the book, exactly worded,  
wherein all has been recorded;  
thus shall judgment be awarded.**

**4 What shall I in awe be pleading,  
who for me be interceding  
when your mercy I am needing?**

**5 King of majesty tremendous,  
who such grace have freely sent us,  
fount of pity, then befriend us.**

**6 Think, good Jesus, my salvation  
caused your wondrous incarnation,  
made you suffer my damnation!**

**7 On the cross your dying spared me;  
just and righteous you declared me;  
I await the joy prepared me.**

## **Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

## **Confession of Sins**

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you  
in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**Song of Praise** *(tune of CW 783)*

**♪ Glory to God in highest heav'n above;  
peace on the earth through his redeeming love.**

**Almighty Father, thanks and praise we bring;  
we worship you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

P: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Old Testament: Isaiah 2:12-22**

<sup>12</sup>There is a day coming for the Lord of Armies,

**a day against everyone who is proud and arrogant,**

against everyone who is lifted up—he will be pressed down—

<sup>13</sup>**against all the cedars of Lebanon, that are so tall and lofty,**

against all the oaks of Bashan,

<sup>14</sup>**against all the high mountains,**

against all the hills that are lifted up,

<sup>15</sup>**against every tall tower,**

against every fortified wall,

<sup>16</sup>**against all the ships of Tarshish,**

and against all the beautiful ships.

<sup>17</sup>**The pride of mankind will be humbled,**

and the arrogance of man will be brought low.

**Then the Lord alone will be exalted in that day.**

<sup>18</sup>Those gods that are not gods will disappear completely.

<sup>19</sup>**People will flee into caves in the rocks**

and into holes in the ground,

**to hide from the terror of the Lord**

and from the glory of his majesty,

**when he arises to make the earth tremble.**

<sup>20</sup>In that day people will throw away to the moles and bats

**their worthless gods of silver**

and their worthless gods of gold,

**that they made for themselves to worship.**

<sup>21</sup>They will go into the clefts in the rocks

**and into the crevices in the cliffs,**

to hide from the terror of the Lord  
**and from the glory of his majesty,**  
when he arises to make the earth tremble.

**<sup>2</sup>Give up trusting in mankind.**

All they have is breath in their nostrils.

**What are they worth anyway?**

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse of the Day** (*tune of CW 783*)

♪ **O Lamb of God, you take all sin away;  
show us your mercy, hear us as we pray.**

**With God the Spirit at the Father's throne,  
Christ Jesus, you are Lord, and you alone.**

**Gospel: Mark 13:1-13**

As Jesus was leaving the temple courts, one of his disciples said to him, "Teacher, look what impressive stones these are, and what impressive buildings!"

<sup>2</sup>Jesus said to him, "Do you see these large buildings? There will not be one stone here left on top of another. They will all be thrown down."

<sup>3</sup>As he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, <sup>4</sup>"Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign when all these things are about to be fulfilled?"

<sup>5</sup>Jesus began by telling them, "Be careful that no one deceives you. <sup>6</sup>Many will come in my name, saying, 'I am he,' and will deceive many.

<sup>7</sup>"Whenever you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled. Such things must happen, but the end is not yet. <sup>8</sup>In fact, nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places. There will be famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. <sup>9</sup>But be on your guard! People will hand you over to councils, and you will be beaten in synagogues. You will stand in the presence of rulers and kings for my sake as a witness to them. <sup>10</sup>And the gospel must first be preached to all the nations. <sup>11</sup>Whenever they arrest you and hand you over, do not worry

beforehand what you should say. Say whatever is given to you in that hour, because you will not be the ones speaking; instead it will be the Holy Spirit.

<sup>12</sup>“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father, his child. Children will rise up against their parents and put them to death. <sup>13</sup>You will be hated by everyone because of my name, but the one who endures to the end will be saved.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### The Nicene Creed

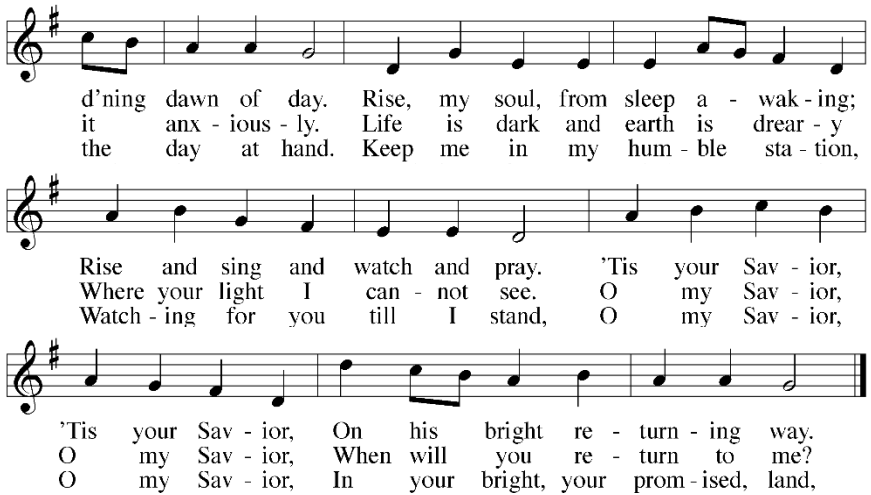
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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: O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking CW '93, 220

1 O'er the dis - tant moun - tains break - ing Comes the red -  
2 Come, O Long - Ex - pect - ed; wea - ry Waits my spir -  
3 Near - er is my soul's sal - va - tion; Spent the night,



d'ning dawn of day. Rise, my soul, from sleep a - wak - ing;  
it anx - ious - ly. Life is dark and earth is drear - y  
the day at hand. Keep me in my hum - ble sta - tion,

Rise and sing and watch and pray. 'Tis your Sav - ior,  
Where your light I can - not see. O my Sav - ior,  
Watch - ing for you till I stand, O my Sav - ior,

'Tis your Sav - ior, On his bright re - turn - ing way.  
O my Sav - ior, When will you re - turn to me?  
O my Sav - ior, In your bright, your prom - ised, land,

### Sermon: Revelation 6:1-17

I watched when the Lamb opened the first of the seven seals. And I heard one of the four living creatures say with a voice like thunder, “Come.”

<sup>2</sup>And I looked, and there was a white horse, and its rider held a bow. A crown was given to him, and he went out conquering and to conquer.

<sup>3</sup>When the Lamb opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature say, “Come.” <sup>4</sup>And another horse, a fiery red one, went out. Its rider was given power to take peace away from the earth so that people would slaughter one another. And a great sword was given to him.

<sup>5</sup>When the Lamb opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature say, “Come.” And I looked, and there was a black horse. Its rider had a scale in his hand. <sup>6</sup>And I heard something like a voice from among the four living creatures say, “A quart of wheat for a denarius, and three quarts of barley for a denarius. And do not dilute the oil and the wine.”

<sup>7</sup>When he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, “Come.” <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and there was a pale green horse. And its rider was named Death, and the Grave followed closely behind him. They were given power over a quarter of the earth, to kill people with the sword, with famine, with death, and by the wild animals of the earth.

<sup>9</sup>When the Lamb opened the fifth seal, under the incense altar I

saw the souls of those who had been slaughtered because of the word of God and because of the testimony they had maintained. <sup>10</sup>And they called out with a loud voice, saying, “O Lord, holy and true, how long until you judge and exact justice for our blood from those who live on the earth?” <sup>11</sup>A white robe was given to each one of them. And they were told to rest a little longer until their number would be complete, when their fellow servants and their brothers would be put to death as they were.

<sup>12</sup>And I watched when the Lamb opened the sixth seal. There was a great earthquake. The sun became as black as sackcloth made of hair. The entire moon became like blood. <sup>13</sup>The stars of the sky fell to the earth as a fig tree drops its unripe figs when it is shaken by a strong wind. <sup>14</sup>The sky was removed like a scroll being rolled up. Every mountain and island was moved from its place.

<sup>15</sup>The kings of the earth, the nobles, the military leaders, the rich, the powerful, and everyone—slave or free—hid in caves and among the rocks of the mountains. <sup>16</sup>And they kept saying to the mountains and the rocks, “Fall on us and hide us from the face of him who sits on the throne and from the wrath of the Lamb, <sup>17</sup>for the great day of their wrath has come. Who is able to stand?”

*Get The Message Of God's Horsemen*

*I. Be watching for Christ's return*

*II. Be patient till Christ's return*

*III. Be fearless at Christ's return*

**Response to God's Word**      CW '93, 220

**4 With my lamp well-trimmed and burning,**

**Swift to hear and slow to stray,**

**Watching for your glad returning,**

**Waiting for the blessed day.**

**Come, my Savior, Come, my Savior,**

**O my Savior, quickly come!**

**Offering**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

P: Blessed are you,

**C: O Lord of heaven and earth.**

P: We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ,

**C: and we remember the great acts of love through which he has redeemed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.**

P: By his incarnation,

**C: he became one with us.**

P: By his perfect life,

**C: he fulfilled your holy will.**

P: By his innocent death,

**C: he robbed death of its sting.**

P: By his rising from the grave,

**C: he broke the power of the grave and opened heaven.**

P: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word,

**C: we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts.**

P: Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood,

**C: and preserve us in the true faith**

P: until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

### The 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 strengthens us



by Word and sacrament to watch and wait faithfully for his return in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** *Tune of CW 413*

1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,  
your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!  
Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!  
in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

**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."

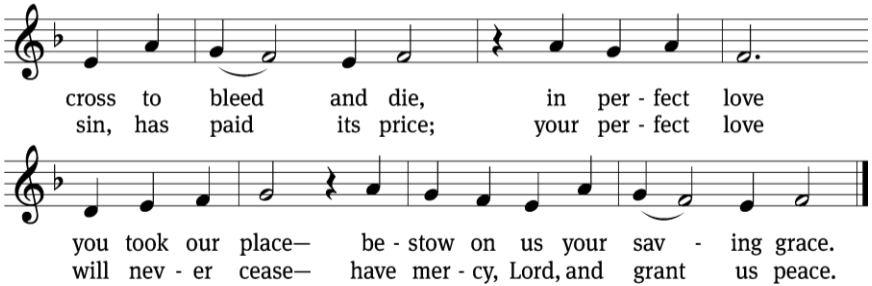
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

**C: Amen.**

**Lamb of God** *Tune of CW 641*

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  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love

you took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
will nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

## Distribution

**Distribution Hymn: "Draw Near and Take"** CW 668

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Saved by his body and his holy blood,  
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,  
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.  
He gave his life for greatest and for least,  
himself the off'ring and himself the priest.

3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere  
and take the pledges of salvation here.  
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,  
gives all believers life that never ends.

4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,  
in this great feast of love be with us now.

**Distribution Hymn: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near** CW 488

1 The day is surely drawing near  
when Jesus, God's anointed,  
shall with great majesty appear  
as judge of all appointed.  
All mirth and laughter then shall cease  
when flames on flames will still increase,  
as Scripture truly teaches.

2 A trumpet loud shall then resound  
and all the earth be shaken.  
Then all who in their graves are found  
shall from their sleep awaken  
and with the living in that hour,  
by God's almighty, boundless pow'r,  
be changed at his commanding.

3 A book is opened then to all,  
a record truly telling  
what each has done, both great and small,  
when they on earth were dwelling,  
and ev'ry heart be clearly seen,  
and all be known as they have been  
in thoughts and words and actions.

4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord  
and sought but carnal pleasures,  
who here despised his precious Word  
and loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand  
and at the judge's stern command  
to Satan be delivered.

5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
and for my sin was smitten;  
within the Book of Life I know  
my name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
and Satan cannot threaten me;  
there is no condemnation.

### Thanksgiving

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: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near** CW 488:6

**6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,**

**but hasten our salvation;**

**we often tremble on our way**

**in fear and tribulation.**

**Your saints are waiting patiently;**

**come soon, Redeemer, make us free**

**from ev'ry evil. Amen.**

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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.*

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

May the hoof beats we hear today serve to tell us of our times, encourage us to endure and urge us to take refuge in the wounds of Christ!

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 Week— 239 (25, 161, 53)      Bible Class – 93

Offering Last Week—\$14,502.75      Sunday School – 23

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

*“We wait in hope for the LORD, he is our help and our shield.*

*In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust his holy name”*

*Psalm 33:20-21*

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**Announcements:**

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Theresa Biele in honor of our veterans.
2. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will meet today between services in the Fellowship area. We will continue studying the book of Haggai.
3. **Sunday School** Sunday School will meet in the library for opening devotion. The children may be picked up in their classrooms at 10:15 am.
4. **The Women’s Bible Study** The Women’s Bible Study will meet in the library Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. All women are welcome!
5. **Miss Moeller’s Call** Miss Moeller has received a call to St. Paul’s Lake Mills to teach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, assist with organ playing, and direct the lower grades choirs. Please keep Miss Moeller in your prayers as she deliberates where she can best serve.
6. **Voters’ Meeting** The church council has prepared a proposed ministry plan for calendar year 2025. The council has set the Voters’ meeting for after the 10:30 service on November 10 at which a ministry plan will be adopted for next year. *The agenda includes next year’s ministry plan, which includes a sizeable tuition increase along with financial assistance and election of officers.* We would encourage all to attend.

7. **Church Council Elections** November is the month of the church year where there will be a voter's meeting to elect three members of the Church Council to a three-year term. This year, the positions up for election will be that of President, Secretary, and the Chairman of the Education Committee. You may be asked by one of the outgoing councilmen if you will consider being a candidate, but if you have not been contacted and wish to run for one of these positions, are at least 21 years old, and have been a member of a WELS/ELS church for at least one year, please contact Karl Kroening, Council Vice President.
8. **Euchre Tournament** today **from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** The Fellowship/ Outreach Committee will host a Euchre Tournament. Please plan to attend and enjoy a fun filled, competitive afternoon. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Childcare will not be available for this event.
9. **Extended Scrip Orders** Extended Scrip order blanks are on the table in the Narthex or on a table in the school lobby. Please return to Cathy Sonntag, Lori Sage, or the office mailbox slot by **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**.
10. **Chick-fil-A night** will be held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. **Please mention "St. Matthews" when you order your food.** Proceeds of the night will go to our school.
11. **Advent by Candlelight— Save the Date!** It's never too early to mark your calendar for this important event! St. Matthew's Evening Guild will be hosting an Advent by Candlelight for all women of the congregation, and their female family members, friends, and neighbors, on **December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.** in the fellowship hall. There is no charge for this event. This is a wonderful afternoon of the Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing! Please sign up on the bulletin board.
12. **Mission Journeys** volunteer opportunity. If you are interested in helping out a new home mission church close to home, here's your chance! On **November 10<sup>th</sup>** from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., Hope in Deerfield is hosting a community meal designed to reach out to underprivileged folks in the area. The mission is looking for volunteers to provide fall themed desserts for the event. If you

would like to deliver the desserts and help serve at the event as well, volunteers are also being accepted for this role. Reach out to Nicole Caminata, Deb Lehmann, or Liz Sanchez if you are interested.

13. **Meals On Wheels** - St. Matthew's will deliver "Meals on Wheels Nov. 25th thru Nov. 29th. We have three routes with two people needed per route (one person to drive, one person to deliver the meal). Meals are picked up at Mercy Hospital at 11:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet on the lower bulletin board. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Wellnitz (608) 752-2037. If you are a first time volunteer, I have forms for you that need to be filled out and turned in to Mercy Hospital. Thank you!
14. **Luther Prep Invites You:** On Sunday, November 10, the music department of Luther Prep School will be presenting its annual fall band concert at 7:00 PM in the Auditorium. This year's concert will feature a patriotic program entitled "Let Freedom Ring!", and it will feature the concert and jazz bands, as well as the string, guitar, handbell, and brass choir ensembles. We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening of music!  
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### **Assisting with Worship**

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#### **Organist:**

Meredith Moeller

#### **Ushers:**

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

10:30 a.m. – Fred Shadoski, Russ Scott

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

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

10:30 a.m. – Jim Langkamp, Grant Langkamp

#### **CODS:**

Thursday, November 7, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Briton Peterson

Sunday, November 10, 8:00 a.m. – Tim Stirmel

Sunday, November 10, 10:30 a.m. – Jim Daley

**Next Week CODS:**

Thursday, November 14, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Trevor Sanchez  
Sunday, November 17, 8:00 a.m. – Kyle Stade  
Sunday, November 17, 10:30 a.m. – Karl Kroening

**Greeters**

Sunday, November 10, 8:00 a.m. – Shari Deegan  
Sunday, November 10, 10:30 a.m. – Sue Balog

**Next Week Greeters**

Sunday, November 17, 8:00 a.m. – Tim & Susan Probst  
Sunday, November 17, 10:30 a.m. – Scott & Kathi Hendee

**Church Cleaning:**

November 16, 2024 – Evie Burkholder & Rick Burnside families  
November 23, 2024 – Mark Butzow & Tara Chapman families

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

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**Sunday**

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.  
Voters' Meeting after 10:30 service.  
Euchre Tournament 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Veteran's Day Monday**

Gr. 5 & 6 dismissed at 11:15 a.m. for principal's conference.  
Extended Scrip Order Forms Due

**Tuesday**

Chick-Fil-A Day 5:00-8:00 p.m. (Please mention St. Matthew's when  
your order.)  
Fellowship/Outreach Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Elders' Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.  
Sr. Choir 5:45 -6:45 p.m.  
Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday**

Worship with Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.





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## Extended SCRIP Program Opportunity

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St. Matthews has the opportunity to participate in a broader Scrip Program. SCRIP is the general name given to gift cards issued by local and national businesses. SCRIP can be thought of as substitute money and many be used in place of cash, checks, or credit cards at various businesses. At the time the SCRIP order is placed, St. Matthews receives a rebate ranging from 2% - 20% depending on the business. This rebate will be used to support special projects, which are not in the budget. SCRIP cards can be purchased in various amounts. It's a great way to allow your money to benefit St. Matthews by purchasing items you were already planning to buy from a store you already shop at! **Starting Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup> through November 11<sup>th</sup>**, these gift cards will be available to order. Payment must accompany your order and can be cash or check. Please make checks payable to St. Matthews. The ordered and prepaid gift cards should be available for pick up by Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. (Just in time for Christmas shopping and gift giving.)

The complete order form list of over 100 participating businesses is attached to the letter. Completed orders (payable to St. Matthews) can be handed in to Cathy Sonntag between church services Sundays or to Lori Sage. You may also place orders in the mail slot in the office. Please contact Cathy Sonntag 754-3994 or [csonttag@charter.net](mailto:csonttag@charter.net) with any questions regarding this optional program.

If you are interested in participating in the Extended Scrip program, order forms can be found in the back of the church on a table or in the school lobby.

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