



Evangelical
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of
St. Matthew

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**360 years of
Gospel Ministry**

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The Lutheran Church –
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The Rev. Peter A.D. Deebrab
Pastor



LUKE 23:43

Last Sunday in the Church Year

A Divine Worship Liturgy – November 23, 2025

Christ the King

Welcome to a Divine Liturgy of Word and Sacrament. In our worship we gather in the Lord's presence at his invitation and in the company of the whole Church in heaven and on earth. We hear Him speak to us as he freely bestows the abundance of his grace. In response, we repent of our sins and offer up to Him our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and dedicate our lives to serving Him.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brief Order of Confession and Absolution

Stand

All may make the sign of the cross ✠ in remembrance of their baptism, as the minister begins.

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

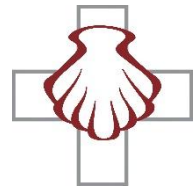
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Gracious God and Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.



Hymn: 804 O Worship the King

- 1 O worship the King,
 all-glorious above.
O gratefully sing
 His pow'r and His love;
Our shield and defender,
 the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendor
 and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of His might,
 O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light,
 whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath
 the deep thunderclouds form,
And dark is His path
 on the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, Thy pow'r hath founded of old,
Established it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!
- 6 O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn Thee above,
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.

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Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie - Lord. Have mercy

P Kyrie! O God, Father in heav'n above,
You abound in gracious love,
Lord, Have mercy

C Lord, Have mercy

P Kyrie! O Christ, our king,
Salvation for all You came to bring.
Christ, Have mercy

C Christ, Have mercy

P Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,
Guard our faith, the gift we need
the most, Lord, Have mercy

C Lord, Have mercy

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Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo" © 1998 Augsburg Fortress

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

P Let us pray... Lord Jesus Christ, You reign among us by the preaching of
Your cross. Forgive Your people their offenses that we, being governed
by Your bountiful goodness, may enter at last into Your eternal
paradise; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Sit

I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Psalm 122:1



THE READINGS - Hear the word of the LORD. (*Jeremiah 2:4*)

A reading from Malachi the Prophet

“Your words have been hard against me, says the Lord. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the Lord of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”

¹⁶Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.” *Malachi 3:13-18*

A The Word the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46 (*congregation chants text in bold print*)

**Refrain: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.**

God is our ref- | *uge and strength,** a very present | *help in trouble.*

²Therefore we will not fear though the | *earth gives way,**

though the mountains be moved into the heart | *of the sea,*

³though its waters | *roar and foam,** though the mountains tremble at | *its swelling.*

The LORD of | *hosts is with us;* the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. Refrain*

⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | *y of God,**

the holy habitation of | *the Most High.*

⁵God is in the midst of her; she shall | *not be moved;**

God will help her when | *morning dawns.*

⁶The nations rage, the | *kingdoms totter,** he utters his voice, | *the earth melts.*

The LORD of | *hosts is with us;* the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. Refrain*

⁸Come, behold the works | *of the Lord,**

how he has brought desolations | *on the earth.*

⁹He makes wars cease to the end | *of the earth;**

he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the char- | *lots with fire.*

¹⁰“Be still, and know that | *I am God.**

I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted | *in the earth!”*

The LORD of | *hosts is with us;* the God of Jacob | is our stronghold. Refrain*

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross. *Colossians 1:13-20*

A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (*all stand and sing*)

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-third chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” *Luke 23:27-43*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn: 527 O Savior, Precious Savior

- 1 O Savior, precious Savior,
Whom yet unseen we love;
O name of might and favor,
All other names above,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our holy Lord and King.
- 2 O bringer of salvation,
Who wondrously hast wrought
Thyself the revelation
Of love beyond our thought,
We worship Thee, we bless Thee,
To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee,
Our gracious Lord and King.
- 3 In Thee all fullness dwelleth, All grace and pow’r divine;
The glory that excelleth, O Son of God, is Thine.
We worship Thee, we bless Thee, To Thee, O Christ, we sing;
We praise Thee and confess Thee, Our glorious Lord and King.
- 4 O grant the consummation Of this our song above
In endless adoration And everlasting love;
Then shall we praise and bless Thee Where perfect praises ring,
And evermore confess Thee, Our Savior and our King!

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Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (*stand*)

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into
heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian* Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen. (* catholic = universal)

Prayer of the Church

After each petition, the following is said: Lord, in your mercy. **C** Hear our prayer



WE PRAY for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, including— **Edna & Bob Waller, Delomi & Sarjue Persaud, Johnny Ramroop, Ruth Zerner, Violet Monson, Brenda Carmichael, Zonia & Resa Bucknor, Eunice Lyte, Agnes D'Ornellas, Carmen D'Ornellas, Sheila Motie, George Sukhdeo, Jackie Wheeler, Joyce Deebrah, Dorothy Weener, Jeanette Mota, Khamlita D'Ornellas, Narda Seoprasad, Kirsten Sandblom, Pastor George Ramsudh, Joan Dookram, Ruth & Tom Cameron, Raymond Franklin, Dolly Singh, Rushell Singh, Suresh Paul, Iris Cheddie, Sandra Campbell, Alecia Clark, Milo Noven, Pastor Dave & Sue Dietsche, Pastor Vic Rapp, Pastor Ken Schnepf, Pastor Sam Singh and Deo Bhagwatprasad, Ismael Ulloah.**

The PEACE is shared at this time.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** And also with you

The OFFERING is received. **The OFFERTORY** is sung as the gifts are presented.

LSB781 We Give Thee But Thine Own sts. 1-2, 4, 6

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97

Stand

- P** Let us pray... **C** Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Liturgy of Holy Communion

- 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.
- P** It is truly good, right, and ... join their unending hymn:
- C** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed ✝ is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.
- We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*attention is focused on miracle on the altar*)

P Hear us, Abba Father, as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:

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.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

C Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name;}
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.}(sung X 3)

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in Your precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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P Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are invited to the Supper of the Lamb.

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

*Communicants gather at the altar to receive the holy gifts of the Lord's Supper.
Upon receiving the body and blood of the Lord, the response "Amen" is said in
testimony of the mystery and the miracle of faith.*

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises. and leads his people forth in joy. With
shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P Let us pray... Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C** Amen.

Announcements

Stand

Hymn:763 When Peace, like a River

- 1 When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

Refrain: It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul),
It is well, it is well with my soul.

- 2 Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul. *Refrain*

- 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought;
My sin, not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to His cross, and I bear it no more.
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *Refrain*

- 4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. *Refrain*

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All sit for a moment of reflection.

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Worship
Servants }

Officiating Minister: Rev. Peter Deebrah, Pastor

Organist: Roger Clinton



We are the **Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Matthew**, America's oldest Lutheran congregation (Chartered Dec 6, 1664) - a friendly household of faith.

This congregation's mission is to share the Good News of God in word and deed. In the name of Jesus, we bid you a warm welcome. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew. Please speak with the Pastor or one of our members concerning membership. First time visitors, please sign our guest book.

Announcements

- **Glad that you have worshipped** today in joining with the angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven around the glorious throne of God.
- **Divine Worship:** Sundays at 1:30 PM
In-person and on Zoom (Meeting ID: 821 423 1875)
+ **Why do we gather for worship?** To celebrate the goodness of the Lord in thanksgiving. We are reminded: "Let us not neglect our meeting together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of [Christ's] return is drawing near." Hebrews 10:25
- **Thanksgiving Eve Worship:** Wednesday Nov. 26 at 7 pm. on Zoom
- **Nov 30: First Sunday of Advent** – New Church Year begins.
- **Dec 6:** St. Matthew's 361st anniversary.
- **Sunday, Dec 7:** After-worship anniversary potluck fellowship.
- **Our offering is an important and integral part of worship, given with joy and in thanksgiving to God.** We return to the Lord a portion of what He has first given us out of His Fatherly love. Offerings are for the support of the ministry of the congregation.
- **Visit our church website** www.stmatthewnyc.org
- **You may give your Offering electronically by either of the following ways:**
 - **use DONATE** menu tab on the St. Matthew website – www.stmatthewnyc.org
 - **use Zelle** and enter St. Matthew email: stmatthewnyc@aol.com
- Daily Bible reading and devotions on the internet, visit www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp
- **LET'S READ THE BIBLE TOGETHER.** We are reading the New Testament (27 books) and the book of Psalms (150 chapters).

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