

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church



REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 27, 2024

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Holy Communion

Now the Feast

† Congregation stands as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Sandra Nearhoof



Confession and Pardon - Now the Feast

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Gathering Hymn *"The church's one foundation"*

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Kyrie - Now the Feast

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Hymn of Praise - Now the Feast

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Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray,

Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Donna Doughty

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷For thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

Tone 11

¹When the LORD restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with | shouts of
joy. Then they said among the nations,
"The LORD has done great | things for them."

³The LORD has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.

⁴Restore our for- | tunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb.

⁵Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their sheaves.

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation - Now the Feast

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Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaueus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon *Facing into...Reformation*

Reverend Taylor Burton Edwards

✠ Hymn of the Day *"God, whose almighty word"*

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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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic 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**

You may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world,
and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A: Eternal Counselor, guide the church along your paths of mercy. Direct it to be a refuge where all are genuinely welcomed and their gifts are celebrated. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal Nurturer, preserve natural places for rest and rejuvenation. Guide the work of conservationists, park managers, urban planners, gardeners, and all caretakers of natural spaces. Attune us to the wonders we disregard or fail to notice. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal Wisdom, strengthen the voices of those who cry out for change to unjust systems. Give lawmakers, judges, and all those who occupy seats of power listening and compassionate hearts. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal Compassion, train us to respond to the cries of those in any kind of need. Give encouragement and comfort to those who call out for relief from pain, grief, or oppression. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal Servant, grant vision and wisdom to the church so that those who are in need are not ignored. May the command of Jesus to love our neighbor sharpen our focus for work in the kingdom. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For all those who have asked us to pray for them...

C: hear our prayer.

A: Eternal Hope, may the legacy of the saints inspire us every day especially Keandra Bashful, WJ Barrs, Eva Brown, Bishop Davis, Joan Smith, Tom Pettit, Nelda Woods, Patti Vinson, Louie Niederhammer, Gary Nearhoof, and John Bonaker. We hold fast to the promise that we will be together in your presence forever. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C: Amen

MEAL

Anthem

“Lord, Keep us Steadfast in Your Word”

Choir

The gifts may be brought forward.

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Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.
 The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond Amen

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† Prayer after Communion

A: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

SENDING

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Sending Hymn	<i>“A mighty fortress is our God”</i>	ELW #504
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Dismissal

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



Magnifying sheets are now available to use with our hymnal to help make the print larger. Please return to the basket in the Narthex after the service

The Memorial Book is open today to the Glory of God

In Memory of:

Leokadja "Kathy" Howatter, 2004

Garden and grounds cleanup
Saturday, November 2nd
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Please bring your own tools, including weed eaters, blowers and tools to trim shrubs.

HAPPY
November
BIRTHDAY

1 - Zach Rollinson	10 - Martha Vargas
1 - Lisa Pettit	11 - Mike Taylor
2 - Sarah Catherine Johnson	14 - Cecil McGouirk
5 - Clara Vargas	14 - Debby Ullman
5 - Michelle Mathias	17 - Samantha Thies
8 - Bella Burns	18 - Katherine Kelly
10 - Abigail Peterson	19 - Bill Wallace
10 - Amanda Regnier	23 - Constance Johnson
10 - Jeff Stickle	24 - Amy Hoag



READINGS AND PSALM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Isaiah 25:6-9
 Psalm 24
 Revelation 21:1-6a
 John 11:32-44



“The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.” —Martin Luther

October 20, 2024
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

ATTENDANCE — 56
 (IN-PERSON— 48, YOUTUBE - 8)

OFFERING

Benevolence	\$	2,062.00
Building	\$	157.00
Memorial	\$	100.00
Other	\$	250.00
Total	\$	2,569.00

Save the Date

- October 29 - 10:15 - Bible Study - Church House
- October 30 - 6:00 - More Than Just Stories Bible Study-Luther Hall
- November 1 - 10:00-12:00 - Craf-Tea - Luther Hall
- November 2 - 9:00-12:00 - Garden and grounds cleanup
- November 3 - Following church - Memorial Committee Meeting - Narthex
- November 10 - 11:30 - Annual Congregational Meeting

Serving October 27, 2024

Opener/Closer	Katherine Kelly
Worship Assistant	Matt Bonaker
Communion Assistant	Shannon Gardner
Lector	Dave Bonaker
Ushers	Katherine Kelly Ron Ullman
Altar Guild	Catherine Sayers Debbie Ullman
Live Streaming	Cecil McGouirk/Jaxson Gardner

November 3, 2024

Opener/Closer	Donna Doughty
Worship Assistant	Rose Johnson
Communion Assistant	Shannon Gardner
Lector	Shannon Gardner
Ushers	Sandy Craven Randy Craven
Altar Guild	Catherine Sayers Rose Johnson
Live Streaming	Sean Jeffery

Pray Without Ceasing



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

5:16-18

—1 Thessalonians

The Armed Forces,
their families,
and victims of war
Persecuted Christians
The ministries of
St. Matthew
Bishop Kevin
Strickland
Southeastern Synod
Staff
Pastor Taylor Burton
Edwards
Laura Alexander
Carol Bingemann
Dave Bonaker
Pat Bonaker
Rigney Cofield
Betty Davidson
Ken Hoag
Myrna Hoag
Bennie Jackson
Mairetha Jackson
Marga Miller
Traudel Mosely
Terri Niederhammer
Debby Owen
Dorothy Redden
Connie Sieg
Carla Stickles
Albert VanHousen II

Harold Vinson
Margarete Walsh
Monika Wright
George Capps
Jim Chappel
Jean Clemmons
Xavier Danguilan
Penny Davis & Family
Brandy Garnett
Moses Glidden
Becky Goldsmith
Estrella Gonzales
Doris Grier
Petra Henderson
Van Henshaw
Norma Kilby
Ken Korn
Emma Kump
Boyd Lester
Laura Lester
Valerie Karol Louder
Robert Lowe
Michelle Matthias
Sandra McPeters
Brady Meeks
Tim Moore
Michael Owen
Angela Paul
Vincent Pawlowski
Beth Price

Mark Purushotham
Tiffany Richardson
Dayna Ryan
Shirley Scott
Dou Shizhen
Ricky Skinner
Betty Townsend
Charlie VanHousen
Dawn VanHousen
Martha Zimmerman

Israel
Ukraine
Gaza
Lebanon
Florida
Winder, GA
Augusta, GA
Western North Carolina

Beaute' Matrix
5 Fourteen
DQ
Burger King
Animal General Hospital
Klose Kutz

Deadline for bulletins is **Tuesday 10:00 a.m.** prior to the Sunday.
Deadline for December newsletter is November 20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Matthew: Jesus Christ offers himself to all. May you be blessed as we celebrate God's love for us. All the baptized are invited to feast with us at the Lord's Table. The wearing of a mask is optional during worship and social distancing is recommended. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday.

We invite you to join our congregation if you have not yet found a church home. We are people of God that share a living, daring, confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person, questions, complexities and all. Join us, as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Nursery: St. Matthew provides nursery service for children ages 6 and younger. All children are welcome to attend worship with their families. If a child needs a break during the service, they may sit with a parent/guardian in the Narthex.

Mission Outreach Opportunities:

Mission Focus:

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| | Operation Christmas Child |
| • Lion's Club: | Glasses, sunglasses and old cell phones |
| • Family House of West GA: | Pop tabs |
| • Flags to Retire: | Bring used American flags that you no longer want or need. |
| • St. Anne's: | Personal hygiene products (travel size), toilet paper, and non-perishable food items |
| • Safe House | Sealed plastic utensils (take-out meals) |
- Leave donations in the labeled containers in the Narthex between bathrooms.

Craf-Tea: This group will meet Fridays 10:00-12:00 PM in Luther Hall. If you enjoy crafts and tea, this group is for you! Please see Beth Hoag for more information.

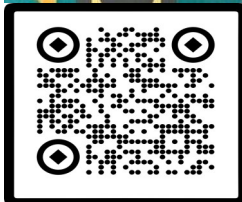
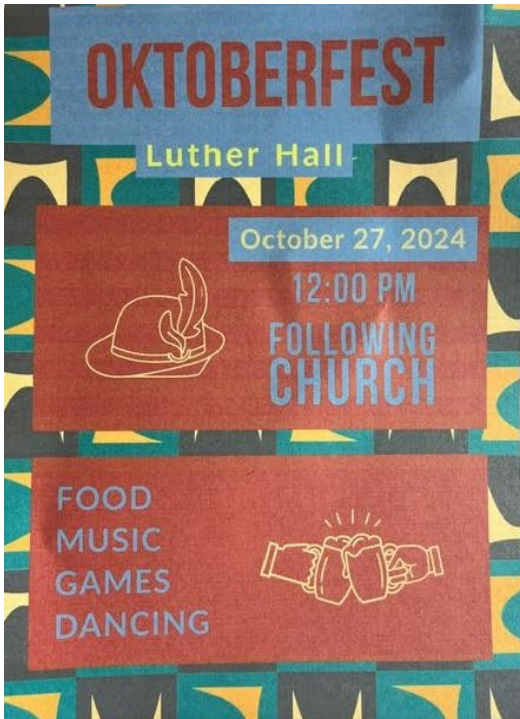




October Mission Focus

PLEASE SEE THE LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED ON THE SHEET YOU CAN FIND IN THE NARTHEX.

Please place items in labeled basket in the Narthex. Donations can be made by writing a check to the church and putting in the memo line that it is for Operation Christmas Child.



Lutheran Disaster Response

You can use the QR code to the left to donate to the Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane relief. Please consider donating as so many need our help to recover from these devastating hurricanes.

**St. Matthew Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Mission Statement**



Reach in to grow in Christ
Reach up to worship God
Reach out to welcome and witness

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Sonja Metcalf, Parish Administrator

Lisa Pettit, Sexton

Sandra Nearhoof, Minister of Music

Penny Davis, Nursery Director