

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

All Saints Sunday



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 3, 2024

Today we celebrate in one service the two feasts of All Saints (November 1) and All Souls (November 2). All Saints rejoices in the lives of those who especially show us signs of the hope for the new world coming. All Souls is an occasion to remember with gratitude those of our number who, with all the saints, await that new world at Christ's appearing.

Holy Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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† *Congregation stands as able*

GATHERING

Prelude

Sandra Nearhoof



Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

Amen.

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,
**we confess that sin has taken hold of us
and we are complicit in its power.**

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest.

Unbind us and set us free.

**Lead us again to the waters of rebirth,
that we may live just and generous lives
for the good of your world
and the care of our neighbors,
following in the servant way of Jesus.**

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true:

Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever.

For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more.

Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

Gathering Hymn

"For all the saints"

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Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray,

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Katherine Kelly

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

- ⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- ⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
- ⁸he will swallow up death forever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
- ⁹It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24

Tone 4

- ¹The earth is the LORD's and all ¹ that is in it,
the world and those who ¹ dwell therein.
- ²**For the LORD has founded it up- ¹ on the seas
and established it up- ¹ on the rivers.**
- ³Who may ascend the mountain ¹ of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's ¹ holy place?
- ⁴**Those of innocent hands and puri- ¹ ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being,
nor do they pledge by ¹ what is false.**
- ⁵They shall receive blessing ¹ from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of ¹ their salvation.
- ⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek ¹ you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O ¹ God of Jacob.**
- ⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- ¹ lasting doors,
that the King of glory ¹ may come in.
- ⁸**Who is this ¹ King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- ¹ y in battle!**
- ⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- ¹ lasting doors,
that the King of glory ¹ may come in.
- ¹⁰**Who is this ¹ King of glory?
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the ¹ King of glory.**

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.



Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

John 11:32-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 11th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and those who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the others said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

† Hymn of the Day

“Sing with all the saints in glory”

ELW #426

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: Rooted in God’s abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors,
the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your
church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind
us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know

abundant life. Merciful God ,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

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

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you especially Keandra Bashful, WJ Barrs, Eva Brown, Bishop Davis, Joan Smith, Tom Pettit, Nelda Woods, Patti Vinson, Louie Niederhammer, Gary Nearhoof, and John Bonaker. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

MEAL

Anthem

“By all your Saints”

Choir

The gifts may be brought forward.

Offering Prayer

A: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

C: Amen.

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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

Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

✝ Prayer after Communion

A: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn *"For all your saints, O Lord"* **ELW #427**

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

The Memorial Book is open today to the Glory of God

In Memory of:

Donna Lee Souerwine, 2012



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

READINGS AND PSALM
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

1 Kings 17:8-16
 Psalm 146
 Hebrews 9:24-28
 Mark 12:38-44



"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 27, 2024
Reformation Sunday

ATTENDANCE — 71
 (IN-PERSON— 61, YOUTUBE - 10)

OFFERING

Benevolence	\$	2,385.00
Building	\$	240.00
Memorial	\$	100.00
Other	\$.00
Total	\$	2,725.00

Save the Date

- November 5 - 10:15 - Bible Study - Church House
- November 6 - 6:00 - More Than Just Stories Bible Study-Luther Hall
- November 8 - 10:00-12:00 - Craf-Tea - Luther Hall
- November 10 - 11:30 - Annual Congregational Meeting
- November 16 - 10:00-12:00 - OCC Work Session - Luther Hall
- November 19 - 12:00-2:00 - OCC Pack Boxes - Luther Hall

Serving 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

Serving November 10, 2024

Opener/Closer	Lisa Pettit
Worship Assistant	Lisa Pettit
Communion Assistant	Raymond Lawton
Lector	Ian and Sean Jeffery
Ushers	Bill Wallace Jim Sperry
Altar Guild	Rose Johnson Terri Niederhammer
Live Streaming	Jaxson Gardner/Paul Hicks

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 Stickle
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

Freedom Adult Day Center
Transformation Salon
Pathway Worship Center
Xpert Tax Service
Family Worship center
Bi-City Driving School

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.

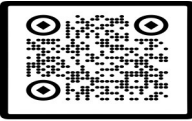


Thanks to your generosity, the baskets are overflowing! Please keep Operation Christmas Child in your prayers.

November 16th (Saturday) -
10:00-12:00 -
OCC work session - Luther Hall

November 19th (Tuesday) - 12:00 - 2:00 - OCC Box packing - Luther Hall

Everyone is invited to come help!



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.



- HAPPY
November
BIRTHDAY
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|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 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 Matthias | 17 - Samantha Thies |
| 8 - Bella Burns | 18 - Katherine Kelly |
| 10 - Abigail Peterson | 18 - Kerry Bingemann |
| 10 - Amanda Regnier | 19 - Bill Wallace |
| 10 - Jeff Stickles | 23 - Constance Johnson |
| | 24 - Amy Hoag |



NOVEMBER
10
2024

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL

Celebrate 2024 and plan for 2025

Meeting

All voting members of the church (*adult contributing members and confirmed youth*) are encouraged to attend



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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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Lisa Pettit, Sexton

Sandra Nearhoof, Minister of Music

Penny Davis, Nursery Director