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We welcome our members and visitors at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.
The liturgy is included in the bulletin and we also use parts of Setting 4, page 203 in
the Lutheran Service Book.

AS WE GATHER

If you have ever enjoyed a homegrown tomato or plucked a ripe peach straight from the tree, you know there is no substitute for good fruit. Today, the Holy Spirit is continuing the work begun in your Baptism, bringing forth good fruit. Too often, we imagine bearing good fruit is a result of our own careful cultivation, paying special attention to getting things right. The Spirit takes another approach. Just as the flavor of fresh fruit is a delight to our senses, the Spirit delights our soul with the tantalizing tastes of joy, kindness, gentleness, and love! The Spirit teaches us to crave what is good and, in so doing, leads believers to produce the fruit the Lord always intended.

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN 913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

- 1 O Holy Spirit, enter in,
 And in our hearts Your work begin,
 Your dwelling place now make us.
 Sun of the soul, O Light divine,
 Around and in us brightly shine,
 To joy and gladness wake us
 That we may be
 Truly living,
 To You giving
 Prayer unceasing
 And in love be still increasing.

2 Give to Your Word impressive pow'r,
That in our hearts from this good hour
As fire it may be glowing,
That in true Christian unity
We faithful witnesses may be,
Your glory ever showing.
Hear us, cheer us
By Your teaching;
Let our preaching
And our labor
Praise You, Lord, and serve our neighbor.

3 O mighty Rock, O Source of life,
Let Your dear Word, in doubt and strife,
In us be strongly burning
That we be faithful unto death
And live in love and holy faith,
From You true wisdom learning.
Your grace and peace
On us shower;
By Your power
Christ confessing,
Let us see our Savior's blessing.

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INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Ezekiel 17:22–24, adapt.

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,
People: and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

Pastor: Thus says the Lord GOD: "I Myself will take a sprig and plant it on a high and lofty mountain,
People: that it may bear branches and produce fruit.
Pastor: And all the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD;
People: I bring low the high tree, and make high the low tree,
Pastor: dry up the green tree, and make the dry tree flourish.
People: I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it."

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
People: and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
Pastor: Almighty Father, we confess that by our inability, insolence, and inaction, we have not made Your ways our ways.
People: For our failure to walk in the ways of love, joy, and peace, forgive us, Lord.
Pastor: Lord Jesus, we admit we too often conform our desires to the world around us, adopting its compromised standards for living.
People: For our failure to value the gifts of patience, kindness, and goodness, forgive us, Lord.
Pastor: Holy Spirit, our very natures are set against You, Your Gospel proclamation, and the fruit You intend to bring.
People: For our failure to manifest the fruits of faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, forgive us, Lord.
For Jesus' sake, melt our sinful hearts, and mold us into the reflections of Your righteousness that You call us to be.
Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake forgives You all Your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word made flesh and by His authority, I therefore forgive You all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

INTROIT *Psalm 85:8–10, 13; antiphon: v. 7*

People: **Show us Your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us Your salvation.**

Pastor: Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,
for He will speak peace to His people, to His saints; but let them not
turn back to folly.

People: **Surely His salvation is near to those who fear Him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Pastor: Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

People: **Righteousness will go before Him
and make His footsteps a way.**

All: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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☩ **Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

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☩ **To God on high be glory
And peace to all the earth;
Goodwill from God in heaven
Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!
We praise and bless You Father;
Your holy name, we sing—
Our thanks for Your great glory,**

Lord God, our heav'nly King.

**To You, O sole-begotten,
The Father's Son, we pray;
O Lamb of God, our Savior,
You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy;
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory,
“Amen!” our glad reply.**

SALUTATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray.

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things,
graft into our hearts the love of Your name and nourish us with all
goodness that we may love and serve our neighbor; through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 19:9b–21

(The Lord brings Elijah assurance that he is not alone in resisting the temptations of idolatry.)

^{9b}Behold, the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁰He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹¹And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” ¹⁴He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.” ¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, “Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you.” And he said to him, “Go back again, for what have I done to you?” ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

Galatians 5:1, 13–25

(Rather than the desires of the flesh, the Spirit cultivates in believers the craving and the capacity for bearing good fruit.)

¹For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. . . . ¹³For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. ¹⁴For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

Luke 9:51

Pastor: Alleluia. When the days drew near for Him to be taken up,

People: **He set His face to go to Jerusalem. Alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 9:51–62

(Jesus faces the lonely task of ministry, setting His face on the saving task ahead of Him in Jerusalem.)

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the ninth chapter.

People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

⁵¹When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem.⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY 576 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

- 1 My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim
But wholly lean on Jesus' name. Refrain

ref On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil. Refrain

3 His oath, His covenant and blood
Support me in the raging flood;
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay. Refrain

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Redeemed to stand before His throne! Refrain

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SERMON

CATECHISM

The Second Article

People: I believe 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.

What does this mean?

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord,

who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.

This is most certainly true.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Holy Spirit, grow the faith of all those who believe. Bring forth the fruit of holiness and supply them with opportunities to display that fruit for the sake of their neighbor. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Abiding Holy Spirit, be a companion for all who feel lonely and isolated, and preserve them from depression and despair. Send us, Your people, to be visible and tangible witnesses that Your presence is with them always. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Ministering Holy Spirit, safeguard and support all those You have called into ministry. Encourage them amid the challenges of their Gospel work that they do not face the trials and triumphs of this mission alone. Lord, in Your mercy,

People: **hear our prayer.**

- Pastor: Interceding Holy Spirit, plead for all who face sorrow, sickness, or adversity, comforting them with Your tender care, [*especially . . .*].
Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: hear our prayer.**
- Pastor: Sanctifying Holy Spirit, strengthen Your church. Give all the baptized passion for Your Word, eagerness for service, and courage to reject the world's faulty wisdom and misplaced priorities. Fan into flame hearts that might be a beacon for those in darkness. Lord, in Your mercy,
- People: hear our prayer.**
- Pastor: Eternal Holy Spirit, preserve Your church until the day of the return of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.
- People: Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY 894 For the Fruits of His Creation (Stanzas 1 & 3 only)

- 1 For the fruits of His creation,
 Thanks be to God.
For His gifts to ev'ry nation,
 Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safekeeping,
 Thanks be to God.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
 Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
 Thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all, that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

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✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE *2 Timothy 4:22*

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly valid, worthy, and constructive that we should at all times
and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father,
everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who by His
perfect obedience fulfilled the Law on our behalf, and by His death
and resurrection secured the blessings of salvation for all who
would believe and trust in Him. You feed Your faithful people,
grafted as branches onto Christ, the Vine, in this Supper with the
fruits of His cross, that in receiving the true body and blood of the
Savior, we might be forgiven and equipped for every good work,
until in eternity we join with angels and archangels and with all the
company of heaven to honor and magnify Your glorious name,
evermore praising You and saying:

**☐ Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your
name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Lord and giver of life, we praise and adore You for the gift of faith that You give and cultivate among Your people, connecting us to the redeeming work of Jesus. Receive our thanks and strengthen our hearts yet again as we partake of this Holy Meal, secure in faith and forgiveness, and emboldened to display the hallmarks of having been made righteous through the victorious sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

1 Corinthians 11:26; Revelation 22:20

Pastor: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

People: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Pastor: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

**People: 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.**

PAX DOMINI

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

People: Amen.



**1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

- 1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness,
Leave the gloomy haunts of sadness,
Come into the daylight's splendor,
There with joy your praises render.
Bless the One whose grace unbounded
This amazing banquet founded;
He, though heav'nly, high, and holy,
Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
- 2 Hasten as a bride to meet Him,
And with loving rev'rence greet Him.
For with words of life immortal
He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before Him,
Saying, as you there adore Him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive You,
That I nevermore will leave You.

- 3 He who craves a precious treasure
Neither cost nor pain will measure;
But the priceless gifts of heaven
God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered,
None could buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven,
And His blood, for you once given.
- 4 Now in faith I humbly ponder
Over this surpassing wonder
That the bread of life is boundless
Though the souls it feeds are countless:
With the choicest wine of heaven
Christ's own blood to us is given.
Oh, most glorious consolation,
Pledge and seal of my salvation!
- 5 Jesus, source of lasting pleasure,
Truest friend, and dearest treasure,
Peace beyond all understanding,
Joy into all life expanding:
Humbly now, I bow before You;
Love incarnate, I adore You;
Worthily let me receive You
And, so favored, never leave You.
- 6 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends, most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
Fount of life, my soul inspiring:
At Your feet I cry, my maker,
Let me be a fit partaker

Of this blessed food from heaven,
For our good, Your glory, given.

7 Lord, by love and mercy driven,
You once left Your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish
And to die in bitter anguish,
To forego all joy and gladness
And to shed Your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise You with thanksgiving.

8 Jesus, bread of life, I pray You,
Let me gladly here obey You.
By Your love I am invited,
Be Your love with love requited;
By this Supper let me measure,
Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace You give me
As Your guest in heav'n receive me.

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686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
Fills my heart with joy and love,
Teach me ever to adore Thee;
May I still Thy goodness prove.

2 Here I raise my Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I've come;

And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now like a fetter
Bind my wand'ring heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
Prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.
- 4 Oh, that day when freed from sinning,
I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,
How I'll sing Thy wondrous grace!
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;
Take my ransom'd soul away;
Send Thine angels soon to carry
Me to realms of endless day.

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POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Let us pray.
Spirit of faithfulness and truth, we rejoice that by faith we have
been made fit to receive the nourishment of Christ's true body and
blood. Safeguard this holy people from temptation and danger, and
prepare us to represent the name of our loving and living Savior,
Jesus, that by our actions and interactions, more may be brought

into the eternal kingdom of Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

People: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24–26*

Pastor: The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
 communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

People: **Amen.**

HYMN **643 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
 Our true faith confessing,
The people of God from His dwelling take leave.
 The Supper is ended.
 O now be extended
The fruits of this service in all who believe.
 The seed of His teaching,
 Receptive souls reaching,
Shall blossom in action for God and for all.
 His grace did invite us,
 His love shall unite us
To work for God's kingdom and answer His call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
 To God ever-living,
The tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.
 Our faith ever sharing,
 In love ever caring,
Embracing His children of each tribe and race.
 With Your feast You feed us,
 With Your light now lead us;
Unite us as one in this life that we share.

Then may all the living
With praise and thanksgiving
Give honor to Christ and His name that we bear.

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REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

THANK YOU: to those who helped out so we could celebrate this worship service: Altar guild, ushers, our musicians (organist & soloist), today's reader and Warren, for posting on our website. Your service to the Lord is appreciated!

CONCRETE BLOCKS: We have a number of concrete blocks left over from our stair project. They are free to whom ever can use them and are stacked beside the handicap area of the parking. Please help yourself!

E-TRANSFER DONATIONS: If you have e-transfer ability with your banking service provider, you can donate to St. Matthew Lutheran Church online. You need to add "smlccsecretary@shaw.ca" as you payee. Then you can send e-transfers to the church. You will still receive a tax receipt like always for your donation.

LCC MISSION NEWS: Local - St. John's Lutheran Church in Wembly, Alberta that is very close to the Kelly Lake fire. Please pray for the congregation and surrounding Wembly area. For safety for all Canadians affected by the wildfires across Canada. **Domestic** - Pray for Rev. Walta Clercius who serves as Assistant Missionary-at-Large for French Ministries in Quebec. **International** - Pray for the seven men studying for the office of the Holy Ministry and the seventeen women preparing diaconal services in Chinandega, Nicaragua.

OFFICE HOURS: Andrea, our secretary will be on vacation June 30-July 3, 2025. Office hours on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday will be 9 am-12 pm. The office is closed on Tuesday, observing Canada Day. Thank you to Ingrid Feist-Anderson and Margrit Owen for filling in in the office on these days.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW UPDATE: The restoration and repair of the upstairs window going to the choir loft is now complete. The large stained-

glass window in the Sanctuary is scheduled to be removed on August 7th. Repair and restoration will take approximately 6 weeks, this includes the repair to the outside wood frame, removal and reinstall stained glass and the storm window. Thank you for all the generous donations towards these.

STAMPEDE BREAKFAST-YAHOO!!!: Please join us for our 2025 Stampede Breakfast on **Sunday, July 6, 2025 @ 8:30 am**, followed by a **joint service at 10 am**. We are looking for volunteers to help with set-up and cooking. If you are able to help, please contact Lori Salter or the office @ 403-266-1458. All are welcome!

SERVICE LIVE STREAM: Please be aware that we live stream our services over Zoom. Therefore, if you approach the altar for communion or a blessing, you will be seen on our live stream. Also, anything you may say could potentially be heard on the stream as well. We do not usually record and post our live streams. Thank you!

OUR CONGREGATION

Since 1913 St. Matthew has been sharing God's word throughout the Calgary area. We are a bi-lingual congregation serving people in the English and German languages. St. Matthew has been at its present location since 1945.

FAMILY ROOM

This room is located in our parish hall and is available to families with children who need special attention during the worship service (crying, changing, feeding etc.). Please feel free to use it.

PARKING

Our parking lot on the east side has handicap access. Please note that the following stalls are available during the week, Monday-Friday: # **1-2**.

DAILY READING PLAN FOR THE WEEK JUNE 30TH:

Mon.	Joshua 5:1-6:5	Acts 10:1-17
Tues.	Joshua 6:6-27	Acts10:18-33
Wed.	Joshua 7:1-26	Acts10:34-48
Thur.	Joshua 8:1-28	Acts11:1-18
Fri.	Joshua 10:1-25	Acts 11:19-30
Sat.	Joshua 23:1-16	Acts 12:1-25

**IF THE BRIDEGROOM TARRIES -THE FOLLOWING WILL TAKE
PLACE THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW**

Tuesday: *Canada Day – Office Closed*

Sunday: *4th Sunday after Pentecost*

Stampede Breakfast

8:30 AM

Joint Service

10 AM

LUTHERAN HOUR

July 6: "A Little Light, Reading"; Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Book of Job is not light reading, but Christians read it in the Light of Christ. (Job 1:8) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM, on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am. Available in Real Audio at www.lll.ca/TLHstnlist.html. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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