



January 10, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Traditional Worship Service

Special Instructions:

- 1) **Face Masks are REQUIRED inside the building** – due to MN Executive Order 20-81. Please greet each other without touching, maintaining 6 feet of social distancing.
- 2) Pews are marked off. Please sit where bulletins are placed in the pews (*every other pew and every other end of the pew = for social distancing*).
- 3) The Nursery is now OPEN for children ages 3 and under. Special sanitizing procedures are being done.
- 4) Communion will be offered, and the process adheres to special sanitary procedures. **Family units will be ushered to the communion rail. Blue tape is on the floor at the front pews to maintain social distancing as you go forward to receive communion.**

Please remember we are still in a fluid situation with the Covid-19 pandemic. Guidelines can change from week-to-week or even day-to-day! We will post updates on our church's Facebook page and website.

Welcome - We will be using Divine Service, Setting 1.

Prelude "*We Three Kings*" Autumn & Faith Arnt, Piano Duet

Opening Hymn "*Thy Strong Word*" LSB 578 (*please stand on vs. 6*)

Confession & Absolution, pg. 151

Kyrie, pg. 152-153

This Is the Feast, pg. 155

Salutation & Collect of the Day, pg. 156

Lessons (*Responses on pgs. 156-157*)

Genesis 1:1-5

Romans 6:1-11

Alleluia (pg. 156)

Mark 1:4-11

Apostles' Creed, pg. 159

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn "*Children of the Heavenly Father*" LSB 725

Sermon "Children of the Heavenly Father" Pastor Dave Fretham

Prayers

Sacrament of Holy Communion (pgs. 160-163)

Preface

Sanctus

Words of Our Lord

The Lord's Prayer

Pax Domini

Agnus Dei

Distribution (*Ushers will release your family unit for communion.*

Please note the blue tape on the floor by the front pews to allow for social distancing. Please dispose of the plastic cups in the wastebaskets provided.)

Distribution Music "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It"

(Verse 1 sung by Autumn & Faith Arnt, congregation joins in the singing starting with verse 2)

Closing Prayer & Benediction

Closing Hymn "*Songs of Thankfulness and Praise*" LSB 394
(*verses 1,2,5*)

Announcements

THOSE MINISTERING AMONG US FOR THIS SERVICE

Organist	Lorenda
Acolyte	Mersaydes
Elders	Andrew, Craig
Reader	Craig
Tech Crew	Bryon, Bev, Andrew

Please remember in your prayers: Those with health concerns: *Rosemary, Clifford, Jan, and all others.* Those battling cancer: *Tom, Bing, Joel, and all others.* We remember Terry & Pam Fletcher in our prayers, on the passing of Terry's mother, LaVaughn Fletcher.

Offerings Received last week, General Fund: \$3,802.00
Offerings Received last week, Building Fund: \$135.00
December Total Electronic Offerings: \$8,426.64

Pastor Fretham is doing an Adult Bible Study from 9:30-10:15 a.m. this morning in the basement Fellowship Hall = Psalm 29 "The Glory of God Thunders" and if there is time also Psalm 85 "Past Mercies, Present Setbacks, Future Restoration."



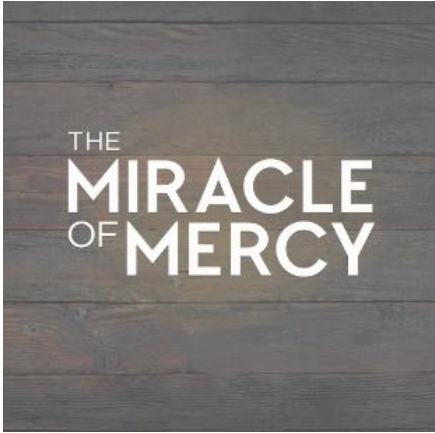
Quilt Silent Auction: A variety of beautiful hand-made quilts were donated to our youth group to use as a fundraiser for their upcoming mission trip. **Quilts will be displayed in the Great Hall January 3rd-24th with a bidding sheet next to each quilt.** Bids are in \$10 increments. Winners will be contacted the week of the 25th and can be picked up at the church office. You may also place your bid online on

the Youth's Facebook Page – St. Matthew Lutheran YPOGS. Thank you for supporting our youth!

Do you know someone who could use some encouragement in their life? Why not gift them the Unshakable Hope book by Max Lucado? We still have books left. Stop into the church office during the week to make your purchase. They are only \$10 each!

2021 OFFERING ENVELOPES HAVE ARRIVED! Please pick up your box in the Great Hall. Even if you are signed up for automatic giving, a box was printed for you because the box contains envelopes for "special giving opportunities." Thank You!

The January Newsletter was mailed out this past week, did you receive yours? If not, please contact Bev in the church office.



The next church-wide Bible Study Campaign begins NEXT Sunday, January 17th.

Once again, our Sunday worship services, Adult Bible Studies and our Sunday School classes will use this theme, The Miracle of Mercy

by Rick Warren. Did you know that mercy is God's number one characteristic in the Bible? The world portrays God as a God of anger and judgment. But God shows himself first and foremost as a God of mercy. If mercy is God's number one characteristic that he reveals to us in the Bible – then it must be the most important thing for us to learn about him. And it must also be the most important character trait that God wants to develop in us. **Participants will only need a study guide for this campaign.** The study guide also includes 40 daily devotions for your personal quiet time with God. The cost is approximately \$8 each. **The Study Guides will be arriving this week! Contact Bev in the church office for pickup and payment for your Study Guide.**

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