**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

**Rev. Will Cole, Pastor**

**First Sunday after Christmas December 27, 2020**

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

\*Dialog

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,

**C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

P: You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

**C: We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You set free those who are bound.

**C: We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You raise up those whose courage falters.

**C: We bless you and praise your name forever.**

P: You provide for our every need.

**C: Accept our grateful praises.**

P: You have called us from all peoples.

**C: We rejoice and bless your name forever.**

P: You bless your people with peace.

**C: We bless you and praise your loving grace.**

P: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, King of the universe,

**C: for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

P: God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

\*Apostles’ Creed

Collect of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray . . .O God, our Maker and Redeemer, You wonderfully created us and in the incarnation of Your Son yet more wondrously restored our human nature. Grant that we may ever be alive in Him who made Himself to be like us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

Old Testament Lesson Isaiah 61:10-62:3

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson Galatians 4:4-7

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

\*Holy Gospel Luke 2:22-40

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “Shout It Out” Isaiah 61:10-62:3

\*Prayer of Intercessions

\*The Lord’s Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God**

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*UPCOMING EVENTS:*

**THURSDAY, 10 a.m.**—Bible study on the Gospel of John on Facebook Live (online only)

**NEXT SUNDAY**—Council installed; New members joining

Penny Sunday; undecorate after service

**January 12**—Music & Worship members meeting at 6 p.m.

Council meeting at 7 p.m.

*PRAYER CONCERNS:*

Sarah—cancer free Pastor Hugo—COVID

Marty—COVID George—COVID

Allen—COVID Chris—COVID

Alan--melanoma Elwood—COVID

Sharon—thyroid cancer Vicki—COVID

Sarah—COVID and Alzheimer’s Sarah—COVID

George—diverticulitis and kidney stones Patricia—depression

Connie—concussion Barbara—needs an apartment

Rachael—cancer Michael—heart stint put in

Holly—hospitalized; her heart stops Dre—cancer

Rick—leukemia Rick—hip fraction

Darryl—bad heart valve to watch Joe—cancer

Donna—paralyzed after a fall Randy—dementia

Pastor David—deployment Donna Lou

Tim—lung cancer Luann—chemo

Dave—cancer Roberta—cancer and chemo

Steve—Stage 4 lung cancer Wade—Alzheimer’s

Joseph—COVID Jane Ann—cancer

Wayne and Blanch Sharon—breast cancer

our country and our troops’ safety Tracie—uterine cancer

Pauline Renie—arthritis

Lillie—eating disorder family issues Elderly in nursing homes

Marlene—high blood pressure Those without family

Tasha—cancer Connie—surgery

Ken—serious health problems Christine—Stage 4 cancer

Renee—arthritis Bobby—stroke

Eunice—kidney disease Sue’s mother—heart attack

Pastor Steve Bryan—heart attack

Dave—hernia and possible cancer Teresa—abusive relationship

Nadine—elderly parents isolated due to COVID Amy—difficulties

Mary—80-year-old on a ventilator with COVID Ruth—blood cancer

Marilynn—needs another knee replacement Renee—toe issue

Margarite—broken hip and possible stroke Teresa—abusive relationship

Jeanette—family being kicked out of where they live, looking for a new place Brooke

Bobbie—broke up with boyfriend, had abusive relationship, spiritual warfare

Maggie—martial issues, husband is going through difficult time

Brenda—diabetic and trying to keep her grandchildren

Paula’s son—heroin addict and homeless since leaving Teen Challenge in Jan.

Nicole—trying to buying a house to improve living situation

children going through remote learning

suffering churches and all missionaries around the world

For the direction of God here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church

That God would use us to bring His message of hope to the community people

That God would help us to be more outwardly focused as congregation

That God would make this a place of prayer