**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

**Rev. Will Cole, Pastor**

**Second Sunday after Christmas January 3, 2021**

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

Dialog

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

P: Christ, have mercy upon us.

**C: Christ, have mercy upon us.**

P: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Lord’s Prayer

Apostles’ Creed

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

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord.

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again. He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Old Testament Lesson 1 Kings 3:4-15

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Epistle Lesson Ephesians 1:3-14

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel Luke 2:40-52

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: “Signed, Sealed, Delivered, I’m Yours” Ephesians 1:3-14

Offering

Prayers

P: Show us your mercy, O Lord.

**C: And grant us your salvation.**

P: Hide your face from our sins.

**C: And blot out all our iniquities.**

P: Create in us clean hearts, O God.

**C: And renew a right spirit within us.**

P: Cast us not away from your presence.

**C: And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

P: Restore to us the joy of your salvation.

**C: And uphold us with a willing spirit.**

P: O Lord, let your mercy be upon you.

**C: As our trust is in you.**

P: Hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: And let our cry come before you.**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

P: Let us pray . . . We, thank you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept us this night from all harm and danger, and we ask you to protect us this day also from sin and every evil, that in all we do today we may release you. For into your hands we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels watch over us that the wicked foe have no power over us.

**C: Amen**

Benediction

P: The blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**C: Amen.**

Dismissal

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

**C: Thanks be to God**

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*PRAYER CONCERNS:*

Rowan—first grader suffered a stroke and hemorrhage on left side of his brain

Louise—COVID Pastor Hugo—COVID

Connie—severe COVID George—COVID

Chris—COVID Marty—COVID

Alan—melanoma Elwood—COVID

Scott—COVID 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 Rhonda

Maggie—martial issues, husband is going through difficult time Christina and her family

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 Michele—basement caved

suffering churches and all missionaries around the world family of James Boob

For the direction of God here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church Ken—surgery recovery

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 Elisha—financial trouble