



St. Matthew Lutheran Church

The Baptism of Our Lord

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

January 13, 2019

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9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Large Print Bulletins are available at the Usher's Station.

To all, welcome in Jesus' name! May your presence in the Lord's house this day afford you God's peace in the coming week. We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

All who believe in Christ's presence in the Sacrament are invited to come to the Lord's table to share the grace of God through the bread and wine.

Christ calls the children to come to him! We invite all children to worship with their parents. **Children's bulletins** and **worship bags** are available for our younger members. Ask an usher. Should you have need of the nursery for your child (under 5 years of age), it is located upstairs.

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God.

—◆—
Prayer throughout the week:

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters.

Psalm 29:3
—◆—

This Week at St. Matthew . . .

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| Today | - February Messenger Article Deadline |
| Monday | - Scouts, Scout Rooms & Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m. |
| Tues. | - TABS Bible Study, Window Room 3:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | - Food Pantry, Allegheny St 9:00-11:00 a.m. & 5:00-6:00 p.m.. |
| Next Sunday | - Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
- Holy Communion/Youth Led Service 10:30 a.m. |

*AN * INDICATES TO STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

- ☐ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. ☑ **Amen**
- ☐ Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- ☐ We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. ☑ **Amen**



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray . . . Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☑ **Amen**

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING *Isaiah 43:1-7*

¹But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

After the reading: ☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29 *(To be read responsively.)*

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

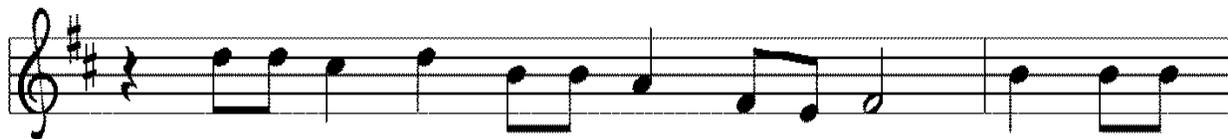
¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people; give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

SECOND READING *Acts 8:14-17*

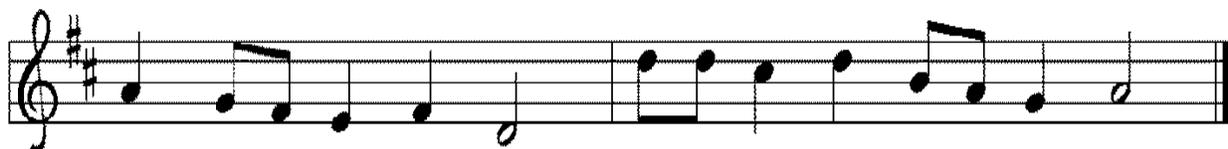
¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

After the reading: **L** The word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the



words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***GOSPEL**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the third chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 3:15-17, 21-22*

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

After the reading: **P** The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Traci Bowman

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* **ELW # 304**



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.
give your life for all, to give your life for all.
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

*CREED

P Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A We pray for the church. Pour out your Spirit upon us and enliven us for mission. Draw us together in love that we may be one. Lead us in the way of your beloved Son. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

A For the earth. Sustain oceans and seas, rivers and lakes, marshes and wetlands. Watch over dormant plants and hibernating animals as they rest in your care. Renew your creation and protect all creatures from harm. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

A For the nations. Inspire leaders to work for the common good. Grant courage to those who put themselves at risk to protect others. Turn us away from violence and teach us to live in peace. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

A For those in need. Protect children and vulnerable adults who depend on others to provide for their daily care. Uphold those who struggle with depression. Console the grieving and heal the sick *especially for those we now name in our hearts or aloud.* Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

A For this assembly. Bless the newly baptized. Renew your children in the covenant of baptism. Empower us by your loving Spirit to serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

A For all the churches of the Allegheny Synod. We particularly pray today for the assembly **Trinity Lutheran Church, State College, PA.** Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

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A With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Hold us safe in your arms of mercy and bring us with them into your promise of life eternal. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen**

***PEACE**

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** **And also with you.**

OFFERING

An offering is received.

OFFERTORY

***OFFERTORY**

Let the Vineyards

As the gifts are presented:



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray. . . *(Brief silence)* Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray. **C** **Amen**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

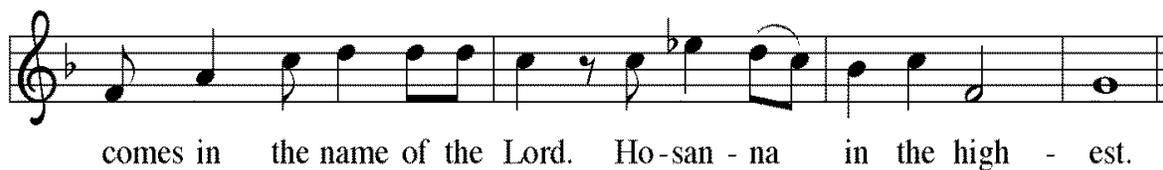
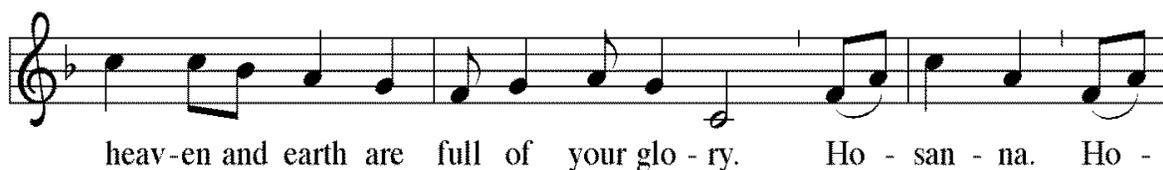
P Lift up your hearts. **C** We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



P Holy God, Creator of all and Source of life, in the beginning your word brought light into the whole world.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Word, born of Mary, to shine in our darkness and to make us your daughters and sons.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his birth and life among us, his death and resurrection, we await his coming again when all things will be restored in him.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may live as your children, shining with the light of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **☩ Amen**

***LORD’S PRAYER**

ℙ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

☩ 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

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

ℙ Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad!

☩ Amen

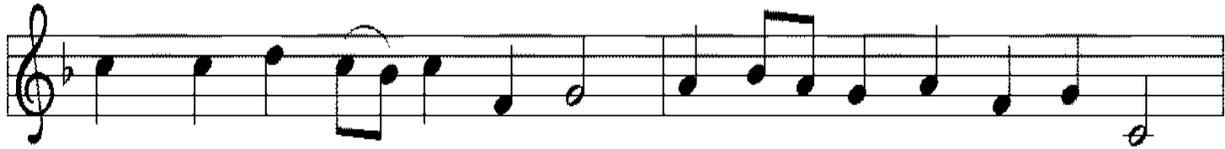
During Distribution of Communion the Acolyte will be holding a tray of gluten free wafers and wine. Communicants desiring Gluten Free Wafers will serve themselves.

During Distribution we will sing hymns:..... *ELW # 305, 451*

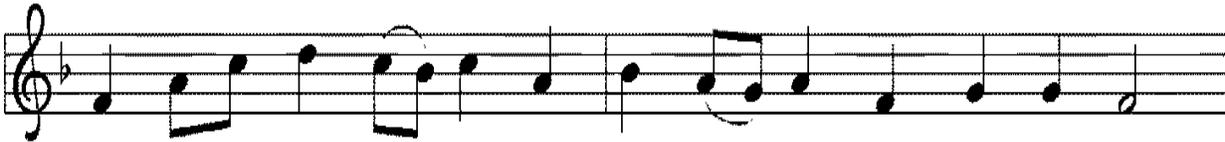
***THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C Amen**

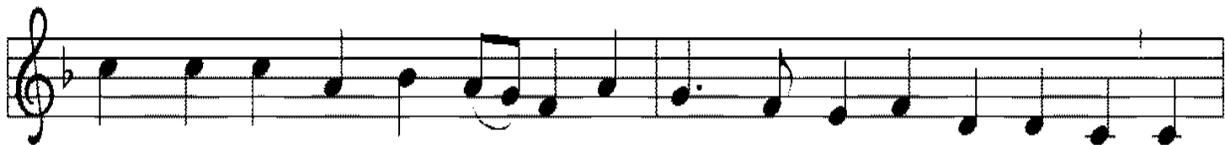
***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE**



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray. . .God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever. **C Amen**

***BLESSING**

P God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the life giving Spirit who shines on you, ✝ bless you and keep you in hope and peace. **C Amen**

***SENDING SONG**

Baptized in Water

ELW # 456



1 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3 Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ our king: heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ our king: one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ our king: born of the Spir - it, we are God's



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
chil - dren; joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

***CREED**

QUIET DEVOTION WITH THE CARILLON

***DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ. **C** Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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Have Tea, Will Travel

Pastor Traci is looking forward to getting to know the members of St. Matthew. However, she'd like to do that without straining your hospitality or her waistline. To that end, if you'd like to invite her to make a home visit, she'd love for you to provide the mugs and hot water, and she'll bring a variety of tea to share. Please make an appointment to visit with Pastor Traci either at your home or at the church.



St. Matthew's Website:

www.stmatthewLC.com

Have you checked out the website lately?

- ❖ You can find a monthly calendar of events
- ❖ Weekly copies of the Sunday Bulletin
- ❖ Monthly copies of "The Messenger"
- ❖ Links to ELCA important sites
- ❖ Online giving options
- ❖ And so much more

We also are on Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmatthewlc

The Allegheny Synod 40,000 Can Challenge

Advent to Super Bowl Sunday

Now – Feb. 3, 2019

As of January 7, 2019 the total is **\$8,594**

Your donation of non-perishable food items to the 40,000 "Can" Challenge will benefit local food banks and service agencies who serve the people in your community.



To participate, record how many non-perishable items are collected and call the office at 814-942-1042.

Results will be publicized through the Allegheny Synod Facebook page, the Lutheran Letter, and e-mails to congregations.

Monetary donations also count towards the Challenge, every \$1 equals a can.

The 2019 Altar Flower chart is posted on the Narthex bulletin board. Altar Flowers are a perfect way to remember loved ones. Please sign up now for the Sunday you wish to place flowers on the Altar. Price - \$30.00.

Ways to Support St. Matthew

Giving Online: Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at “www.stmatthewlc.com”
- 2) Click on the “**Give**” button, (on the top white banner)
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

BarCode Offerings:

- 1) Visit “**Play Store on your mobile device**”
- 2) Find QR Code (this app is free)
- 3) Click on the “**Install**” the app
- 4) Open the app on your device
- 5) Scan the BarCode: (follow the prompts)



a) in the bulletin OR b) in the Messenger OR c) on the church website above

Prayers are needed for our sick & homebound: Shirley Acker, Pete Barley, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Doris Henderson, Gene Henry, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Betty Kaurudar, Betty Jane Moore, Nancy Myers, Marlene Nofsker, Miriam Royer, Gerry Showalter, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Mickey Stone, Joy Williams and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle’s Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Prayer Concerns: Pastor Denise Arpino, Connie Clare, Clyde Claycomb, Terry Creek, Dottie & Warren Daniel, Greg Dick, Jacob Ebersole Family, Brian Fleck, Bryan Hammaker, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Charles Kanode, Audrey Kensinger, John Klepser, Darren Kreutzer, Janet Kreider, Janine Lovell, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Chuck Nelson, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Dr. Darwin Stapleton, Luther Steele, Diane Stewart, Heather Stewart, Emily Swanson, Peggy Thatcher, Cindy Thomas, Juli Wert, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko.

Those serving overseas: Kyle Guyer – South Korea.

Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew
Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott Bowman
Our Organist Today – Mary Nelson
Our Missionary Family – On Eagle’s Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson
Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel
Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck
Our Sexton – Bill Brown
Our Acolyte – Alex Snyder
Our Lay Servers – Jack & Kay Howsare
Our Assisting Minister – Jack Howsare
Our Ushers – TBD, Mike Lamborn, Sandy Swanson, Dennis Smith
Our Lector – Shawn Orczeck
Our Greeter – Gloria Guyer
Our Audio/Video Tech – Lori Tremmel
Our Offering Counters – Nancy Uber, Linda Negley
January’s Altar Guild – Jean Sinal, Jane Fagans

First Quarter Ventures in Faith to “*Local Needs*”

Serving God and Us Next Sunday, January 20, 2019

Our Acolyte – Jeff Hoenstine
Our Lay Servers – Youth
Our Assisting Minister – Youth
Our Ushers – Youth
Our Lectors – Youth
Our Greeters – Youth
Our Audio/Video Tech – TBD
Our Offering Counters – Nancy Uber, Linda Negley
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First Quarter Ventures in Faith to “*Local Needs*”

You're Grounded! (In Christ)

It's time to register for Snow Camp! Youth (grades 5-12) and friends from all around the Allegheny Synod are meeting for this fun and faith-filled retreat at Camp Sequanota, February 1-3. Friends are welcome. Please see Pastor Traci if you haven't received a registration form. Registrations should be returned to her by **Sunday, January 20th**.



Snow Camp includes food, games, small group discussion, food, sledding and other outdoor sports, food, worship, Bible Study, and food. We stay in the (winterized) cabins in the main camp area of Sequanota with other youth and leaders from around the Synod. This year's topic: You're Grounded! (In Christ)...we'll explore what it means to derive our identity from baptism as we look at ways to live whole and healthy lives—spiritually, physically, intellectually, socially, financially, and emotionally. Youth who will be entering into or continuing catechism instruction are particularly encouraged to attend. We also have room for adult members who want to chaperone.

Keeping TABS with Pastor Traci: Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Join Pastor Traci for a discussion of the lectionary texts for each upcoming Sunday. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study (TABS) will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Window Room. This month we will meet, weather permitting, on Tuesdays: January 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

Sunday Lectionary Readings for the Month

Taken from Sundays and Seasons.

Sunday	Readings
01/13/19	Isaiah 43:1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
01/20/19	Isaiah 62:1-5, Psalm 36:5-10, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11, John 2:1-11
01/27/19	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10, Psalm 19, 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a, Luke 4:14-21
02/03/19	Jeremiah 1:4-10, Psalm 71:1-6, 1 Corinthians 13:1-13, Luke 4:21-30
02/10/19	Isaiah 6:1-13, Psalm 138, 1 Corinthians 15:1-11, Luke 5:1-11

Martinsburg Food Pantry



Volunteers from St. Matthew will be assisting in the distribution of food on Thursday, January 17 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The pantry will also be open on Thursday evening, January 17 from 5:00 – 6:00 with appointment. If you can help in the mornings, please let Elaine Buchart know.

The January items most needed are: soup, crackers, ravioli, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, fruit and paper towels.

We thank St. Matthew members who have contributed food, personal or paper items, cleaning supplies or monetary gifts! Our shelves have become full again! We are grateful to be able to serve those families in need in our community. We ask for your prayers and continued support all through this year!

Transformational Ministry



We will meet monthly to address the needs in general as well as one specific need for the month. We will ALL lift our needs up in prayer on a daily basis.

Each month and on a daily basis, we ask you to join us in prayer. Our January special prayer request is for:

We Pray the New Year will bring the blessings of tolerance health and prosperity for all. We especially pray for the ministry of our food bank and those who serve so faithfully.

Save the Date: Ecumenical Prayer Services

The Allegheny Synod will again participate in the Annual Ecumenical Prayer Services during the week of prayer for Christian Unity. This year the dates are January 20, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at St. James Lutheran Church, Huntingdon and January 27, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. at Christ Our Savior Orthodox Cathedral, Johnstown. All are invited to attend these meaningful services that strengthen our partnership with our ecumenical brothers and sisters.

ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE SABBATH WORSHIP AT TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

The community is invited to Temple Beth Israel, 3004 Union Ave., Altoona, for its annual “Shabbat Tzedek” Social Justice Sabbath on Friday, January 18, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. This service, with special prayers, songs and reading, honors the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and reaffirms the Jewish commitment to justice for all. This year’s guest speaker is Harriett Gaston, Minority Programs Counselor for Penn State Altoona. Refreshments follow the service.

Choir Director/Accompanist: St. Matthew Lutheran Church seeks for a salaried position a choir director/accompanist and an organist—or individual able to do both. If interested, please contact the church office at 814-7932413 or email: stmatthewluth@aol.com

