

*Sunday*  
January 21, 2018  
*Third Sunday after Epiphany*



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*A Service of Holy Communion*  
**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**  
Lancaster, PA  
***Third Sunday after Epiphany***  
January 21, 2018—10:00AM

**PRELUDE: O MORNING STAR, HOW FAR AND BRIGHT**  
**FRANKLIN D. ASHDOWN**

*\* Indicates please stand as you are able.*

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
who stretches out the heavens,  
who sends light to the nations,  
who gives breath to us all.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: Let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.  
Loving God,

**People: we confess that we have turned from your way  
to follow our own ways.  
Forgive us for the times  
we have spoken or acted too quickly;  
we have not spoken or acted at all;  
we have hurt those closest to us;  
we have hurt those we have yet to know;  
we have thought more about ourselves than  
others;  
we have thought less of ourselves than we  
ought.  
Turn us around, and give us a fresh start,  
so that we can live again as your children.  
Amen.**

Pastor: Even when we have done wrong, God makes us  
right. Even when we have messed up, God puts  
us together.  
God's love never runs out.  
God never tires of calling us beloved children.  
Hear God say to you now: Your sins are forgiven,  
for the sake of ✚ Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**GATHERING**

**\*GATHERING HYMN: O ZION, HASTE**

**ELW# 668**

**\*GREETING**

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

People: *And also with you.*

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in  
your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of  
your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: *Amen.*

**WORD**

**FIRST READING: JONAH 3:1-5, 10**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get  
up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that  
I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the  
word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a  
three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a  
day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be  
overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they pro-  
claimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil  
ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he  
would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 62:5-12**

Spoken in Unison

<sup>5</sup>**For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.**

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>**In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.**

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>**Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of  
low estate cannot be trusted.**

**Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a  
breath.**

<sup>10</sup>**Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty  
pride;**

though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.  
<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,  
that power belongs to God.  
<sup>12</sup>Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,  
for you repay all according to their deeds.

## **SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31**

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup>and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

## **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

p. 142a

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

## **\*GOSPEL: MARK 1:14-20**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen.

<sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

## **SERMON**

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY** Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult *ELW #696*

**\*APOSTLES' CREED** **Spoken in Unison**

*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,  
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,  
and 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.*

**\*PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

*Between each petition the following is said:*

Ast. Min.: Lord, in your mercy.

**People:** *Hear our prayer.*

Pastor: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. .

**People:** *Amen.*

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**People:** *And also with you.*

## **MEAL**

**GATHERING OF GIFTS AND PREPARING OF THE TABLE**

**OFFERING MUSIC:** JOYFUL NOISE SUNDAY

**\*OFFERING RESPONSE:**

*CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT*

*ELW #715, REFRAIN 2X*



The following hymns will be sung by the congregation as time permits:

<b>I Love to Tell the Story</b>	<b>ELW# 661</b>
<b>This Little Light of Mine</b>	<b>ELW#677</b>
<b>Bind Us Together</b>	<b>WOV#748</b>

**\*TABLE BLESSING**

**Pastor:** The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**People:** *Amen.*

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Asst. Min.:** Let us pray.  
O Morning Star, fair and bright,  
you have refreshed us again with heavenly food.  
You are our dearest treasure.  
Go with us now— today, tomorrow, every day—  
that we tell the story of your never-ending love  
and sing your praise both now and forever.

**People:** *Amen.*

**\*BENEDICTION:**

**Pastor:** The God of glory dwell in you richly,  
name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path;  
and the blessing of almighty God,  
the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

**People** *Amen.*

**\*SENDING HYMN** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* **ELW# 543**

**\*SENDING**

**Asst. Min.:** Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE** **LARGO FROM CONCERTO IN B-FLAT MINOR**  
**ANTONIO VIVALDI 1678-1741**

***We Remember in Our Prayers***

*Ruth Ebersole, Becky Reinas, Bill Conrad,  
Jim Kopp, Mildred Collins, Eric Shellenberger,  
Paul and Betty Sheaffer, Mary Burkhardt, Bob  
Sampson, Carolyn Sampson, Cathy Stephens,  
Jo Zwally, and Jane Brandt.*

*THIS IS US: ADDICTION AND RECOVERY DAY AT ST.  
THOMAS EPISCOPAL, 301 St Thomas Rd, Lancaster  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 FROM 9AM-2PM*

*ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT THE OPIOID CRISIS IN  
OUR COUNTRY? WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE  
ISSUES AND HOW THE BODY OF CHRIST CAN HELP  
IN OUR COMMUNITY?*

*Guest speakers, community resource tables, chaplains,  
ecumenical prayer service, FREE LUNCH!*

*???'s: ask Stacey Catigano, scatigano@gmail.com, or call  
717-799-9764*

### **TEA PARTY!**

*WHEN: SUNDAY, February 4*

*Time: 11:30am to 2pm*

*Where: St. Matthew Fellowship Hall*

*Cost: FREE! We are asking that everyone secure a  
ticket ahead of time., though. See Mary Miller or  
Brenda Stauffer*

*What: Savory sandwiches and sweet desserts, and de-  
licious tea, or course.! A time of fun and fellowship.*

### **QUILTING WORKSHOP**

**It's Quilting Workshop time again! Third  
Saturdays, from 1 to 4pm in Fellowship  
Hall. No experience necessary. There is a job  
for everyone. Ask Sheila Charles for details.**





**Stop by for “Bear Ears & Coffee” with  
the Pastor at S. Clyde Weaver  
Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11 AM.  
on Lititz Pike (by CVS)**



**BROWN BAG & BIBLE—**  
Wednesdays at 12 noon  
in Fellowship Hall.

*2018 Flower Chart: There are immediate open-  
ings for Jan. 28 and Feb. 11 and beyond*

***New Neighborhood Book Club  
This Tuesday, January 23, at 2-4pm  
Fellowship Hall  
Questions? Ask Arlene Volk***

***COMMUNITY MEAL***  
*Third Monday of the month, 5pm, at  
Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg.  
Prep work on Monday morning at St Matthew at  
9am. Contact Barb Elsen if you would like to be  
a part of this vital ministry.*

**Sunday School**  
**We Make the Road by Walking by Brian McLaren.**  
***January 21-Chapter 21***  
***January 28– Chapter 22***



*You are invited each Sunday  
after worship for light refreshment &  
a bit of conversation in Fellowship Hall.*

### **SATURDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP**

*Dinner at a local restaurant after the 5pm wor-  
ship service on the first Saturday of the month.*

*Stay tuned for details for Feb 3.*



### ***Happy Birthday!***

*Cindy Zimmerman- 1/23*

### ***Happy Anniversary!***

*Peggy & Tom Atkins- 1/26*

*Linda & Terry Tice- 1/27*

### **GAME DAY IS COMING!**

*Do you like playing board games, card games, or  
putting together puzzles? The church is having its  
first Game Day on Saturday, February 10, from 2  
to 4pm. Invite your friends to come have fun in  
our warm and cozy fellowship hall.*

*Reminder: The Blue Vase in the narthex is for  
Joyful Noise (pink slip) suggestions.*



*Interested in becoming a ringer in St. Matthew's  
revived Handbell Choir? Contact Sue or  
Steve Feldmann at 717-891-4363  
or [sffeldmann@comcast.net](mailto:sffeldmann@comcast.net)*

**RECENT BOOK ADDITION TO  
LIBRARY**

*The Dictionary of Luther and the Lutheran Traditions* by Timothy J. Wengert is the latest addition to St. Matthew's collection of resources on Lutheranism. Questions about the library? Ask Anna Neal

***St. Matthew Seniors News***

*The Seniors group will meet on Tuesday, February 6 at 1:00pm in Fellowship Hall., for a movie/popcorn afternoon. Whoopi Goldberg is "back in the habit"! Sister Act 2!  
Come join the fun!*

**AMAZON SMILES**

*Do you shop Amazon.com? If so, there is a simple way to contribute to the church. And it doesn't cost you any extra! Log onto smile.amazon.com and list "St Matthew Evangelical Church" as your choice for Amazon to contribute a percentage of your sale to.  
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**NEWSLETTER  
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<b>Council Member in Charge:</b>	Brenda Stauffer
<b>Altar Care for January:</b>	Kay Gontner and Barb Elsen
<b>Greeter(s):</b>	Florence Meily
<b>Usher(s):</b>	John and Arlene Volk
<b>Reader:</b>	Peg Sampson
<b>Assisting Minister:</b>	Linda McIntyre
<b>Counter(s):</b>	Wayne McKinley and Rick Regar

***This Week at St. Matthew***

**1/21 Sunday Epiphany 3**  
 9:00am Sunday School  
 10:00am Worship Service  
 11:30am Evangelism Meeting  
 \*4:00pm *Moment of God*  
*Worship Service*

**1/23 Tuesday**  
 \*8:30am *Bridge Buddies*  
 10:00am *Worship Committee*  
 2:00pm Neighborhood  
 Book Club

**1/24 Wednesday**  
 10-11:00am S. Clyde Weaver  
 12-1:00pm Brown Bag & Bible

**1/25 Thursday**  
 7:00pm Chancel Choir

**1/27 Saturday**  
 9:00am-2:00pm  
 Addiction and Recovery  
 Day at St. Thomas  
 Episcopal Church  
 1:00-4:00pm Quilting Workshop  
 5:00pm Worship Service

**1/28 Sunday Epiphany 4**  
 9:00am Sunday School  
 10:00am Worship Service  
 \*4:00pm *Moment of God*  
*Worship Service*

*\*Events scheduled for outside groups that use our facility. You are welcome to attend or sign up for all other events on the calendar.*

***Scripture Readings—***  
**January 28**  
**Deuteronomy 18:15-20**  
**Psalm 111**  
**1 Corinthians 8:1-13**  
**Mark 1:21-28**