

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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January 4, 2026

10:30 AM

2nd Sunday after Christmas

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“If you think of this world as a place intended simply for our happiness, you find it quite intolerable: think of it as a place of training and correction and it's not so bad.” - C. S. Lewis

Opening Song

“Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love” #114

Invocation & Prayer

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, all hearts and desires are known to You. No secrets are ever hidden from You. We ask You now to come to us and help us so that we might turn away from our rebellion against Your will and live according to Your will alone. Send to us Your Holy Spirit so that we may hear with our hearts and follow Your word -- confess our sins -- receive Your forgiveness -- and mature into the full likeness of Jesus, Who is our Lord and Redeemer.

ALL: Almighty and merciful Father, I am a deeply troubled and sorrowful sinner. I come to You confessing all that I have said and done that is not in accord with Your Word and will. I know that I have disrespected and ignored You and deserve nothing from You but punishment. I beg in the name of Jesus that You would give me Your underserved mercy and forgive my sinful disobedience. May Your Holy Spirit dwell in my heart and help me to respect You and be obedient to You in all things, and through the sacrifice of Jesus bring me to eternal life in Your presence. Amen.

P: As the called servant of our Lord Jesus Christ I declare to you that all your sins are forgiven in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

I Kings 3:4-15
Ephesians 1:3-14
Luke 2:20-52

Thanks be to God
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Glory to You, O Lord

We Declare What We Believe

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hades. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will return to judge both the living and the dead.

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

Song “Another Year Is Dawning”

Another year is dawning; Dear Father, let it be
In working or in waiting, Another year for You.
Another year of progress; Another year of praise
Another year of proving Your presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness, In the shining of your face.
Another year of leaning Upon Your loving chest;
Another year of trusting, Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, Of witness of Your love;
Another year of training For holier work above.
Another year is dawning; Dear Father, let it be

On earth or else in heaven Another year for You.

Message “Young Jesus at the Temple” Luke 2:40-52

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings (We rise to sing the Doxology)

Prayers & Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Father Who is in heaven, holy be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. **And forgive our sins as we forgive the sins of others.** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Jesus (Consecration)

Sharing the Sacrament

We believe that in, with, and under the simple elements of the consecrated bread and wine we truly receive the body and blood of Jesus and His forgiveness for our disobedience. If you have questions, please speak to the Pastor.

Prayer & Dismissal

Song “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” #123 vs. 1-4, 6, 8

Video

Announcements:

Sunday 9:30 am Bible Study resumes next Sunday – Jan. 11.

Doing the Works of God:

Boxed potatoes, Hamburger Helper kinds of side dishes; rice; rice side dishes; paper towels