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St. Matthew's
Lutheran Church

50TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY | 2ND OCTOBER 2022 | 10AM

INTRODUCTION

In today's first reading, God invites all who are hungry or thirsty to receive food and drink without cost. Jesus feeds the hungry multitude and reveals the abundance of God. At the eucharistic table, we remember all who are hungry or poor in our world today. As we share the bread of life, we are sent forth to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.

PRELUDE

Te Deum
Brass Quartet and Organ

Charles Callahan

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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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!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000
 Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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

(I- High Voices; II- Low Voices)

♩ 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.

♩ Lord God, heav- en - ly king, al- might- y God and Fa- ther, we

wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

♩ 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.

♩ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the

right hand of the Fa - ther: re- ceive our prayer.

☩ 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.
 For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

~ Please share a sign of peace with those around you

~Please be seated

THE PAINTING COMMENCES

READING

Luke 9:10-17

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The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

ANTHEM

Oh, How Good It Is
Senior Choir and Instrumentalists

arr. Joshua Spacht

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION



READING

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you

shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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PIANO INTERLUDE

Where He Leads

arr. Todd Beaney

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Lundgren

MESSAGE

Rev. Kirsten Laderach

As We Gather at Your Table



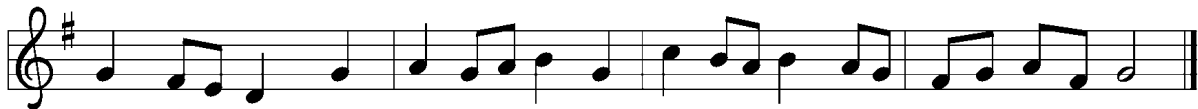
1 As we gath-er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor-ship in - to wit-ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra-cious Spir - it, help us sum-mon oth-er guests to share that feast



help us know, O God, your pres-ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring-ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and least.



Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com-pas-sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,



teach us through this ho - ly ban-quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944
 Music: IN BABILONE, *Oude en Nieuwe Hollandse Boerenlities en Contradansen*, 1710
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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

~ Please stand, sit, or kneel for the prayers

P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

~A brief silence.

A: We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick (especially).

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: For what was, what is now, and what will be. On this 50th Anniversary of St Matthew's, we offer a prayer of thankfulness for all the people who have and will pass through our doors. We pray for a continuing spirit of energy and possibility as we seek to be followers of Christ, in and for the sake of the world.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

A: In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING

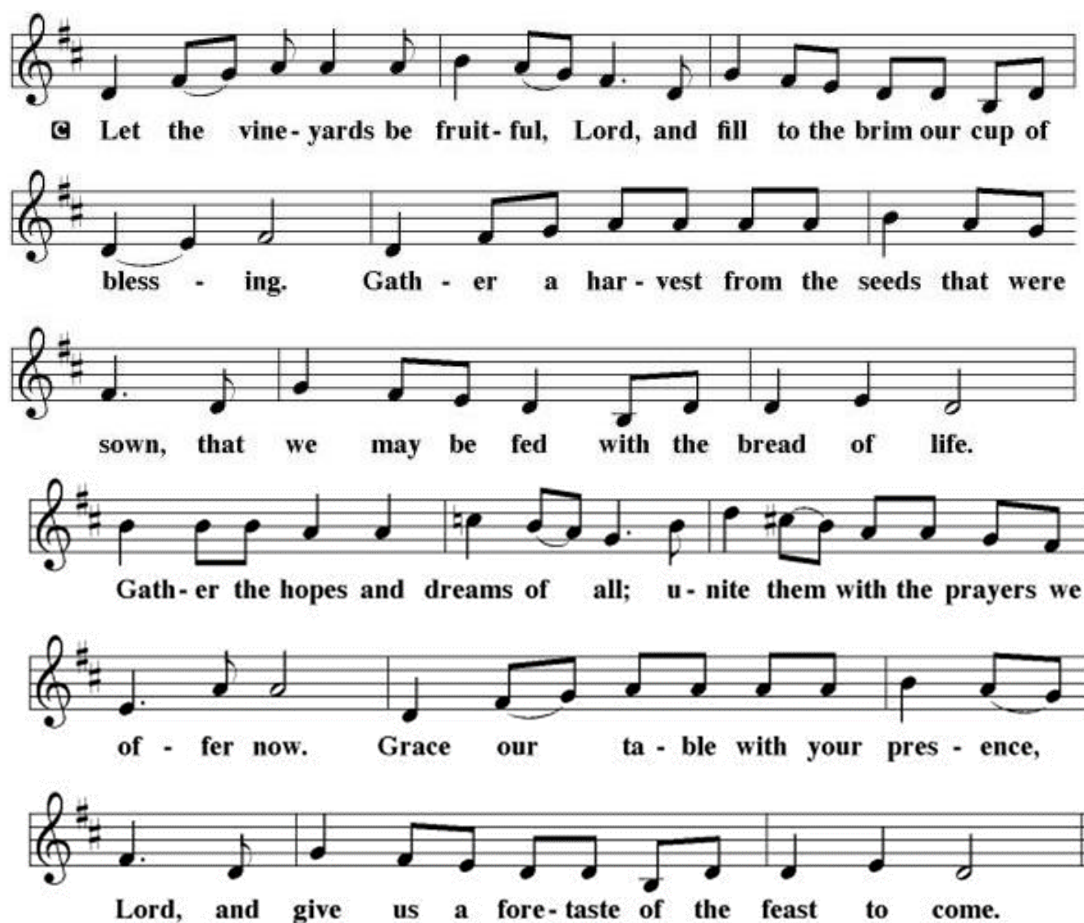
We give thanks to God by offering the gifts we have been given for the sake of the world. We invite you to place your donations in the plate as it is passed or as you leave the sanctuary. Donations can also be made online at stmattewsva.org/give. Your offerings go toward the mission of the church and allow us to respond to the needs of our congregation and community.

OFFERTORY

Cornet Voluntary

Starling Goodwin (18th c.)

OFFERING SONG



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 dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Gracious God,

C: in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,
and make us ready to share with all in need;
through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

Amen.

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

ANTHEM

Clouds of Witnesses Surround Us
Senior Choir, Brass and Organ

Robert Hobby

SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

THE 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

P: 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.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

P: Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**C: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever.**

Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Christ invites you to this table.
Come, taste and see.

COMMUNION ~*Please be seated*

All who believe Jesus is present in this sacrament are invited to receive the bread and wine. Communion will be distributed by stations; when invited by an usher, please come forward using the center aisle to receive the host and wine. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available. Know that if you only take the bread that you have fully communed. Whether you are receiving communion at in-person worship or if you are receiving communion at home, we extend to you: The body of Christ given for you. And the blood of Christ shed for you.

LAMB OF GOD

G 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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

ELW 492

Refrain

Eat this bread, drink this cup. Taste and see the good-ness of God.
Bread of life, cup of love, we re-joice in your pres-ence.

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times, praise with heart and voice;
- 2 Look up - on the Lord, be ra - dant, nev - er turn a - way.
- 3 An - gels fold their wings a - round us, guard through good and ill.
- 4 Saints of God, bow down and wor - ship, bless the ho - ly name.


Refrain

in my God I glo - ry for - ev - er: lis - ten and re - joice!
God will save in ev - 'ry af - flic - tion, hear us when we pray.
Those who seek the Lord will lack noth - ing; taste, and have your fill.
Rise to tell God's great - ness for - ev - er, won - drous deeds pro - claim!

Refrain




I re - ceived the liv - ing God, and my heart is full of joy.



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- 1 Je - sus said: I am the bread, knead - ed long to give you life;
- 2 Je - sus said: I am the way, and my Fa - ther longs for you;
- 3 Je - sus said: I am the truth; come and fol - low close to me.
- 4 Je - sus said: I am the life, far from whom no thing can grow,



Refrain

you who will par - take of me need not ev - er fear to die.
so I come to bring you home to be one with us a - new.
You will know me in your heart, and my word shall make you free.
but re - ceive this liv - ing bread, and my Spir - it you shall know.

Text: Anonymous
Music: LIVING GOD, Anonymous

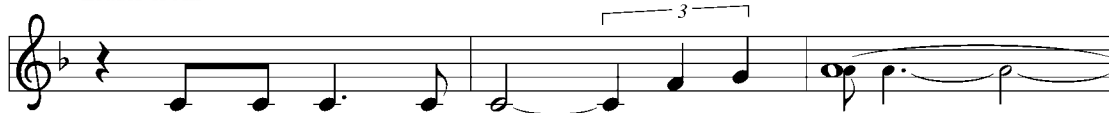


Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,



taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Leader or All



1 I will bless the Lord at all times.
 2 Glo - ri - fy the Lord with . . . me.
 3 Wor-ship . . . the Lord, all you peo-ple.



Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
 To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
 You'll want for noth - ing . . . if you ask.



my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord;
 I called the Lord, . . . who an - swered me;
 Taste and see . . . that the Lord is good;

Refrain



for God has been so good to me.
 from all my trou - bles I was set free.
 in God we need put all our trust.

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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1 Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, as once you
 2 Bless your own word of truth, dear Lord, to me, as when you
 3 You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me, your ho - ly



broke the loaves be - side the sea. Be - yond the sa - cred page
 blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee. Then shall all bond-age cease,
 word the truth that res - cues me. Give me to eat and live



I seek you, Lord; my spir - it waits for you, O liv - ing Word.
 all fet - ters fall; and I shall find my peace, my All - in - All!
 with you a - bove; teach me to love your truth, for you are love.

Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt.
 Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God’s grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: God of the abundant table,
 you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
 with bread for the journey.
 Give us your grace on the road
 that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
 for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

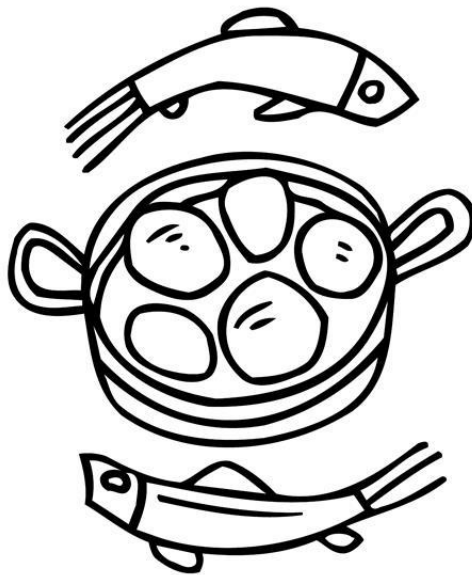
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The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

REMARKS FROM THE ARTIST

**Pastor Paul Oman
Drawn to the Word**



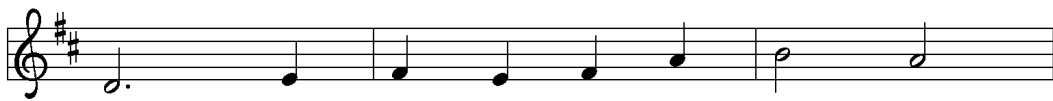
Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en,
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion;



from this meal of love and grace;
 af - ter Christ, though wound - ed, whole;
 God has called us to re - ceive;
 cour - age be our dai - ly breath;



may we through such love en - vi - sion
 bro - ken, shared, our lives are hal - lowed
 pres - ent by God's lov - ing nur - ture,
 mer - cy be our des - ti - na - tion



whose we are, and whose, our praise.
 to re - lease and to con - sole.
 Spir - it - ed then let us live.
 from this day and un - to death.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia;
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



God, the won - der of our days.
 Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

Text: Susan Palo Cherwien, b. 1953
 Music: SURGE ECCLESIA, Timothy J. Strand, b. 1958
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BLESSING

P: God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless you with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
guide you always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE CANDLES ARE EXTINGUISHED

POSTLUDE*

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

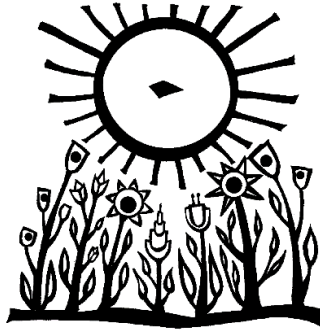
**During the postlude, you are invited to exit the sanctuary or sit and enjoy the musical offering.*

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Ministers: ALL the People of St. Matthew's

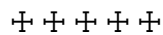
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Usher:	Dave Carr	

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of beautiful custom-designed and -built liturgical furniture in honor of our 50th anniversary.***



The Eternal Candle for the month of October is sponsored by Kathy and Tom Meier,
In joyful thanks for 50 years of worshipping God and service to community.

Altar Flowers are given by Barb Carr,
In grateful celebration of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church's 50th anniversary.



For more announcements, please visit www.stmatthewsva.org

Happening Today – Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship this morning for a special anniversary cake reception!

Sunday School News – Sunday School for PreK-5 grades and Confirmation Class for 6-8 grades will resume next Sunday, October 9th, following worship, 11:15 - 12 noon.

October 7, 4PM – Help us celebrate with Kathy Lundgren as she retires from the Day School! The reception will be held in the Narthex.

October 9, 2:30PM – For our back-to-school read, the St. Matthew's Book Group will study *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams on October 9 at 2:30 in the Narthex. Looking ahead: On November 6 we will discuss *Search: a memoir with recipes* by Dana Louise Potowski by Michele Huneven.

October 27, 11:30AM – Join us for fellowship and great food at the House of Chou in Dillingham Square; reserve your spot on the St. Matthew's SignUp Genius by Tuesday, October 25th.

October 27 – Items donated to the Bill Mehr Drop-In Center for the homeless may be placed in the church kitchen (marked for Bill Mehr/Homeless) no later than THURSDAY EVENING, October 27. You may bring your items on Sunday or during church office hours throughout the week. Sign up to contribute on the St. Matthew's SignUp Genius.