The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord February 2, 2025

Are you a member or a guest? Pastoral Care - **All Visitor's and members**, please notice the red book on one end of your pew titled "Record of Fellowship". In order to help the pastor provide good care for you please fill out one line and pass it to the next person in the pew. If someone comes after the book has passed to the other end of the pew, please assist by making sure the book is available to them. Please check all of the boxes in the middle of the line which are applicable to you. If you require a large print copy of the worship service, to better help you, please ask an usher.

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at this congregation in the confession and glad confidence that, as he says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but his very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with him and with one another.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood in an unworthy manner do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt, or hold membership in a congregation other than a congregation in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod should refrain from receiving communion. If you are a member in good standing of another congregation of the Lutheran



Church Missouri Synod and would like to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor or an elder prior to the service. We ask this out of Christian love and concern for you. (Please, indicate to Pastor if you require a Gluten Free Wafer.)

## About our Lord's work at St. Matthew this week

TODAY . . . . . . Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM; No Sunday School; Bible

Class following Worship 10:15 -11:30 AM

MONDAY..... Winkel; No Bible Class

TUESDAY . . . . Bible Class 9:00 AM; Elders' Meeting 7:00 PM

WEDNESDAY... Devotions at Sr. Suites 12:30 PM; Confirmation Classes 3:00 PM

SUNDAY . . . . . Communion Worship Service 9:00 AM;

Sunday School and Bible Class following Worship 10:15 -11:30 AM

Listen to the Lutheran Hour, next Sunday morning at 7:30 am on KDKT 1410 AM radio to hear **"We Have an Advocate"**. Presented by Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. Where we might see only a problem, Jesus sees a person who needs an Advocate. (John 5:6)

Gifts for the work of the Lord: \$4,834.00

Together in Worship: 68 (1-26)

Please consider this information in the light of God's Word, which encourages regular worship and the joyful giving of our offerings for the expansion of His Mission at St. Matthew by Reaching, Caring and Sharing Christ!



Gifts to the Lord: If you would like to help with the Lord's work at St. Matthew, please drop your gifts in the box located in the narthex, before or after worship. Guest envelopes are available in the holder on of the front of the box or in the pew.

Mission 1-1-1: \$ 36.00

About the Cover: Mary and Joseph did as the Lord's Law instructed and brought the



Christ Child to Jerusalem to offer sacrifice. Jesus' whole life was one of fulfilling the Law of the Lord. When He grew, He again went up to Jerusalem to make a sacrifice. But this sacrifice was the once-for-all-time sacrifice of His own body on the cross to atone for the sins of the whole world. So by the gift of faith, we are counted as righteous because of His perfect fulfillment of the Law.

"MAIN STREET LIVING" is a locally-produced TV program that includes a 30-minute worship service led by participating pastors of the Minnesota North and North Dakota Districts of our LCMS, along with a 30-minute Lutheran Hour program "This Is the Life". Tune in at 10:00 AM on KBMY Xtra Channel 17.3 or Midco – Channel 608.





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CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org: Join us for Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT) as we begin a new study on the book of 1 Samuel. On Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT), we continue our journey through Job, picking up with chapter 20. Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (2/15 at 10:00 a.m. CT) as we begin a new study of the Smalcald Articles in the Book of Concord. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app!

Stewardship Thought: Luke 2:24 – "[They went] to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." Throughout the Old and New Testaments, God gives us the pattern of proportional giving. If you look at Leviticus 12, you'll see that the sacrifice for purification was either a lamb or a pair of birds if the family had no means to buy a lamb. God calls us to give in proportion to how He has blessed us — and of course Jesus sets the pattern by giving not only a portion, but His all.



"LOOSE CHANGE SUNDAY" is the first Sunday of each month for anyone who wishes to participate in the LWML Mite Ministry.

> Put your mission pennies in your mite box small, Send them out to labor when the missions call. Pennies soon are dollars if we all chip in; Dollars help our missions precious souls to win. Fill your little mite box with coins one by one. You will be so happy seeing what is done.





Please tear out the used page in the "Record of Fellowship" and hand it to the usher as you leave. If there are no more pages left, hand the entire book to the Usher. Thank you, for this, and the continued help of taking all items home with you or disposing of them. It helps to keep our pews tidy.

## Intercessory Prayers

- † Those struggling with cancer: Sheila Faut / Becky Post/ Marcia & Elwood Grushow / Beth Wangler / Delmer Meissel / Kelly Weisz / Judy Johnson / Laverne Faut / Christie Tomes / Hanna Link / Eleanore Krumm
- † Sophia Fischer / Carla Morast / Rev. Erich Kaelberer / Harold Mathisen / Stan Hanewald / Dawn Phillips / Allegra Boeckel / Betty Getz / Tracy Wolter / Emma Huber / Elmer Schiermeister / Chloe Graberek / Bob Johnstone / Orville Miller / Eva Olin / Christina / Rev. Jason Wolter / Kinsey Tomes / Tanya Schlamann / Esther Gerving-Grosz / Diann Miiller / Carla Morast for strength and healing.
- Dallas / Loretta / Christine / Rodney who reside in a care center.
- † Pastors of our LCMS ND District
- † Large Print Work Center #193 / Dakota Hope Clinic / Shepherd's Hill at the Crossroads
- † International Missions of the District
- † Our Military Personnel, Law Enforcement, and Rescue Workers





