

FIRST READING. Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In days to come
the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.
Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the Lord!

GOSPEL. Matthew 24:36-44

'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.



Sunday, November 27, 2022

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Although mask mandates are now lifted in most Ontario indoor settings, our Bishop encourages “all congregations to continue using masks for the time being.” For now, we strongly recommend wearing a mask. Now that flu season is here we kindly ask anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms to stay home.

Advent

As we enter Advent, the Season of Hope, you will notice that greenery is placed on the altar to the Glory of God, in preparation for the coming Christmas fulfillment. Our worship order is brief and simple as we “make room” for the Christ-child.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Lighting the Advent Wreath

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near. You hold us in our waiting and keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times. Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival. We trust that even though we do not know the day or the hour, you hurry to gather all people to your peace. **Amen.**

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Light the first candle.

Sing Hymn 240, verse 1

Psalm 122 – Tune: 268 From Heaven Above (Vom Himmel hoch)

The lines of the Psalm printed in bold font are sung in unison to the tune of a familiar hymn. The lines in plain font are read by the leader.

How glad I was to hear them say,
"Let us go to God's house today"!

Reader: Jerusalem--what a strong and beautiful city. Here the tribes of Israel come to praise the Lord as he had decreed. David's royal throne is here, where justice rules.

Here may God's mercies never cease,
And may your walls be crowned with peace!

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem--for all who love her and for all who claim a place in the family.

How glad I was to hear them say,
"Let us go to God's house today"!

For the sake of the house of the Lord I will seek your good, O Jerusalem, whenever we stand inside your gates.

Here may God's mercies never cease,
And may your walls be crowned with peace!

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Dates to Remember

Nov 27	Council Meeting after the service
Dec 7	12:00 noon – Lutheran Women Christmas Lunch at MT Bellies
Dec 24	5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Hymn Mass service at St. Matthew’s
Dec 25	11:00 a.m. – Christmas Day worship with Lessons and Carols

St. Matthew’s Lutheran Women invite all ladies of St. Matthew’s to join them for a Christmas Lunch at MT Bellies, Niagara St. in Welland on Wednesday December 7 at 12 noon. Reservations are required. Please contact Dianne Yungblut by November 30 if you wish to join us.

2023 Offering Envelopes – In an effort to reduce our waste we did not order new envelopes for 2023. Please use unused envelopes from previous years if you have them. We also have many older sets available. Please ask Jennifer if you would like a full box. Thank you for your financial support!

All types of food donations are welcome at Open Arms Mission.
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