

Sermon Notes

**ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH**

December 25 & 26, 2021

Greetings Friends,



It is no great revelation that for the past month, much of the world has been celebrating Christmas while missing out on the main event. It is easy for us to point fingers at the world. It is too easy. So instead of doing that today let's take a few minutes to look at ourselves and make sure we didn't get distracted by the big show and miss out on anything God had in store for us. Now that the big show part of Christmas is over, it is a good time to reflect and make sure we caught it all. The prophet Elijah will help us do that.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Bill Hugo

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**WORSHIP NOTES:** Today we celebrate the first Sunday after Christmas and our thoughts move from the manger in Bethlehem to the presentation of the infant Jesus in the temple. We join with Anna and Simeon, who had long awaited this day, in their songs of praise: *“Lord, now let your servants depart in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation...”* Our thanks to all worship assistants for their leadership today. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of December 26

***GIVING TO THE LORD***

Weekly Worship Attendance: 72  
December Tithes & Offerings to date: \$25,161  
December Budgeted Offerings: \$28,885

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music  
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries  
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## WEEKLY CALENDAR

### Tuesday, December 28

7:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY ONLINE

### Wednesday, December 29

1:00 PM WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY

### Thursday, December 30

9:30 PM WOMEN'S GROUP

### Saturday, January 1

9:30 AM JOY-FILLED STAMPERS

5:30 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

### Sunday, January 2

8:30 AM ADULT BIBLE CLASS *live and on ZOOM*

9:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL—CHILDREN/YOUTH

10:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE (*online and in-person*)

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

*Pick one up today!*

**Children's Ministries:** (contact: [brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org](mailto:brenda.hugo@stmatthew-ch.org))

**It's back!! Wed., Jan. 5** – Set 2 of Confirmation, Hand in Hand, Children's choirs, gym, etc., resumes (through Feb. 23).

**"The Chosen" Season 2** episodes will be shown & discussed in the Fellowship Hall on **Saturdays at 1:00, beginning Jan. 8. Please sign up if you plan to attend, for weather postponement notification purposes. You can also sign up if you are interested in a later Zoom discussion of the episodes after you have watched them on your own. Additional info is on the sign-up board and in the January *Newscene*.**

**NO CHOIR REHEARSALS** will be held this week. Regular rehearsals resume on Wednesday, Jan. 5 (5:30 p.m. Children's Choir and 6:00 p.m. St. Matthew Singers).

