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**Lay reader(s) for today**

Brent Warren

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<b>German Service</b>	<b>9:30 AM</b>
<b>English Service</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
Confirmation Class	9.30 AM
Sunday Bible Study	10 AM
Youth Bible Study	10 AM
Sunday School	11:20 AM

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# December 10, 2017.

## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent



**“Prepare the way of the  
Lord.”**

**Welcome to St. Matthew Lutheran Church!** If you are visiting us for the first time, please fill out a "*Visitors Welcome Card*" located in the pew racks and place it in the plate during the offering. Please honour us by signing our guest book located at the main entrance to the church. If you would like to join St. Matthew, please speak with our pastor.

**HOLY COMMUNION:** *By celebrating Holy Communion, I give witness that I believe that Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Lord. I have examined my life in the light of God's Word, and have confessed my sinfulness to God. I believe that Christ's body and blood are truly present in, with and under the bread and wine. I believe that in this sacrament God gives me the forgiveness of my sins. I believe that God the Holy Spirit strengthens my faith and renews my life and I resolve, in the power of the Holy Spirit, to amend my sinful ways. Before communing here for the first time, please introduce yourself to the pastor or to an usher first. Please announce your participation today by filling out a registration card and handing it to an usher as you come forward. If you have difficulty coming up the steps for communion, remain seated in the front pew and the pastor will come to you. If you are a visitor and don't meet our requirement, you are still invited to come forward and receive a blessing. As you stand at the altar, please cross your arms over your chest to signal that you are not taking the communion but still desire to be blessed. You are welcome to the altar either way!*

*The order of service is found on page 203 in the hymnal.*

**HYMNS:**

- # 332 Savior of the Nations, Come
- # 334 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
- # 636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
- # 357 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
- # 349 Hark the Glad Sound

*Today's Psalm is Psalm 85, found in the front of the hymnal.*

**REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS:** A limited number of Advent devotional booklets are available in the back of the church. Please pick one up today!

**BRATWURST - SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER:** As part of our initiative to upgrade our kitchen, our next fundraiser will be a sale of sausages/bratwurst, made by Leo "our Favorite Butcher" Hartfelder. Ham or Garlic Sausage \$9/ coil; Bratwurst \$8/coil; 1 coil is approximately 1LB in weight **Please place your order by Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017.** Please call the office at 403-266-1458 to place your order. All monies raised will go towards upgrading the kitchen! **Sausage/bratwurst will be available for pick up on Sunday, December 17 after each service.** Thank you for your generosity!

**COUNTERS NEEDED:** We are asking our members to help with our offering counting on Sundays. We are looking for members who would be willing to count on Sundays. Depending on the number of volunteers, 6-8 weekends are assigned to each group (two counters for each Sunday). They are scheduled to count for

each Sunday for 2 consecutive weekends. If you are able and willing to volunteer for this task, please contact our secretary, Andrea, at 403-266-1458. Thank you.

**CHRISTMAS DONATIONS FOR THE WOMEN'S CENTRE:** Help make Christmas for women and children from the Bridgeland community by donating gifts and food to the Women's Centre. Children ages range from infant to 15 years old. And remember the Moms. A Christmas Shop allows children to pick out a gift for Mom. All gifts are to be unwrapped. All food is to be non-perishable. A Christmas box is provided in the narthex. The last week to bring in donations will be Sunday, December 17.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING IN BRIDGELAND:** We have arranged to go sing in a couple of senior's homes in Bridgeland on **Monday, Dec. 18**. We will meet at the church at **6 pm**, before heading out. Everyone is welcome to join us, and we had a lot of fun last year, so come on out for a good time and a chance to spread cheer in our community! Any questions can be directed to Elizabeth or Pastor. There will be short rehearsal after service on Sunday, Dec. 17.

**FOOD CUPBOARD:** We have received several requests from within and outside of our congregation to help with food items. We are asking our members to bring a non-perishable item for those in need. You will find a box with **"ST. MATTHEW FOOD CUPBOARD"** sign on it in the parish hall. These items will be collected and distributed for those who ask for help. Every help is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

**KITCHEN RENO FUNDRAISER CONTINUES:** As we continue to raise funds for our kitchen renovation, we are delighted to offer a new fundraising item. We are offering aprons for the cooking enthusiast in your family. We have the aprons available in burgundy or navy colors at \$15/each. It's a great Christmas gift!!! Please see us after service on Sundays in the parish hall if you would like to purchase an apron, you can also call the office at 403-266-1458. Thank you for your generosity.

**PRESENTATION ON THE REFORMATION:** Instead of our regular "Advent Devotion", we will have yet another interesting lecture since we are still celebrating the 500 years of the Lutheran Reformation! Soup and Sandwich & Presentation: *"Martin Luther and the Reformation"* by Roland Weisbrot. **Dec 13 (Wed), 6:30 p.m.** Don't miss it!

**READERS WANTED:** We need readers!!! If you would be able to lend a helping hand as a reader in our Sunday English service, please give our secretary, Andrea, a call in the office at 403-266-1458, to sign up. Thank you.

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES:** On Sundays when there is a joint service, there is no opportunity for adult Bible study. Therefore, there will not be adult Bible studies on **December 24**. After Christmas, Sunday morning Bible study will resume on January 7.

**THANK YOU:** to all the helpers for their help during services;

**YOUNG ADULTS' EVENT:** Christmas party potluck on **Sat Dec 23 at 7pm at 3102 34 Ave NW**. Bring an entree or appetizer and your choice of beverage. Please RSVP by Dec 20. Ages 18-35 welcome.

### **OUR CONGREGATION**

Since 1913 St. Matthew has been sharing God's word throughout the Calgary area. We are a bi-lingual congregation serving people in the English and German languages. St. Matthew has been at its present location since 1945.

### **FAMILY ROOM**

This room is located in our parish hall and is available to families with children who need special attention during the worship service (crying, changing, feeding etc.). Please feel free to use it.

### **PARKING**

Our parking lot on the east side has handicap access. Please note that the following stalls are available during the week, Monday-Friday: # **1-8, 16**.

### **DAILY READING PLAN FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

Mon: Job 15  
Tues: Job 16  
Wed: Job 17  
Thus: Job 18  
Fri: Job 19  
Sat: Job 20  
Sun: Job 21

Hymn of the Day:

*O Lord, How Shall I Meet You*

**IF THE BRIDEGROOM TARRIES -THE FOLLOWING WILL TAKE PLACE THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW**

Wednesday: „*Martin Luther and the Reformation*“  
Presentation with soup and sandwich  
supper 6:30 PM

Sunday: *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent*  
German Service 9:30 AM  
English Service 11 AM  
Confirmation Class 9:30 AM  
Young Adult Bible Study 10 AM  
Sunday Morning Bible Study 10 AM  
Sunday School 10:20 AM

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## LUTHERAN HOUR

**December 17, 2017: “Life Narrows Down”** (John 1:6-8, 19-28)

Speaker of the Lutheran Hour: Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer; John the Baptist had a passion for the Lamb of God. What’s your passion in life? How far into the future will it take you? Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM, Sunday morning at 8:00 am. Available in RealAudio at [www.ill.ca/TLHstnlist.html](http://www.ill.ca/TLHstnlist.html). Streaming audio and pod-casts at [www.lutheranhour.ca](http://www.lutheranhour.ca)

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## THE STAFF OF ST. MATTHEW

Organists: Claudia Tiefisher, Johnson Philip  
Cantor: Dana Salter  
Secretary: Andrea Sovary (403) 266-1458  
Chairman: Peter Graumann  
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*Office hours are  
9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Monday-Thursday  
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