

Matthew Alan Machemer was born on February 22, 1985 to Melvin and Susan Machemer in St. Louis Missouri. Shortly thereafter, on March 17, 1985 he was baptized into the Christian faith at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in Overland Missouri where his father served as music director and organist. Matthew has a younger brother, Joel Timothy Machemer.

In 1988, Matthew's father was called to serve St. John Lutheran Church in Fraser Michigan as head organist and music director. Matthew was enrolled in the day school for preschool and was confirmed in the spring of 1999, shortly before his graduation from eighth grade. From 1999 to 2003, Matthew attended Lutheran High School East in Harper Woods Michigan and after graduation, was accepted to Concordia University Chicago (River Forest).

Matthew graduated from Concordia in December of 2007 with a bachelor's degree in Music Education emphasizing in choral music. During his time at Concordia, Matthew studied organ with Dr. Steven Wente, composition with Dr. Jonathan Kohrs and voice with Martha Kasten. In addition to his studies, Matthew participated in various musical groups including both of Concordia's premier musical ensembles, Kapelle and Wind Symphony.

For 18 months after graduation from Concordia, Matthew was contracted by St. John Lutheran Church in Wheaton Illinois, where he served as Parish Musician under the mentoring eye of Kantor Jonathan Mueller. Then, in the summer of 2009, Matthew received a call to serve as music director of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia Michigan. The following summer, Matthew received a call to serve as Kantor at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Hartland Michigan. He accepted the call and was installed into the office on October 3rd, 2010.

At Our Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church Matthew serves as chief organist, directs various children and adult choirs and various instrumental ensembles, plans worship, teaches numerous school music courses, and oversees the overall direction of both the church and school music program. Matthew is also a published composer, with works available through liturgysolutions.com and the LCMS' chief publishing arm, Concordia Publishing House.

Matthew is married to Andrea Lynn Machemer (Loesel) and they are eagerly expecting the birth of their first child.