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(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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*Worship for the 21<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 10 & 13, 2024*

**Opening Hymn: What Is the World to Me** CW 717

**1** What is the world to me  
with all its vaunted pleasure  
when you and you alone,  
Lord Jesus, are my treasure!  
You only, dearest Lord,  
my soul's delight shall be;  
you are my peace, my rest.  
What is the world to me!

**2** The world seeks after wealth  
and all that money offers,  
yet never is content  
though gold should fill its coffers.  
I have a higher good,  
content with it I'll be;  
my Jesus is my wealth.  
What is the world to me!

**3** The world is like a cloud  
and like a vapor fleeting,  
a shadow that declines,  
swift to its end retreating.  
My Jesus shall remain,  
though all things fade and flee,  
my everlasting rock.  
What is the world to me!

#### **4 What is the world to me!**

**My Jesus is my treasure,  
my life, my health, my wealth,  
my friend, my love, my pleasure,  
my joy, my crown, my all,  
my bliss eternally.**

**Once more then I declare:  
What is the world to me!**

#### **Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

#### **Confession of Sins**

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you  
in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

**Song of Praise** (tune of CW 890)

♪ **To God on high be glory  
and peace to all the earth,  
for God has shown his favor  
in Jesus' holy birth!  
Almighty God and Father,  
our humble thanks we bring;  
we worship you, we bless you,  
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 O Lamb of God exalted,  
you take all sin away;  
extend to us your mercy  
and hear us as we pray.  
With God the Holy Spirit,  
at God the Father's throne,  
you reign, O Christ, forever,  
for you are Lord alone!**

**Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, whose grace always precedes and follows us, help us forsake all trust in earthly gain and find in you our heavenly treasure; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Old Testament: I Samuel 15:10-26**

<sup>10</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to Samuel: <sup>11</sup>"I regret that I have set up Saul to be king, for he has turned back from following me, and he has not carried out my words." Samuel was angry, and he cried to the Lord all night.

<sup>12</sup>Samuel got up to meet Saul early in the morning, but Samuel was told, "Saul went to Carmel, and he set up a monument for himself there. Then he turned and continued down to Gilgal."

So Samuel went to Saul, and there he saw Saul, offering a burnt offering to the Lord from the best of the spoils that he had brought from the Amalekites.

<sup>13</sup>When Samuel came to Saul, Saul said to him, “You are blessed by the Lord! I have carried out the word of the Lord.”

<sup>14</sup>Samuel said, “Then what does this mean—this bleating of sheep in my ears and the lowing of cattle that I hear?”

<sup>15</sup>Saul said, “They have been brought here from the Amalekites, because the people spared the best of the sheep and the cattle to sacrifice to the Lord your God. But we have completely destroyed the rest.”

<sup>16</sup>Then Samuel said to Saul, “Stop right there! Let me tell you what the Lord said to me last night.”

He said to him, “Tell me.”

<sup>17</sup>Samuel said, “Though you were insignificant in your own sight, you were made the head of the tribes of Israel. The Lord anointed you king over Israel. <sup>18</sup>Then the Lord sent you on a mission and said, ‘Go and devote the Amalekites, that sinful people, to destruction. Fight against them until they are exterminated.’ <sup>19</sup>Why didn’t you listen to the voice of the Lord? Why did you swoop down on the plunder and do what was evil in the Lord’s sight?”

<sup>20</sup>Saul said to Samuel, “But I have obeyed the voice of the Lord and have completed the mission that the Lord gave me. I have captured Agag king of Amalek, and I have completely destroyed the Amalekites. <sup>21</sup>But the people took some of the plunder: sheep, cattle, and the best of what was devoted to destruction, to sacrifice to the Lord your God in Gilgal.”

<sup>22</sup>Samuel said, “Does the Lord take as much pleasure in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obedience to the voice of the Lord? Know this! To obey is better than sacrifice, and to pay attention is better than the fat of rams. <sup>23</sup>For rebellion is the same as the sin of witchcraft, and arrogance is like having useless idols or consulting household gods. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you as king.”

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse of the Day**      *(sung to tune of CW 890)*

♪ **Let me be yours forever,  
my faithful God and Lord;  
let me forsake you never  
nor wander from your Word.  
Lord, do not let me waver  
but give me steadfastness,  
and for such grace and favor  
your holy name I'll bless.**

**Epistle: Revelation 3:14-22**

<sup>14</sup>To the messenger of the church in Laodicea write:

The Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation, says this:

<sup>15</sup>I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. If only you were cold or hot! <sup>16</sup>So, because you are lukewarm and not hot or cold, I am about to spit you out of my mouth. <sup>17</sup>You say, "I am rich. I have become very wealthy and need nothing." But you do not know that you are miserable, pitiful, poor, blind, and naked. <sup>18</sup>I advise you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments, so that you may be clothed and the shame of your nakedness may not become public, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

<sup>19</sup>I rebuke and discipline those whom I love. So take this seriously and repent.

<sup>20</sup>Look, I stand at the door and I am knocking. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will go in with him and dine with him, and he with me. <sup>21</sup>To the one who is victorious I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I was victorious and sat down with my Father on his throne. <sup>22</sup>Whoever has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Hymn: Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult CW 711

- 1 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
of our life's wild, restless sea;  
day by day his voice invites us,  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"
- 2 As the first disciples heard it  
by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred,  
leaving all for his dear sake.
- 3 Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying, "Christian, love me more."
- 4 In our joys and in our sorrows,  
days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures,  
"Christian, love me more than these."

## **Sermon: Mark 10:17-27**

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was setting out on a journey, one man ran up to him and knelt in front of him. He asked, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except one—God. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments. ‘You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. You shall not defraud. Honor your father and mother.’”

<sup>20</sup>The man replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since I was a child.”

<sup>21</sup>Jesus looked at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack. Go, sell whatever you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he looked sad and went away grieving, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!”

<sup>24</sup>The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus told them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in their riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup>They were even more astonished and said to one another, “Who then can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For people, it is impossible, but not for God, because all things are possible for God.”

### *Our Lord's Love Is Tough Love*

#### *I. Tough enough to tear down our false pride*

#### *II. Tough enough to tear us away from false gods*

## **Response to God's Word**

CW 760

♪ 5 Jesus calls us! In your mercy,  
Savior, help us hear your call;  
give our hearts to your obedience,  
serve and love you best of all!

## **Offering**

## **Prayer of the Church**

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege of sharing happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all, we thank and praise you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.**

**Amen.**



## The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: **It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose love is tough enough to tear down our false pride and tear us away from false gods. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,  
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**O Christ, Lamb of God**

*CW 169*

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
 have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,  
 you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.  
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;  
 grant us your peace. A - - - men.

**Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn: Draw Near and Take the Body of Your Lord** *CW 661*

**1** Draw near and take the body of your Lord,  
 and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
 Saved by his body and his holy blood,  
 with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

**2** Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,  
 has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.  
 He gave his life for greatest and for least,  
 himself the off'ring and himself the priest.

3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere  
and take the pledges of salvation here.  
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,  
gives all believers life that never ends.

4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,  
in this great feast of love be with us now.

Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing *CW 668*

1 Jesus comes today with healing,  
knocking at my door, appealing,  
off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.  
He himself makes preparation,  
and I hear his invitation:  
"Come and taste the blessed feast."

2 Christ himself, the priest presiding,  
yet in bread and wine abiding  
in this holy sacrament,  
gives the bread of life, once broken,  
and the cup, the precious token  
of his sacred covenant.

3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,  
I receive the Savior holy,  
blood and body, giv'n for me,  
very Lamb of God from heaven,  
who to bitter death was given,  
hung upon the cursed tree.

4 God descends with heav'nly power,  
gives himself to me this hour  
in this ordinary sign.  
On my tongue his pledge receiving,  
I accept his grace, believing  
that I taste his love divine.

- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
whose own feast of love I savor,  
bidden by his gracious call.  
Wedding garments he provides me,  
with a robe of white he hides me,  
fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,  
comfort in my tribulation,  
balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
cleanses me from sin and error,  
makes my wounded spirit whole.

### Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**Closing Hymn: On My Heart Imprint Your Image** CW 405

On my heart imprint your image,  
blessèd Jesus, King of grace,  
that life’s riches, cares, and pleasures  
have no pow’r to hide your face.  
Let the clear inscription be:  
Jesus, crucified for me,  
is my life, my hope’s foundation,  
and my glory and salvation.

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**Communion Registration** Communicant members of St. Matthew’s are reminded to register for Holy Communion on the “Care Card” found in the pews. If you are visiting St. Matthew’s today, we request that you please speak with the Pastor before communing. Questions and answers which will assist you in preparing for partaking of the Lord’s Supper are found beginning on page 295 in the hymnal.

**Members, Visitors & Guests—Welcome to St. Matthew’s!**

Let us thank God for his tough love—love that is tough enough to tear down our false pride and tear us away from false gods. If you are visiting our service, please sign a “care card” in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Week — 269 (31, 106, 132)      Bible Class – 58  
Offering Last Week—\$12,075.90                      Sunday School – 22  
*(Meeting our 2024 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)*  
“Whom have I in heaven but you, O LORD,  
and earth has nothing I desire beside you” Psalm 73:25.

**Announcements:**

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Don and Bridget Dickinson in loving memory of Norm and Grace Dickinson and Barb and Ludwig Kavetschanky.
2. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will meet today between services in the Fellowship area. We will continue studying the book of Habakkuk.
3. **Sunday School** Sunday School will meet in the library for opening devotion. The children may be picked up in their classrooms at 10:15 am.

4. **Christ Through Us: A Pictorial History of the Wisconsin Synod, 1850–2025** Our publishing house is producing a new history of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod designed to coincide with our synod's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year. It is entitled *Christ Through Us*. This limited edition book can be preordered **until October 15, 2024 for guaranteed availability. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lower hallway.** Hardcover, approximately 260 full-color pages. Cost will be \$27.00 with shipping and can be paid when picking up the book in early summer 2025.
5. **Open Forum & Voters' Meeting** The church council has prepared a proposed ministry plan for calendar year 2025. The council scheduled an open meeting for between services on Sunday, October 27 at which the proposal will be presented to all members of the congregation. The council also set the Voters' meeting for after the 10:30 service on November 10 at which a ministry plan will be adopted for next year. Please plan to attend these meetings!
6. **Church Council Elections** November is the month of the church year where there will be a voter's meeting to elect three members of the Church Council to a three-year term. This year, the positions up for election will be that of President, Secretary, and the Chairman of the Education Committee. You may be asked by one of the outgoing councilmen if you will consider being a candidate, but if you have not been contacted and wish to run for one of these positions, are at least 21 years old, and have been a member of a WELS/ELS church for at least one year, please contact Karl Kroening, Council Vice President.
7. **Ice Cream Buckets with Lids** The hot lunch program is in need of empty ice cream buckets. If you have some that you would like to get rid of, please drop them off in the church office. Thank you!
8. **Trunk or Treat Candy Donations** If you would like to participate by donating candy, please bring the candy to the church office. Thank you!
9. **Luther Prep Invites You:** Join the Luther Prep cast and crew of 'Haphazardly Ever After' by Jeff Fluharty on Saturday, Oct. 19 @ 7pm and/or Sunday, Oct. 20 @ 2:30pm in the LPS Auditorium for a 90 minute entertaining show about a King and Queen's struggle to

deal with their adult children the princes and princesses. Get all the details at <https://www.lps.wels.net/apps/pages/fallplay>

10. **The Evening Guild** will sponsor a Fall clothing drive for Twice Is Nice on Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> & Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. If you have Fall or Winter clothes in good condition that you no longer want or need, shoes, boots, purses, house hold items, etc. they may be brought to the school lobby on Friday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, and until noon on Saturday, Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>. We will take all articles to “Twice is Nice” in Jefferson. If you have any questions, please call Shari Scheibe at 757-9467 or Sally Wellnitz at 752-2037.
11. **The Women’s Bible Study** will meet on Wednesday, October 16 at 9:30 a.m.in the school library. All women are welcome!
12. **Trunk or Treat – We Need Your Trunk** – Mark your calendar for Friday night, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for a Trunk or Treat at St. Matthews in the parking lot. **We are looking for people to participate by decorating the trunk of their car in an appropriate theme and handing out prepackaged treats! If you are interested, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex.** Hope to see you all there! Any questions, please contact Ashley Phillips.
13. **Extended Scrip Program** You can pick up your Extended Scrip forms on the table in the Narthex. These forms are due by Monday, November 11. If you have any questions, please call Cathy Sonntag at 608-289-4528.
14. **Cry Room/Mother’s Room** Our sincere thanks to Elise May for the original artwork she painted on the north wall of the Cry/Mother’s room. Elise graduated from Craig High School this past spring and is now studying art at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. If you haven’t seen her work, take a look soon. This means that this space is once again open and available for use. We truly love having little children in worship but understand that occasionally they need a place where they can take a break. Feel free to use this space as needed.

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### Assisting with Worship

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**Organist:**

Meredith Moeller

**Ushers:**

8:00 a.m. – Mark Schulz, Mike Lenser, Kevin Paasch

10:30 a.m. – Jim Langkamp, Grant Langkamp

**Next Week Ushers:**

8:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield, Michael Borchardt, Ryan Borchardt, Kyle Stade

10:30 a.m. – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

**CODS:**

Thursday, October 10, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Marc Augsburg

Sunday, October 13, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – Brian Hartwig

Sunday, October 13, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – Briton Peterson

**Next Week CODS:**

Thursday, October 17, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Tim Stirmel

Sunday, October 20, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – Jim Daley

Sunday, October 20, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – Trevor Sanchez

**Greeters**

Sunday, October 13, 8:00 a.m. – Bev Boughton

Sunday, October 13, 10:30 a.m. – John & Joanne May

**Next Week Greeters**

Sunday, October 20, 8:00 a.m. – Mike & Bethann Borchardt

Sunday, October 20, 10:30 a.m. – Karin Delong-Eichman

**Church Cleaning:**

October 19, 2024 – Jerry Wellnitz & Bob Williams families  
October 26, 2024 – Andy Axelsen & Michael Borchardt families

**This Week at St. Matthew's**

**Sunday**

Worship with Communion

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School/Bible Class

9:15 a.m.

**Tuesday**

Seedlings 8:15 – 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday**

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Senior Choir 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

**Thursday**

Worship 6:30 p.m.

**Friday**

Trunk or Treat 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

in the church parking lot.

**Sunday**

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School/Bible Class

9:15 a.m.







