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*Worship for the 18th Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 2022*

Opening Hymn (6:30 only): #557 "On Galilee's High Mountain"

**1 On Galilee's high mountain Christ gave the great command
In words of strength and promise Which all can understand:
"All pow'r to me is given To do what I shall choose.
Therefore I send my children; Their witness I will use."**

**2 The Lord, who, born of Mary, Came down as man and died,
Who preached to all who listened, For us was crucified.
This Lord, our living brother, In pow'r at God's right hand
Has chosen us to carry His truth to ev'ry land.**

**3 His strength within my weakness Will make me bold to say
How his redeeming power Transforms my stubborn clay.
His touch of fire ignites me; With courage I am sent,
My tongue-tied silence broken, With grace made eloquent.**

**4 And not alone to nations In faraway retreats,
But ev'rywhere I broadcast His love through crowded streets.
The lives that my life touches, However great or small—
Let them through me see Jesus, Who served and saved us all.**

**5 Lord, gather all your children, Wherever they may be,
And lead them on to heaven To live eternally
With you, our loving Father, And Christ, our brother dear,
Whose Spirit guards and gives me The joy to persevere.**

Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children.

C: **But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment.**

P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

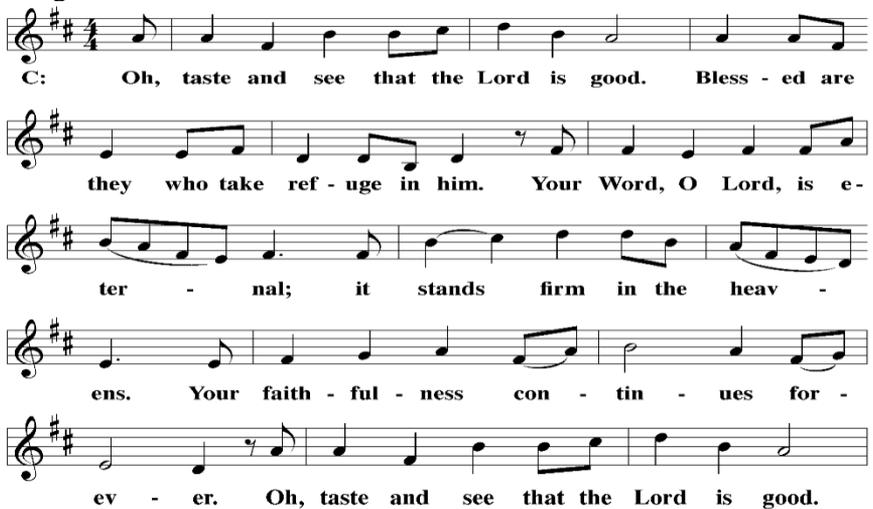
C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: **Amen.**

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

Song of Praise



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



P: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord of the living harvest, inspire the hearts of many to offer themselves for the public ministry of your church. Look with favor on our schools, blessing those who teach and those who learn that they may apply themselves diligently to your will and faithfully to your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sing) Amen.

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:1-10

The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiyah, one of the priests at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. ²The word of the LORD came to him in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon king of Judah, ³and through the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah king of Judah, down to the fifth month of the eleventh year of Zedekiah son of Josiah king of Judah, when the people of Jerusalem went into exile.

⁴The word of the LORD came to me, saying,

⁵"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I set you apart;

I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."

⁶"Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child."

⁷But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. ⁸Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD.

⁹Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."

Verse of the Day: (*tune of CW, #557*)

**Can we whose souls are lighted With wisdom from on high,
Can we to those benighted The lamp of life deny?
Salvation! Oh, salvation! The joyful sound proclaim
Till each remotest nation Has learned Messiah's name.**

Epistle: Acts 26:9-20

⁹"I too was convinced that it was necessary to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus the Nazarene. ¹⁰And that is what I did in Jerusalem. After receiving authority from the chief priests, I put many of the saints in prison, and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. ¹¹I often tried to make them blaspheme by punishing them throughout all the synagogues. Because I was so insanely angry with them, I even pursued them to foreign cities.

¹²"That is how I came to be traveling to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests. ¹³At noon along the road, O King, I saw a light from heaven, brighter than the sun, shining around me and those traveling with me. ¹⁴We all fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me in the Hebrew dialect, 'Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me? It is hard for you to kick against the goads.'

¹⁵"Then I said, 'Who are you, Lord?'

"The Lord replied, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ¹⁶Now get up and stand on your feet, for I have appeared to you for this purpose: to appoint you as a servant and witness to the things you have seen and to the things I will reveal to you. ¹⁷I will rescue you from your people and from the Gentiles to whom I am sending you. ¹⁸You are to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive the forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.'

¹⁹"Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. ²⁰Rather, I first told those in Damascus and Jerusalem about it, and then throughout the entire country of Judea and also the Gentiles. I told them that they should repent and turn to God, while also doing works that are consistent with repentance."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Apostles' Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn: #560 "I Hear the Savior Calling"

**1 I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!**

**2 I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree
That all have been forgiven—My Savior calls for me!**

**3 I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:
To serve the best I'm able, Whate'er the call may be.
Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key
We spread the gospel tidings—My Savior calls for me!**

**4 I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.
From door to door I witness To bring my Savior's plea;
Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee,
Beyond the simple gospel—My Savior calls for me!**

Sermon: Matthew 28:18-20

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and

of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

“God Wants You!”

Our Response to God’s Word (CW, #560:5)

**All: (sing) 5 I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:
Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Merciful Father, you have redeemed us with the blood of your Son, brought us to faith by the work of your Spirit, and promised to keep us in faith through your holy Word and sacraments.

C: Accept our humble thanks for these rich blessings. Help us to rejoice in them and use them faithfully.

P: Gracious Father, you have brought us together in a church body in which your Word is proclaimed in its truth and purity, in which the message of reconciliation through your Son is still the central teaching, and in which the focus of mission is to reach the lost and strengthen the saved with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

C: For this gift of your grace we give you thanks, and ask that you would rekindle our zeal for the work you have set before us.

P: Ascended Savior, we thank you for blessing our church with pastors and teachers who faithfully proclaim your Word. We thank you for our synod’s ministerial education system which prepares young people for the high calling of the public ministry. Continue to bless our schools with professors and instructors who are humble and contrite in heart and who tremble at your Word. Lead many more young men and women to study for the preaching and teaching ministries that your sheep and lambs may continue to be fed in the green pastures of your holy Word.

C: Help us to view our synod’s schools, the students, faculty members and staff of these schools as your precious gifts. Work in us the willingness, and bless us with the means to support them in their vital work.

P: Spirit of life, you have brought us together as a church body that we may show forth your praises. Help us as individuals, as congregations, and as a synod to let our light shine so that many more people may be led to glorify you. When we fall short of living and working together as your holy people, forgive us and renew in us a spirit of humble service to you and to one another.

C: Hear our prayers, help us serve faithfully, and hold your guiding hand over us for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn: #770 "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

**1. O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You, Find perfect liberty.**

**2. O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray, By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.**

**3. O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains Both life and ministry.**

**4. O Christ, th'apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.**

Prayer

P: Lord of the harvest, you urge us to lift up our eyes and see the fields that are ripe for harvest and to pray to you for workers. By the power of your gospel, strengthen those who teach and those who learn at our synod's schools so that they do not become discouraged but continue in the course you have set for them. Inspire your people to support the efforts of our ministerial education system and to welcome the pastors and teachers you send them as they would welcome you. We ask these things in your name and to your glory.

C: (sing) 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: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.

Closing Hymn: #542 "Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give"

1 Dear Lord, to your true servants give

The grace to you alone to live.

Set free from sin to serve you, Lord,

They go to share your living Word,

The gospel message to proclaim

That all may know your saving name.

2 They gladly go at your command

To spread your Word o'er sea and land.

Be with them, Lord, and make them strong

To heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.

Your rule is over wind and wave,

And mighty is your arm to save.

3 When all their labor seems in vain,

Revive their sinking hopes again;

And when success crowns what they do,

Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true

Until before your judgment seat

They lay their trophies at your feet.

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

May God work in our hearts to put aside our fears and place in him our faith so that when he says “Go,” we go!

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 Sunday – 254 (50/204)

Bible Class – 47

Offering Last Week – \$13,600.00

Sunday School – 23

(Meeting our 2022 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,078.00.)

“May God be gracious to us and bless us. May his face shine on us—so that your way may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.”

Psalm 67:1-2

Announcements:

1. **Thank You** Our sincere thanks to Pastor Evan Chartrand for the reminder that “God wants you.” Pastor Chartrand graduated from Luther Preparatory School (2006), Martin Luther College (2010), and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary (2014). He spent his vicar year in Sharpsburg, GA. Following graduation from the Seminary Pastor Chartrand was assigned to serve as a dorm supervisor at LPS. After two years he was re-assigned to serve as ministry recruiter at LPS. He is married to Joanna (nee Kramer), who teaches at Luther Prep.
2. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Charlie Bothum in celebration of Jack and Diane Schroeder’s 50th wedding anniversary. *“May the Lord bless you from Zion, so that you see the prosperity of Jerusalem, all the days of your life, and you see your children’s children.” Psalm 128:5,6* Additional flowers have been given by Jack and Diane Schroeder in loving memory of their son John.
3. **Bible Class** Bible class today will meet in church for an LPS presentation by Pastor Chartrand.
4. **Woman’s Bible Class** – The Women’s Bible Study (Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.) have started the new book “More Prepared to Answer” by Mark Paustian. Each lesson stands alone so feel free to join at any time. Hope to see you there! *Debbie Lenser.*
5. **WE NEED YOU for Trunk or Treat** – We are looking for people to host a trunk for our annual Trunk or Treat on Friday, October 21st

from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Trunks can be decorated as much or as little as you want. If you are able to decorate a trunk, please sign up in the Narthex or the school lobby. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Phillips.

6. **Trunk or Treat Candy Donations** We are looking for candy donations. If you can help in this way, you can bring your candy to the church office. Thank you!
7. **A special thank you** to the students of our Lutheran school for helping spread a semi-truck load of shavings in the playground area on the Fall Arbor Day. Your work was greatly appreciated!
8. **Service Opportunity for Visual Communications:** Do you appreciate good sound? Each week we strive to have good clean audio in our sanctuary worship as well as the streamed online services. You are invited to join in working with audio (or video or both) on Thursdays or Sundays. The only prerequisite is an interest so boy or girl, grandma or grandpa, contact Roger Howard (608) 322-0720 or Dale Brooks (608) 921-3868.
9. **Needed: Girls Cheerleading Coach** for the 2022-2023 Mustang basketball season. Practices are normally Tuesday and Thursday after school from 3:15 - 4:30 or 4:45 (running at the same time as boys' basketball practice). Cheering would be done at home games which would usually be held on Mondays, Tuesdays (in place of practice), or Thursdays (in place of practice) between 4:00 - 7:00 pm. We have enough interest for one combined squad for girls in grades 5-8 if we can find a volunteer coach. If interested in volunteering, please talk to Mr. Sonntag or call him at school (608-752-1304) or home (608-754-3994) or by email at csontag@stmatthewsjanesville.org
10. **College and Military** We would like the names and addresses of our young people who are attending college or are serving in the military. There are cards on the lower bulletin board to complete and return to the office or an Evening Guild member. Please return by October 31. You could also contact Deb Lenser at 608-728-3120 or Theresa Biele at 608-751-1050. Thank you parents for helping us keep track of our young people!

11. **Fall Clothing Drive** The Evening Guild will have their Fall clothing drive on October 14th and 15th. If you have Fall or Winter clothes in good condition that you no longer want or need, or shoes, boots, purses, household items, books or puzzles etc. these items may be brought to the school lobby on Friday, October 14th and until noon on Saturday, October 15th. We will then take all articles to "Twice is Nice" in Jefferson. All the proceeds go to help Lakeside Lutheran High School. If you have any questions, please call Sally Wellnitz at (608) 752-2037, Shari Scheibe at (608) 757-9467 or Betty Olson at (608) 754-7416.

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Bible Class 9:15 a.m. (In Church)
LPS Choir Sings in both services.
(Free-Will Offering)
Breakfast for LPS Choir in
Fellowship Hall 9:15 a.m.

Monday

Education Committee
Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Confirmation Class
5:00-6:30 p.m.
Sr. Choir 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Thursday

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Trunk or Treat 5:30-6:30 p.m. in
church parking lot.

Sunday

Worship with Lord's Supper
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield, Michael Borchardt, Ryan Borchardt
10:30 a.m. – Steve Sage, David Johnson, Jason Carlson

Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – George Ehlers, Bob Williams, Mike Fox
10:30 a.m. – Tim Stirmel, Connor Stirmel, Austin Schulz

CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Brandon Phillips 8:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield
10:30 – Tim Stirmel

Next Week CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Steve Sage 8:00 a.m. – Tom Timmermann
10:30 – Briton Peterson

Church Cleaning:

October 22, 2022 – Paul Kleban & Jean Muche families
October 29, 2022 – Karl Kroening & Mike Lenser families

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1200+

LPS Alumni Currently Serving in Public Ministry

Students from
178

WELS Churches
ministry

20+
TIMES IN
GOD'S WORD
EACH WEEK

faith

FINE ARTS **7 CHOIRS**
3 DRAMA PRODUCTIONS
8 INSTRUMENTAL GROUPS

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AVERAGE

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ACT SCORE

ATHLETICS

17 VARSITY
20 SUB-VARSITY

13 STUDENT MISSION TRIPS

INVOLVING

55 STUDENTS EACH SUMMER

55% OF LPS GRADS

GO INTO THE

PUBLIC MINISTRY

