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***Worship for the 20th Sunday after Trinity
October 19 & 22, 2023***

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

C: Amen.

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

C: (sing) Blessed Jesus, at your Word

We are gathered all to hear you.

Let our hearts and souls be stirred

Now to seek and love and fear you,

By your teachings, sweet and holy,

Drawn from earth to love you solely.

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

P: Yet we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we come before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**C: (sing) Oh, create a heart in me
That your Word, Lord, is believing
And o'er the iniquity
Of my sin is truly grieving.
When dark hours of woe betide me,
In the wounds of Jesus hide me.**

P: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

**C: (sing) Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to your and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

P: O God, you have commanded us to love you above all things and our neighbors as ourselves. Grant us the Spirit to think and do what is pleasing in your sight, and when we fail lead us to repentance that our faith in you may never waver and our love for one another may not falter; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**C: (sing) All our knowledge, sense, and sight
Lie in deepest darkness shrouded
Till your Spirit breaks our night
With the beams of truth unclouded.
You alone to God can win us;
You must work all good within us.**

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Moses spoke as follows: Now this is the body of commands, and these are the statutes and the ordinances that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, so you may carry them out in the land to which you are crossing over to receive as a possession, ²so that you may fear the LORD your God by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I am commanding to you, as well as to your children and grandchildren, all the days of your life, and so that your days may be long.

³Listen, O Israel, and be conscientious about doing those things, so it may go well for you and so you may increase greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, promised you. ⁴Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God. The LORD is one! ⁵Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶These words that I am commanding you today are to be on your heart. ⁷Teach them diligently to your children, and speak about them when you sit in your house and when you walk on the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ⁸Tie them as a sign on your wrists, and they will serve as symbols on your forehead. ⁹Write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day (6:30 and 10:30)

**C: (sing) Gracious Savior, good and kind,
Light from Light, from God proceeding,
Open now our heart and mind;
Help us by your Spirit's pleading.
Hear the cry your people raises;
Hear and bless our prayers and praises.**

Junior Choir: (8:00) Lift High the Name of Jesus

1. Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.
Make know the power of His grace, The beauty of His peace.
Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him.
He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.
*Refrain: Oh sing my soul and tell all He's done
'til the earth and heavens are filled with His glory.*
2. Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord.
His pow'r in us is greater than, is greater than this world.
To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace,
that all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father
praise. (*Refrain*)
3. Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.
No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.
He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown
We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home. (*Refrain*)

Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-14

In the past, God spoke to our forefathers by the prophets at many times and in many ways. ²In these last days, he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. ³The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact imprint of the divine nature. He sustains all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he took his seat at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

⁴The Son became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs. ⁵For to which of the angels did God ever say:

You are my Son. Today I have begotten you? And again:
I will be his Father, and he will be my Son.

⁶And again, when he brought his firstborn into the world, he said:
Let all God's angels worship him.

⁷About the angels he says:

He makes his messengers winds and his ministers flaming fire.

⁸But about the Son he says:

God, your throne is forever and ever,
and the scepter of righteousness is the scepter of your kingdom.

⁹You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of
joy beyond your companions.

¹⁰And he says:

In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundation of the earth,
and the heavens are the works of your hands.

¹¹They will perish, but you remain.

They will all become old like a garment.

¹²You will roll them up like a robe,
and they will be changed like a garment.

But you are the same,
and your years will never end.

¹³To which of the angels has he ever said:

Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool
under your feet?

¹⁴Are not all angels ministering spirits sent out to serve for the
benefit of those who are going to inherit salvation?

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Apostles' Creed

**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: The Law of God Is Good and Wise CW 637

- 1 The law of God is good and wise
and sets his will before our eyes,
shows us the way of righteousness,
and dooms to death when we transgress.**
- 2 Its light of holiness imparts
the knowledge of our sinful hearts
that we may see our lost estate
and turn from sin before too late.**
- 3 To those who help in Christ have found
and would in works of love abound
it shows what deeds are his delight
and should be done as good and right.**
- 4 But those who scornfully disdain
God's law shall then in sin remain;
its terror in their ear resounds
and keeps their wickedness in bounds.**
- 5 The law is good, but since the fall
its holiness condemns us all;
it dooms us for our sin to die
and has no pow'r to justify.**

Sermon: Matthew 22:34-46

³⁴When they heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees met together. ³⁵One of them who was an expert in the law asked him a question, trying to trap him. ³⁶"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?"

³⁷Jesus said to him, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' ³⁸This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹The second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰All the Law and the Prophets depend on these two commandments."

⁴¹While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question: ⁴²"What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?"

They said to him, "The Son of David."

⁴³He said to them, "Then how can David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,

⁴⁴The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies
under your feet?' ⁴⁵So if David calls him Lord, how is he his
son?"

⁴⁶No one was able to answer him a word, and from that day on
no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Study The Savior's Small Catechism

I. His answer to the question:

"Which is the greatest commandment of the Law?"

II. His answer to the question:

"Whose Son is the Christ?"

Our Response to God's Word *sung to the tune of CW 637*

♪ **The gospel shows the Father's grace,
who sent his Son to save our race,
proclaims how Jesus lived and died
that we might thus be justified.**

**To Jesus we for refuge flee,
who from the curse has set us free,
and humbly worship at his throne,
saved by his grace through faith alone.**

Offering

Prayer Of the Church

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies,
especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed
your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working
through the means of grace.

**C: Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in
our lives.**

P: Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and
sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**C: Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the
world.**

P: Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their
parents to train them in lives of faith.

C: Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

P: Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

C: Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

P: Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

C: Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

P: Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

C: Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

P: We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

C: Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

P: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

C: 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: If Your Beloved Son, O God *CW 559*

1 If your beloved Son, O God,
had not to earth descended
and in our mortal flesh and blood
had not sin's power ended,
then this poor, wretched soul of mine
in hell eternally would pine
because of my transgression.

- 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest;
despair no more reigns o'er me.
No more am I by sin oppressed,
for Christ has borne sin for me.
Upon the cross for me he died
that, reconciled, I might abide
with you, my God, forever.
- 3 I trust in him with all my heart;
now all my sorrow ceases.
His words abiding peace impart;
his blood from guilt releases.
Free grace through him I now obtain;
he washes me from ev'ry stain,
and pure I stand before him.
- 4 All righteousness by works is vain;
the law brings condemnation.
True righteousness by faith I gain;
Christ's work is my salvation.
His death, that perfect sacrifice,
has paid the all-sufficient price;
in him my hope is anchored.

Prayer For The Word

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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: If Your Beloved Son, O God CW 559:5

5 My guilt, O Father, you have laid
on Christ, your Son, my Savior.
Lord Jesus, you my debt have paid
and gained for me God's favor.
O Holy Spirit, fount of grace,
the good in me to you I trace;
in faith and hope preserve me.

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

Let us continue to study our Savior's Small Catechism and learn what God demands of us in his Law and how God delivered us from our sins through his Son.

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—274 (38/236) Bible Class – 73

Offering Last Week—\$15,134.00 Sunday School—21

(Meeting our 2023 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)

*"How sweet are your sayings to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"
(Psalm 119:103)*

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Jack and Diane Schroeder and Charlie Bothum in celebration of Jack and Diane's 51st wedding anniversary and in loving memory of their son John.
2. **A Voters' Meeting** will be held tonight after the Thursday Evening Service at 7:30 p.m. We plan on making three calls for the school this evening. Please attend! May God bless our endeavors.
3. **Funeral** Jacqueline Schwengels was called to her eternal home on Wednesday, October 18, 2023. Her Christian funeral service will take place at St. Matthews on Monday, October 23. We extend our deepest sympathy to her loved ones. May God comfort those who mourn with his precious promises in Christ Jesus.
4. **8th Annual Men's Retreat** – Peace, Loves Park will be hosting their 8th annual Men's Retreat on Saturday, November 4th and are inviting the men of our congregation to join them for this special

event! Pastor Craig Wilke from Sure Foundation in Brandon, SD will provide an outreach-themed presentation (at this point they are not sure if he will be here in person or present remotely). Pastor Wilke will be drawing from his experience with starting a new mission church and sharing some lessons learned from doing outreach in today's world. They will serve a light breakfast from 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. The presentation will be from 9:00 am to 11:30 a.m. A brat and beer lunch will be served from 11:30 to noonish. There is no cost. If you are able to attend, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lower hallway. Please sign up soon as we need to have our number in by October 31st.

5. **Meetings** At it's meeting this past Wednesday evening, the church council prepared a proposed ministry plan for calendar year 2024. The council scheduled an open meeting for between services on Sunday, November 12 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 12 at which a ministry plan will be adopted for next year. Please plan to attend these meetings!
6. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – We will begin a study of the Minor Prophets in Bible Class this morning. The study will start with the book of the prophet Hosea. Bible class meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship area downstairs. You are invited to join us.
7. **Woman's Bible Class** – Women's Bible Class is held Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. This week we will do a lesson summary of topics we have been studying. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lenser at 608-728-3120.
8. **Veterans' Day St. Matthew's Lutheran School!** The children of St. Matthew's Lutheran School would like to invite you to a Veteran's Day celebration on Friday, November 10, 2023. We hope that you will consider joining us for this special celebration beginning at 10:30 a.m. and concluding with lunch around noon. If you are a Veteran or would like to help us thank our Veterans, please join us! Sign up on the church bulletin board in the narthex.

9. **The November school newsletter and calendar** are available on the counter in the Narthex. Take one if you wish.
10. **Attention parents of college students (and military members.)**
The Ladies Guild would like to send a card and small gift to your students. Please give their mailing address to Debbie Lenser or the church office. You could also email it to fbiele28@yahoo.com. This includes students who live at home. Deadline: Sunday, November 5th. Thank you!

Assisting with Worship

Organists:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Jerry Wellnitz, Evan Burnside, Tom Timmermann,
Alex Schmitt

10:30 a.m. – Tim Stirmel & Connor Stirmel

Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain, Jeff Burandt

10:30 a.m. – Fred Shadoski, Russ Scott

CODS:

Thursday, October 19, 6:30 p.m. – Jim Daley

Sunday, October 22, 8:00 a.m. – Trevor Sanchez

Sunday, October 22, 10:30 a.m. – Doug McIlvain

Next Week CODS:

Thursday, October 26, 6:30 p.m. – George Ehlers

Sunday, October 29, 8:00 a.m. – Brian Hartwig

Sunday, October 29, 10:30 a.m. – Steve Sage

Greeters

8:00 a.m. – Dale & Lynn Beutin

10:30 a.m. – Kevin & Jill Proeber

Next Week Greeters:

8:00 a.m. – Mike & Debbie Lenser

10:30 a.m. – Karen DeLong-Eichman

Church Cleaning:

October 28, 2023 – Mark Schulz & David Schumann families

November 4, 2023 – Todd Schwark & Russ Scott families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

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

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Reformation Festival at LLHS

4:00 p.m.

Monday

Education Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Tuesday

8th Grade Open House at

LLHS 5:30 p.m.

Sr. Choir 5:45 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Confirmation Class 5:00-6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Worship with Communion

6:30 p.m.

Teacher's Conference in Milwaukee

No School

Friday

Teacher's Conference in Milwaukee

No School

Sunday

Worship with Communion

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Reformation Service

This year's *Area WELS Reformation Service* will be held in the newly remodeled Auditorium of Lakeside Lutheran H.S. on October 22 in the afternoon at 4 p.m. We have a great organist and a sizeable brass ensemble but we could use more singers for the Mass Adult Choir and for the Children's Choir. We are asking you to join us if you love to sing, as we join our voices in two powerful arrangements for instruments and voices: *A Mighty Fortress* and *The Church's One Foundation*. (Guest preacher is Mark Jeske.)

To sing with us we invite you to our rehearsal on the afternoon of the Festival Service at Lakeside. We have the music for you of "*The Church's One Foundation*" but you would have to provide your own copy of Jeremy Blersch's arrangement of "*A Mighty Fortress*" (for brass, organ, and voice from C.P.H.). Check with your church choir music library since this was sung at the Reformation 500 service in Madison 6 years ago. **We'll rehearse at Lakeside on Sunday Oct.22 starting at 2:15-3:30 p.m. in the new LLHS Auditorium.** If you have any questions or are desirous to commit yourself to sing with the Choir, contact Pastor em. Richard Lehmann at 608-295-6498 or e-mail him at rwlehmann1950@gmail.com. If you'd like to hear these two selections in advance, go to these web pages:

A Mighty Fortress:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= Ff4_QKwGtc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ff4_QKwGtc)

The Church's One Foundation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TKnvCO0batc>

Thank you!

Extended SCRIP Program Opportunity

St. Matthews has the opportunity to participate in a broader Scrip Program. SCRIP is the general name given to gift cards issued by local and national businesses. SCRIP can be thought of as substitute money and many be used in place of cash, checks, or credit cards at various businesses. At the time the SCRIP order is placed, St. Matthews receives a rebate ranging from 2% - 20% depending on the business. This rebate will be used to support special projects, which are not in the budget. SCRIP cards can be purchased in various amounts. It's a great way to allow your money to benefit St. Matthews by purchasing items you were already planning to buy from a store you already shop at! Starting Sunday October 12th through November 6th, these gift cards will be available to order. Payment must accompany your order and can be cash or check. Please make checks payable to St. Matthews. The ordered and prepaid gift cards should be available for pick up by Sunday, November 19th. (Just in time for Christmas shopping and gift giving.)

The complete order form list of over 100 participating businesses is attached to the letter. Completed orders (payable to St. Matthews) can be handed in to Cathy Sonntag between church services Sundays or to Lori Sage when she is in the office. You may also place orders in the mail slot in the office. Please contact Cathy Sonntag 754-3994 or csonntag@charter.net with any questions regarding this optional program.

If you are interested in participating in the Extended Scrip program, order forms can be found in the back of the church on a table or in the school lobby.

