

**St. Matthew's  
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*Worship for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

*October 20 & 23, 2022*

**Hymn: #340 "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (tune of CW, #491)**

**1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing**

**My great Redeemer's praise,**

**The glories of my God and King,**

**The triumphs of his grace!**

**2 My gracious Master and my God,**

**Assist me to proclaim,**

**To spread through all the earth abroad,**

**The honors of your name.**

**3 The name of Jesus calms our fears**

**And bids our sorrows cease.**

**'Tis music in the sinners ears;**

**'Tis life and health and peace.**

**4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;**

**He sets the pris'ner free.**

**His blood can make the foulest clean;**

**His blood avails for me.**

**5 See all your sins on Jesus laid;**

**The Lamb of God was slain.**

**His life was once an off'ring made**

**That you might live again.**

**6 Glory to God and praise and love  
Be ever, ever giv'n  
By saints below and saints above,  
The Church in earth and heav'n.**

**Invocation**

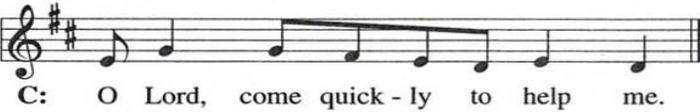
P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: O Lord, open my lips.



P: Hasten to save me, O God.



**Confession of Sins**

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with true hearts and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

**For faithless worrying and selfish pride,**

**For sins of habit and sins of choice,**

**For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,**

**You should cast me away from your presence forever.**

**O Lord, I am sorry for my sins.**

**Forgive me for Jesus' sake.**

P: St. John says of our God: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

He also says: "We have one who pleads with the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." Therefore, upon this your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Praise be to God, who does what is impossible for us and saves us by his grace: let us worship him.

### Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king a-bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

### Salutation

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

P: God of all grace, grant us penitent hearts to admit that we could never save ourselves, and hearts to believe that you have prepared salvation for us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## Hymns About Prayer: (by students of Preschool and Kindergarten)

### Old Testament: Isaiah 45:20-25

<sup>20</sup>Gather! Come! Draw near together,

**you survivors from the nations.**

They have no knowledge—those who are lifting up their idols of wood

**and praying to a god that cannot save.**

<sup>21</sup>Make an announcement and come close.

**Let them consult together.**

Who made this known ahead of time?

**From time past who announced it?**

Was it not I, the LORD? There is no god except me,

**a righteous God and Savior. There is no one except me.**

<sup>22</sup>Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth,

**because I am God,**

and there is no other.

<sup>23</sup>**I have sworn by myself.**

From my mouth a righteous word has gone out,

**and it will not return unfulfilled.**

Indeed, to me every knee will bow,

**and every tongue will swear allegiance.**

<sup>24</sup>“Only in the LORD,” they will say of me,

**“Only in the LORD is there true righteousness and strength.”**

To him they will come and be ashamed—

**all those who are angry at him.**

<sup>25</sup>In the LORD, all the descendants of Israel will be justified.

**They will be praised by him.**

Verse of the Day: *(tune of CW, #491)*

All: (sing) How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

In a believer's ear!

It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds,

And drives away all fear.

May ev'ry heart confess your name,

Forever you adore,

Enkindled with the Spirit's flame

To love you more and more.

## **Epistle: Romans 7:18-8:4**

<sup>18</sup>Indeed, I know that good does not live in me, that is, in my sinful flesh. The desire to do good is present with me, but I am not able to carry it out. <sup>19</sup>So I fail to do the good I want to do. Instead, the evil I do not want to do, that is what I keep doing. <sup>20</sup>Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who am doing it, but it is sin living in me.

<sup>21</sup>So I find this law at work: When I want to do good, evil is present with me. <sup>22</sup>I certainly delight in God's law according to my inner self, <sup>23</sup>but I see a different law at work in my members, waging war against the law of my mind and taking me captive to the law of sin, which is present in my members. <sup>24</sup>What a miserable wretch I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup>I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my sinful flesh I serve the law of sin.

<sup>8:1</sup>So then, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For in Christ Jesus, the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>Indeed, what the law was unable to do, because it was weakened by the flesh, God did, when he sent his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to deal with sin. God condemned sin in his flesh, <sup>4</sup>so that the righteous decree of the law would be fully satisfied in us who are not walking according to the flesh, but according to the spirit.

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: #390 "Salvation unto Us Has Come"**

**1 Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor.  
Good works cannot avert our doom; They help and save us never.  
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;  
He is the one Redeemer.**

**2 What God does in his law demand And none to him can render,  
Brings wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.  
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the law requires,  
And lost is our condition.**

**3 It is a false, misleading dream That God his law has given  
That sinners can themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.  
The law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light  
That lurks within our nature.**

**4 Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,  
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.  
He has for us the law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed  
Which over us impended.**

**5 Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,  
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.  
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my life indeed,  
For you have paid my ransom.**

**Sermon Text: Luke 18:18-27**

<sup>18</sup>A certain ruler asked Jesus, "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>19</sup>Jesus asked him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good, except one—God. <sup>20</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not commit adultery. You shall not murder. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony. Honor your father and mother.'"

<sup>21</sup>"I have kept all these since I was a child," he said.

<sup>22</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to him, "You still lack one thing. Sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>23</sup>But when the ruler heard these words, he became very sad, because he was very rich.

<sup>24</sup>When Jesus saw that the man became very sad, he said, "How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>In

fact, 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>Those who heard this said, “Then who can be saved?”

<sup>27</sup>He replied, “What is impossible for people is possible for God.

### “SALVATION”

*I. It’s a mission impossible for us*

*II. It’s a mission accomplished by God*

#### **Our Response to God’s Word**

**6 All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,  
The God who saved us by his grace— All glory to his merit!  
O Triune God in heav’n above, You have revealed your saving love;  
Your blessed name be hallowed!**

*Offering (Offerings may be placed into the plates in the narthex)*

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P: God of all grace, we thank you for the gift of eternal life in your Son. By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the faithful testimony of the apostles you have assured us that our faith stands on a sure and solid foundation.

**C: Let me live that I may praise you, and may your laws sustain me.**

P: Though we do not see Jesus with our physical eyes, help us see him with the eyes of faith. Through your Holy Spirit, breathe on your Church that it may faithfully proclaim the gospel of our risen Savior with courage and diligence in all lands and to all people. Grant that we also may be illumined by the heavenly light of your Word, and so keep us in the one and only true faith.

**C: May God be gracious to us and bless us, and make his face shine upon us; that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

P: Preserve us from all assaults on our souls, deliver us from doubt and despair, and preserve us from worldly wisdom and false teaching.

**C: Turn my eyes from worthless things; preserve my life according to your Word.**

P: Forgive the sins of your people. Strengthen the doubting and the faithless. Bring back the forgetful and the wayward, and comfort the anxious and distressed.

**C: Restore to me the joy of your salvation; and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

P: As we go from this holy place today, grant peace and rest to us all.

**C: The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace. Amen.**

### **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: #381 "Grace Has a Thrilling Sound"**

**1 Grace has a thrilling sound To each believer's ear;  
That peace with God through Christ is found Is news I gladly hear.**

**2 Grace first inscribed my name In God's eternal book,  
And grace has brought me to the Lamb, Who all my sorrows took.**

**3 Grace led my wand'ring feet To tread the heav'nly road,  
And grace supplies each hour I meet While pressing on to God.**

**4 Grace taught my soul to pray And made my eyes o'erflow;  
His grace has kept me to this day And will not let me go.**

**5 Grace all our work shall crown Through everlasting days;  
The heav'nly home God gives his own Shall echo with our praise.**

### **Closing Prayer**

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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: #399 "To God Be the Glory"

1 To God be the glory; great things he has done!  
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!  
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
And give him the glory—great things he has done!

2 Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every sinner the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

*Refrain*

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
But purer and higher and greater will be  
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see.

*Refrain*

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

Let us praise God that he has done what was impossible for us: he has saved us by his grace in Jesus Christ our Lord!

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 —258 (27/231)      Sunday School— 34

Offering Last Week—\$18,423.92      Bible Study — 11

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

*"The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD.*

*He is their stronghold in times of stress."*

*Psalm 37:39*

**Announcements:**

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Dan and Sue Enloe in celebration of their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Congratulations!

*“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*

2. **Bible Class** Bible class today will begin at 9:15 a.m. We will continue a study of the Book of Ecclesiastes. Bible class meets in the fellowship area downstairs. Please join us as we “Book Through the Bible.”
3. **Woman’s Bible Class** – Women’s Bible Study will not meet this Wednesday, October 26. Class will resume on Wednesday, November 2. *Debbie Lenser.*
4. **Call for Mrs. Ashley Phillips** We would like to inform the congregation that Mrs. Ashley Phillips has received a Call to teach at Immanuel Lutheran School in Greenville, Wisconsin. Mrs. Phillips would be teaching kindergarten. Please provide encouragement and keep her in your prayers as she deliberates where the Lord wants her to serve in the future.
5. **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.
6. **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!
7. **Ladies Evening Guild** will have their November meeting on Monday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the fellowship hall. Please bring a donation item for either or both 16:49 and ECHO. Household and personal items are always needed for ECHO. Give a gift card to 16:49 from Woodman’s, Wal-Mart, Target, Walgreens, Kwik Trip (fuel only cards), Subway, McDonalds, Burger King,

Culvers, Taco Bell, Pizza Hut. They also always need personal items and cleaning supplies. The activity for November is making the item we are including in the shut-ins Christmas bags. We need your help. We will also have the Advent by Candlelight sign-up that is fast approaching, December 4<sup>th</sup> and the Advent meal sign-up. Please plan on attending!!! All ladies are welcomed. See you then!!!

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### This Week at St. Matthew's

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#### **Sunday**

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

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

#### **Tuesday**

LLHS Presentation (Night of

Information 5:30-7:30 p.m.)

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

#### **Wednesday**

No Women's Bible Study

Confirmation Class

5:00-6:30 p.m.

#### **Thursday**

Worship with Lord's

Supper 6:30 p.m.

No School –Teacher's Conference

#### **Friday**

No School –Teacher's Conference

#### **Reformation Sunday**

Worship with Lord's Supper

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

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### Assisting with Worship

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#### Organist:

Meredith Moeller

#### Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – George Ehlers, Bob Williams, Mike Fox

10:30 a.m. – Tim Stirmel, Connor Stirmel, Austin Schulz

#### Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Gerald Wellnitz, Richard Stout, Nathan Stout, Evan Burnside

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

#### CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Steve Sage

8:00 a.m. – Tom Timmermann

10:30 – Briton Peterson

**Next Week CODS:**

6:30 p.m. – Steve Sage

8:00 a.m. – Brandon Phillips

10:30 – Marc Augsburg

**Church Cleaning:**

October 29, 2022 – Karl Kroening & Mike Lenser families

November 5, 2022 – Tim Stirmel & Richard Stout families

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**Extended SCRIP Program Opportunity**

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St. Matthews has the opportunity to participate in a broader Scrip Program. SCRIP is the general name given to gift certificates and 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 certificates 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 9<sup>th</sup> through November 2<sup>nd</sup>, these certificates/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 certificates/cards should be available for pick up by Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. (Just in time for Christmas shopping and gift giving.)

The complete order form list of over 100 participating businesses is attached to this 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 [csontag@charter.net](mailto:csontag@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.

