



***St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran  
Church & School***

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***Worship for the 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
September 30 & October 3, 2021***

**Opening Hymn: #207 "The Day Is Surely Drawing Near"**

**1 The day is surely drawing near**

**When God's Son, the Anointed,**

**Shall with great majesty appear**

**As judge of all appointed.**

**All mirth and laughter then shall cease**

**When flames on flames will still increase,**

**As Scripture truly teaches.**

**2 A trumpet loud shall then resound**

**And all the earth be shaken.**

**Then all who in their graves are found**

**Shall from their sleep awaken**

**And with the living in that hour**

**By the Almighty's boundless pow'r**

**Be changed at his commanding.**

**3 A book is opened then to all,**

**A record truly telling**

**What each has done, both great and small,**

**When he on earth was dwelling,**

**And ev'ry heart be clearly seen,**

**And all be known as they have been**

**In thoughts and words and actions.**

**4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord  
And sought but carnal pleasures,  
Who here despised his precious Word  
And loved their earthly treasures!  
With shame and trembling they will stand  
And at the judge's stern command  
To Satan be delivered.**

### **Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

### **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.**

### **Song of Praise**

**All: (sing) 5 My Savior paid the debt I owe  
And for my sin was smitten;  
Within the Book of Life I know  
My name has now been written.  
I will not doubt, for I am free,  
And Satan cannot threaten me;  
There is no condemnation!**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P: Almighty God, in your holy Word you speak to us in words of law which sting and hurt as they expose our sins and your anger against them. You also speak to us in gospel words which comfort and console us by showing us our Savior and the forgiveness of sins he won for us on the cross. Work in our hearts through these words that we may be purified from sin and preserved from eternal punishment in hell by faith in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Preschool & Kindergarten Children 10:30: “Jesus Loves Me” and Our God Is A Great Big God”** (*Children will go back to sit with their parents after singing.*)

## **Old Testament: Malachi 3:1-7**

<sup>1</sup>You have made the LORD weary with your words. You say, “How have we made him weary?” When you say that anyone who does evil is good in the LORD’s eyes or that the LORD takes pleasure in evildoers. Or when you say, “Where is the God of justice?”

Look! I am sending my messenger! He will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord, whom you are seeking, will come to his temple! The Messenger of the Covenant, in whom you delight, will surely come, says the LORD of Armies.

<sup>2</sup>But who can endure the day when he comes? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he will be like a refiner’s fire, like launderers bleach! <sup>3</sup>He will be seated like a refiner and a purifier of silver. He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and like silver. They will belong to the LORD and bring him an offering in righteousness.

<sup>4</sup>Judah and Jerusalem’s offerings will be pleasing to the LORD as they were in the days of old, in years long ago.

<sup>5</sup>I will approach you to judge you. I will be quick to give testimony against those who practice occult arts, those who commit adultery, those who swear false oaths, those who cheat workers out of their wages, those who wrong a widow and a fatherless child, those who turn away a resident alien—all those who do not fear me, says the LORD of Armies.

<sup>6</sup>Certainly I, the LORD, do not change. That is why you, sons of Jacob, have not come to an end. <sup>7</sup>Since the days of your fathers, you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of Armies.

### Verse of the Day

**All: (sing) 6 O Jesus Christ, do not delay,  
But hasten our salvation;  
We often tremble on our way  
In fear and tribulation.  
Your saints are waiting patiently;  
Come soon, Redeemer; make us free  
From ev'ry evil. Amen.**

### Epistle: II Corinthians 7:4-13

<sup>4</sup>I have great confidence in you. I am very proud of you. I am filled with encouragement. I am overflowing with joy in all our trouble.

<sup>5</sup>In fact, when we came to Macedonia, our flesh had no relief. Instead, we were troubled in every way—conflicts on the outside, fears on the inside. <sup>6</sup>But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us with the arrival of Titus, <sup>7</sup>and not only with his arrival, but also with the comfort he had received concerning you. He told us about your longing, your sorrow, and your serious concern for me. As a result, I rejoiced even more.

<sup>8</sup>For even if I caused you sorrow with my letter, I do not regret it (even though I did regret it, for I see that my letter caused you sorrow—yet only for a little while). <sup>9</sup>Now I rejoice, not because you were made to feel sorrow, but because this sorrow resulted in repentance. Yes, you were made sorry in a godly way. So you were not harmed in any way by us. <sup>10</sup>In fact, godly sorrow produces repentance, which leads to salvation, leaving no regret. On the other hand, worldly sorrow produces death.

<sup>11</sup>Yes, look what godly sorrow produced in you: what diligence, what eagerness to clear yourself, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what zeal, what correction! In every way you proved yourselves to be pure in this matter. <sup>12</sup>So although I wrote to you, it was not because of the one who did what was wrong, or because of the one who was harmed by it. I wrote instead so that your genuine

concern for us would be revealed to you in the sight of God. <sup>13</sup>For that reason we have been comforted.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn: #287 "The Law of God Is Good and Wise"**

**1 The law of God is good and wise; It sets his will before our eyes,  
Shows us the way of righteousness, But dooms to death when we  
transgress.**

**2 The law is good, but since the fall Its holiness condemns us all;  
It dooms us for our sins to die And has no pow'r to justify.**

**3 Its light of holiness imparts The knowledge of our sinful hearts  
That we may see our lost estate And seek relief before too late.**

**4 All who the offered help disdain And willfully in sin remain,  
Its terror in their ears will sound As lost eternally they're found.**

**5 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.**

**Sermon: Mark 9:38-50**

<sup>38</sup>John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name. We tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

<sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not try to stop him, because no one who does a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil about me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>Amen I tell you: Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will certainly not lose his reward.

<sup>42</sup>"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall into sin, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around his neck. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed, than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, <sup>44</sup>'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' <sup>45</sup>If your foot causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell,

<sup>46</sup>'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'<sup>47</sup>If your eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.'<sup>49</sup>For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good. But if the salt loses its flavor, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

*"Everyone Will Be Salted With Fire"*

*I. Some will be preserved from eternal death by it*

*II. Others will be preserved for eternal death by it*

**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.**

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

**Installation of Sunday School Teachers 10:30 Service**

**Prayer of the Church**

**P: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and**

sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

P: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

P: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

P: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

P: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Hymn: #459 "O God, My Faithful God"

1 O God, my faithful God, O Fountain ever flowing,  
Who good and perfect gifts In mercy are bestowing,  
Give me a healthy frame, And may I have within  
A conscience free from blame, A soul unhurt by sin.

2 Grant me the strength to do With ready heart and willing  
Whatever you command, My calling here fulfilling,  
That I do what I should While trusting you to bless  
The outcome for my good, For you must give success.

3 Keep me from saying things That later need recalling;  
Grant that no idle words May from my lips be falling,  
But then, when in my place I must and ought to speak,  
My words grant pow'r and grace Lest I offend the weak.

4 Lord, let me win my foes With kindly words and actions,  
And let me find good friends For counsel and correction.  
Help me, as you have taught, To love both great and small  
And by your Spirit's might To live in peace with all.

#### **Prayer**

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: #286 "The Law Commands and Makes Us Know"**

1 The law commands and makes us know

What duties to our God we owe,

But 'tis the gospel must reveal

Where lies our strength to do his will.

2 The law uncovers guilt and sin

And shows how vile our hearts have been;

The gospel only can express

Forgiving love and cleansing grace.

**3 What curses does the law pronounce  
Against the one who fails but once!  
But in the gospel Christ appears,  
Pard'ning the guilt of num'rous years.**

**4 My soul, no more attempt to draw  
Your life and comfort from the law.  
Flee to the hope the gospel gives;  
The one who trusts the promise lives.**

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

May the Holy Spirit work in our hearts today so that as we are salted with fire through the Word of God we may preserved in true faith and at last enter eternal life in heaven.

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—208 (60/148)      Bible Classes –62  
Offering Last Week—\$10,418.00      Sunday School – 11  
Parking Lot Fund – \$7,642.60

*(Meeting our 2021 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$13,600.00.)*

*“Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes.*

*Then I will guard it to the end.”*

*Psalms 119:33*

**Announcements**

1. **Bible Class** Sunday morning Bible class will be held between services from 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. We will continue looking at the books of 1 & 2 Samuel. Bible class meets in the fellowship area downstairs. Please join us as we “Book Through the Bible.”
2. **Woman’s Bible Class** – The Women’s Bible Study is beginning a new series of lessons based on the book “Prepared to Answer” by Mark Paustian. The first lesson is entitled “Why Jesus?”. Each lesson stands alone so feel free to join at any time. Hope to see you there! *Debbie Lenser*

3. **Scholastic Book Fair is coming to a close! Our book fair will be ending today, Sunday, October 3.** The congregation is invited to stop in the school lobby & Mustang Café today and browse in between services and after the 10:30 service. **Books make wonderful gifts!**
4. **Fall Fun Festival/New Member Welcome** Please join us today from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. in the Mustang Café, gym, and outdoors for Fall Fun Festival. We will have fall games, board games, cards, bags tournaments, pumpkin painting, snacks, and fellowship! All ages are welcome to attend. Hope to see you there!
5. **On October 24, at the 10:30 a.m.** service we will thank God for the blessings of His servants Mrs. Cathy Sonntag (25 years of service in the church ministry.) and Mr. Kevin Proeber (40 years of service in the church ministry.) Junior Choir will sing at the second service that Sunday. A catered luncheon will follow in the Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet in the church narthex if you are planning to attend. **Please sign-up so we have an accurate count of those coming that day.** A special gift box will also be placed in the narthex for cards of thankfulness and appreciation.
6. **Evening Guild Fall Clothing Drive** The Evening Guild will be having their Fall clothing drive on October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have Fall or Winter clothes in good condition that you no longer want or need, or shoes, boots, purses, etc., they may be brought to the school lobby on Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, and until noon on Saturday, October 16<sup>th</sup>. We will take all articles to “Twice is Nice” in Jefferson. If you have any questions, please call Betty Olson at 754-7416, Shari Scheibe at 757-9467, or Sally Wellnitz at 752-2037.
7. **LWMS Save The Date** The LWMS Fall rally is schedule for Saturday, October 23 at St. Paul’s in Fort Atkinson. The schedule for the ½ day rally includes registration and morning refreshments from 8-9 a.m., devotion, mission presentation and business meeting rom 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and lunch at 12:30 p.m. The featured guest speaker will be Pastor Clint Burow from Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in South Beloit. He will inform us of the wonderful growth of our sister church nearby and their exciting building project, which was made possible through many gifts from our area Western Wisconsin churches. Please

consider attending the rally to learn more about this ministry in WELS! We will need to RSVP a head count to the ladies at St. Paul's, so please either sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex or call Ann Janke (608) 563-4383 by Sunday, October 3.

8. **LWMS Mission Offering** Mission offerings can be given to Ann Janke at church or mailed to Ann. Checks should be made payable to St. Matthew's Evening Guild. They need to be sent to our Rock River circuit treasurer by October 8, so please have your mission offering to Ann also by October 3, so that they can be sent in a timely manner. The mission projects that were voted on by the circuit at the spring rally to contribute to at this time are Philippine Projects (World) and Hmong Projects (Home). Please continue to pray for the spread of the Gospel through our WELS missionaries and mission opportunities!
9. **Trunk or Treat** – Mark your calendar for Friday night, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:00-7:30 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 in the Narthex. If you would like to invite a friend, there are invitations in the Narthex. Hope to see you all there! Any questions, please contact Ashley Phillips.
10. **The October School Newsletter** and calendar are now available in the narthex. Take one if you wish.

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### **Assisting with Worship**

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**Organist:**

Kathi Hendee

**Ushers:**

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

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

**Next Week Ushers:**

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

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

**CODS:**

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Brian Becker

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – George Ehlers

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Tim Stirmel

**Next Week CODS:**

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Briton Peterson

Sunday, 8:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. – Nick Schmitt

**Church Cleaning:**

October 9, 2021 – Evie Burkholder & Rick Burnside families

October 16, 2021 – Mark Butzow & Tara Chapman families

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**St. Matthew's Bible Classes**

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**Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.**

“Book Through the Bible: 1 & 2 Samuel”

**Sunday School 9:15 a.m.**

“Hannah & Samuel”

**Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Class 9:30 a.m.**

“Full Accessories of God”

**Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.**

“Book Through the Bible: 1 & 2 Samuel”

**Sunday School 9:15 a.m.**

“Saul Is Made King”

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

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**Sunday**

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

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:15 a.m.

Sunday School Teacher's

Meeting 11:45 a.m.

**Wednesday**

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

Confirmation Class

4:45-6:15 p.m.

Senior Choir 5:45 – 6:45 p.m.

Elder's Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday (continued)**

Financial Planning Meeting

6:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

Worship with Lord's Supper

6:30 p.m.

**Sunday**

Worship with Lord's Supper

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class

9:15 a.m.

