



*St. Matthew's
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Worship for All Saints' Sunday

November 2 & 5, 2023

Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God CW 864

**1 A mighty fortress is our God,
a trusty shield and weapon;
he helps us free from ev'ry need
that has us now o'ertaken.**

**The ancient evil foe now means to work us woe;
deep guile and awful might are his dread arms in fight;
on earth is not his equal.**

**2 With might of ours can naught be done,
soon were our loss effected;
but for us fights the valiant one
whom God himself elected.**

**You ask who this may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the same,
he holds the field forever.**

**3 Though devils all the world should fill,
all eager to devour us,
we tremble not, we fear no ill;
they shall not overpow'r us.**

**The prince of darkness still may scowl fierce as he will,
his raging harms us none. He's judged; the deed is done;
one little word can fell him.**

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

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: Christ has died. Christ has risen from the dead. Christ will come again in glory. In his great mercy, "God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross." 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.

♪ The Word they still shall let remain

nor any thanks have for it;

he's by our side upon the plain

with his good gifts and Spirit.

And should they take our life,

goods, honor, child, and wife,

though all of these be gone, our victory is won;

the kingdom's ours forever!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, you have knit your people together into one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow the example of your blessed saints in lives of faith and willing service and with them at last inherit the inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament: I Samuel 3:1-21

The boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days. Prophetic vision was not common.

²Now it happened that Eli's eyes had begun to grow dim, so that he could not see. Once when Eli was lying down in his place ³and God's lamp had not yet gone out, Samuel was lying down in the LORD's temple, where God's ark was. ⁴The LORD called Samuel, and Samuel said, "I am here." ⁵He ran to Eli, and said, "I am here, since you called me."

Eli said, "I did not call. Lie down again." So he went and lay down.

⁶Then the LORD called once more, "Samuel!"

So Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me."

He answered, "I did not call, my son. Lie down again."

⁷Now Samuel had not yet experienced the LORD's presence, that is, the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

⁸The LORD called Samuel for the third time. So he got up and went to Eli and said, "I am here, since you called me."

Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the young man. ⁹So Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'"

So Samuel went and once again lay down in his place. ¹⁰The LORD came and stood there and called as he had the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

¹¹The LORD said to Samuel, "Look, I am going to do something in Israel that will make both ears of everyone who hears about it

tingle. ¹²On that day I am going to carry out against Eli everything that I have spoken against his house, from beginning to end. ¹³I have told him that I am going to judge his house forever because of their guilty behavior, which he knew about. This will happen because his sons brought a curse on themselves, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴I have sworn to the house of Eli that the guilt of Eli's house shall never be atoned for with sacrifice or offering."

¹⁵So Samuel lay there until morning. Then he opened the doors to the LORD's house. Samuel was afraid to tell Eli about the vision. ¹⁶But Eli called to Samuel, "Samuel, my son!"

He said, "I am here."

¹⁷Eli said, "What is the message that he has spoken to you? Please do not hide it from me. May God punish you severely and double it, if you hide from me one word of all of the things that he spoke to you."

¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him.

Eli said, "He is the LORD. Let him do whatever is good in his eyes."

¹⁹Samuel continued to grow, and the LORD was with him. The LORD let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰So all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD. ²¹The LORD continued to appear in Shiloh, because at Shiloh the LORD revealed himself to Samuel by the word of the LORD. So Samuel was confirmed as a prophet of the LORD for all Israel, from one end of the land to the other end.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Hymn by Senior Choir: *Through Christ*

Gospel: Matthew 10:24-33

²⁴"A disciple is not above his teacher, nor is a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher and the servant like his master. If the master of the house was called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶"So do not be afraid of them, because there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, and nothing hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight;

and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, fear the one who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground without the knowledge and consent of your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹So do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows.

³²Everyone who confesses me before others, I will also confess before my Father who is in heaven. ³³But whoever denies me before others, I will also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Confession of Faith (Luther's Explanation of the 2nd Article)

All: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord.

He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally.

This is most certainly true.

Hymn: O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word CW 643

**1 O God, our Lord, Your holy Word
Was long a hidden treasure
Till to its place It is by grace
Restored n fullest measure.
For this today Our thanks we say
And gladly glorify you.
Your mercy show And grace bestow
On all who still deny you.**

2 Salvation true By faith in you,
That is your Gospel's preaching,
The heart and core Of Bible lore
In all its sacred teaching.
In Christ we must Put all our trust,
Not in our deeds or labor;
With conscience pure And heart secure
Love you, Lord, and our neighbor.

3 Lord, you alone This work have done
By your free grace and favor.
All who believe Will grace receive
Through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
And though the foe Would overthrow
Your Word with grim endeavor,
All he has wrought, Must come to naught;
Your Word will stand forever.

4 Since you are mine, my Lord divine,
Death holds no dreadful terrors;
Your precious blood, My highest good,
Has blotted out my errors.
My thanks to you! Your Word is true,
Fulfill your promise ever.
And mercy give while here I live
And heavenly bliss forever.

Sermon Text: Hebrews 13:7

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Carefully consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

*Remember Martin Luther The Right Way
I. Treasure the Word of God he taught*

Hymn: Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain CW '93, 514

1 Lord, help us ever to retain
The Catechism's doctrine plain
As Luther taught the Word of truth
In simple style to tender youth.

2 Help us Your holy Law to learn,
To mourn our sin and from it turn
In faith to You and to Your Son
And Holy Spirit, Three in One.

3 Hear us, dear Father, when we pray
For needed help from day to day
That as Your children we may live,
Whom You baptized and so received.

4 Lord, when we fall or go astray,
Absolve and lift us up, we pray;
And through the Sacrament increase
Our faith till we depart in peace.

II. Consider the outcome of his way of life

Hymn: By All Your Saints Still Striving CW 892

1 By all your saints still striving, For all your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus, Forevermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, That they might wear the crown
And ever shine in splendor Reflected from your throne.

4 Apostles, prophets, martyrs, And all the noble throng
Who wear the spotless raiment And raise the ceaseless song—
For these, passed on before us, We offer praises due
And, walking in their footsteps, Would live our lives for you.

3 Then let us praise the Father And worship God the Son
And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One,
Till all the ransomed number Who stand before the throne
Ascribe all pow'r and glory And praise to God alone.

III. Imitate his faith

Hymn: For All the Saints CW 880

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

- 2 **Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 3 **Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 4 **Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Offering

Prayer Of The Church For Reformation

P: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

P: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature.

C: The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the people rejoice.

P: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your church grew and prospered throughout the world.

C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

P: When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their children and have preserved among us the saving gospel.

C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.

P: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

C: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.

P: May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our work. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that divides us, and keep from us all that would harm the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C: Create in us pure hearts and renew steadfast a spirit within us.

P: Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and re-consecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

C: May God be gracious to us and make his face shine on us. 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.**

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: For All the Saints CW 880

- 5 **And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 6 **The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 7 **But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**
- 8 **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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

May the Lord our God help us fight the good fight of the faith as did the saints who nobly fought of old, so that at last we win with them the victor's crown of gold.

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—217 (54/163) Sunday School—10

Offering Last Week—\$18,062.00 Bible Classes—63

It Is Finished Contributions to Date: \$9,750.00

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

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints"

Psalms 116:15.

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Dan and Sue Enloe in celebration of their 38th wedding anniversary. God's blessings and congratulations!
2. **Meetings** The church council has 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!
3. **Calls** Please keep Jacob Biebert – Principal/Grades 7-8, Chad Czerwan – Athletic Director/Grades 5-6, and Victoria Schewe – Before & After Care Coordinator/Kindergarten in your prayers as they deliberate their Calls to St. Matthews.
4. **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.
5. **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.
6. **Evening Guild November Meeting** will be Monday the 6th in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:30 p.m. A very important meeting that includes making the Christmas bags for our shut-ins, signing up for serving our Advent meal and volunteering for the December Advent by Candlelight program and dessert. Please remember to bring a donation for 16:49. Personal items are always in need. See you on Monday, November 6th.
7. **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 tbiele28@yahoo.com. This includes students who live at home. Deadline: Sunday, November 5th. Thank you!

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. **Clothing & Toy Exchange** will take place on Saturday, November 11 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. This event will take place in the gym, lobby, and Mustang Café. Join us for breakfast and kid's activities then shop our display of children's items including clothing size newborn to preteen and toys for all ages. **All items are free!** Everyone who comes will receive a free St. Matthew's tote bag. If you have donations that you would like to make, please contact Liz Sanchez at 847-346-2066 or Priscilla Taylor at 608-436-0707.
10. **On Sunday, November 12, the music department of Luther Preparatory School** will be presenting its annual Fall instrumental concert. This year's program is entitled "Around the World," and it will feature the concert band, the wind ensemble, our jazz band, and our other various instrumental ensembles. The concert begins at 7:00 PM, and we hope you can join us for a wonderful evening of music!
11. **Jolly Jingle Parade We Need You! (Janesville Christmas Parade – December 2, 2023)** We want to spread the word to the community about the wonderful blessings that we have here at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and School. Can you spare some time to help decorate a float? Would you like to come and walk in the Christmas light parade and hand out fliers and candy? People of all ages are welcome to come and help, yes, even the children! If you are interested in helping spread the true meaning of Christmas, please sign up in the narthex or contact Liz Sanchez at (847)-346-2066. **Friday, December 1 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and Saturday, December 2 from 2:00 -5:00 p.m. are scheduled work dates.** Float preparation will take place at St. Matthews. The parade starts at 6:00 p.m. Lineup downtown will start at 5:00 p.m.

12. **Extra Candy** If you have leftover candy from trick or treating and would like to get rid of it, please bring it to the church office and we will use it for the Jolly Jingle Parade on Saturday, December 2. Thank you!
13. **Christmas for Kids!** Please consider volunteering for Christmas for Kids on Saturday, December 9, 2023 (8:45-11:45 a.m.). In order to make this event successful we need your help! If you are interested in teaching, helping, or setting up please contact Cathy Sonntag or Ashley Phillips or sign up on the board in the Narthex.
14. **Christmas for Kids Registration has begun. Early registration is needed for planning.** Please sign your child (age 4 through 6th grade) up by *Sunday, December 3*. Signup sheets are located in the narthex (next to the mailboxes) and you can also signup ONLINE at www.stmathewsjaneseville.org by clicking the link Event and following the directions. Please take extras (to give to neighbors & friends). Since this program is an outreach event, we strongly encourage invitation of your child's friends and neighbors. Enrollment can also be done by calling the church at 608-752-1304.

Assisting with Worship

Organists:

Thursday – Tom May
 Sunday - 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, November 2, 6:30 p.m. – Steve Sage
 Sunday, November 5, 8:00 a.m. – Tom Timmermann
 Sunday, November 5, 10:30 a.m. – Jim Daley

Next Week CODS:

Thursday, November 9, 6:30 p.m. – Phil Fry
Sunday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain
Sunday, November 12, 10:30 a.m. – Trevor Sanchez

Greeters

8:00 a.m. – Craig & Cathy Sonntag
10:30 a.m. – Mary Kowal

Next Week Greeters:

8:00 a.m. – Mike & Bethann Borchardt
10:30 a.m. – Art & Linda Hilker

Church Cleaning:

November 11, 2023 – David Newlin & Fred Shadoski families
November 18, 2023 – Craig Sonntag & Tim Stirmel families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Monday

Evening Guild Meeting
6:30 p.m.
Extended Scrip Orders Due

Tuesday

School Fall Picture Retake Day
8:15 a.m.
Fall Sports Party at Macs
3:30 -5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

No Chapel Today
Worship with Communion
6:30 p.m.

Friday

Veterans' Day Celebration &
Kindergarten Grandparents Day
Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

Forensics Meet at Luther Prep

Saturday

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m. at
the Citrus Café
Clothing & Toy Exchange
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sunday

Worship with Communion
8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
Open Forum meeting at 9:15 a.m.
Voters' Meeting after the
10:30 a.m. service.

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.