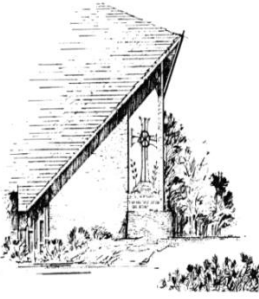


How can I
keep from
singing?

JUNIOR CHOIR
SONG SERVICE

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH



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Worship for the 2nd Sunday after Easter

April 27th, 2025

Opening Hymn: Speak, O Lord CW 633

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your holy word; take your truth, plant it deep in us, shape and fashion us in your likeness, that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.

2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility; test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity. Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail, let their truth prevail over unbelief.

3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds, help us grasp the heights of your plans for us, truths unchanged from the dawn of time, that will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on your promises, and by faith we'll walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory.

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

P: I rejoiced with those who said to me:

C: "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

P: How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

C: Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

P: The Lord is near to all who call on him.

C: to all who call on him in truth.

P: God made him who had no sin to be sin for us

C: So that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

P: Jesus was delivered over to death for our sins

C: and was raised to life for our justification.

P: Death has been swallowed up in victory!

C: Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Confession of Sins

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord

C: The maker of heaven and earth.

P: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone, I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved others as you command. For this I deserve your punishment now and forever. I am sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy.

P: Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us.

C: Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

P: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. 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.

Baptism of Aria Grace Solofra 8:00 worship service

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

Gloria *sung to the tune of CW 450*

**1 To God on high be glory and peace to all the earth,
for God has shown his favor in Jesus' holy birth!
Almighty God and Father, our humble thanks we bring;
we worship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 O Lamb of God exalted, you take all sin away;
extend to us your mercy and hear us as we pray.
With God the Holy Spirit, at God the Father's throne,
you reign, O Christ, forever, for you are Lord alone!**

Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray – God, our Father, by the sacrifice of your Son you reconciled the world your yourself. We thank you for the precious gift of forgiveness. Refresh us with the joy of our salvation, that we may walk in the way of peace with our brothers and sisters in Christ. Renew our minds and wills, that daily we may speak your words of peace, through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD. Let us give a loud shout to the Rock who saves us. Let us approach his presence with thanksgiving. With music we will shout to him. For the LORD is the great God and the great King above all gods. He holds the unexplored places of the earth in his hand, and the peaks of the mountains belong to him. The sea belongs to him, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Come, let us bow down. Let us revere him. Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker, for he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the flock in his hand.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day: *(sung to the tune of CW 450)*

♪ Christ canceled my offenses, delivered me from death;
he is the Lord who cleanses my soul from sin through faith.
In him I can be cheerful, courageous on my way;
in him I am not fearful of God's great Judgment Day.

Narrator: Jack Caminata

Song: Press On arr. Keith and Kristin Getty

Where two or three are gathered in the name of the Lord, he is here, he is here in our midst.

And we will sing together, be renewed by the Word, when we part, may we go in his peace.

Refrain: Press on all you saints, press on 'til the end, Christ with us, ever with us, until he comes again. Press on all you saints, run and run to win, Christ with us, ever with us, until he comes again.

Now let the Word be scattered like the seed on the soil, day by day, watch it grow in his care.

And may you be a shelter as you reach to the lost, Glad in hope, calm in pain, true in prayer (**Refrain**)

And may he find us waiting with our lamps burning still, keeping watch through the night, 'til he comes.

For soon it will be morning and the sun will appear, Christ who brought us this far, brings us home. (**Refrain**)

Narrator: Morgan Haney

Song: Give Me Jesus arr. Trevor Manor

In the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, in the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.

Refrain: Give me Jesus, give me Jesus, you can have all this world, but give me Jesus.

And when I am alone, oh, and when I am alone, and when I am alone, give me Jesus. (**Refrain**)

And when I come to die, oh, and when I come to die, and when I come to die, give me Jesus. (**Refrain**)

Narrator: Megan Wagner

Song: God is My Shepherd arr. Kerry Pryor

God is my shepherd, I am his lamb. God is my keeper, I'm in his hand. My every tear he understands. God is my shepherd, I am his lamb.

All we like sheep have gone astray, each of us turned to our own way, God is a shepherd who guards his own, giving his life to bring us home, giving his life to bring us home.

Narrator: Tyler Moungey

Song: This is Amazing Grace arr. Lloyd Larson

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness, whose love is mighty and so much stronger, the King of Glory, the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder, and leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory, the King above all kings.

Refrain: This is amazing grace! This is unfailing love! That you would take my place, that you would bear my cross. You laid down your life, that I would be set free, Jesus I sing for, all that you've done for me.

Who brings the chaos back into order, who makes the orphan a son or daughter? The King of Glory, the King above all kings. Who rules the nations with truth and justice, shines like the sun in all its brilliance, The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
(Refrain)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy is the King who conquered the grave. (Refrain)

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, worthy is the King who conquered the grave. Jesus I sing for, all that you've done for me.

Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we also have obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we rejoice confidently on the basis of our hope for the glory of God. Not only this, but we also rejoice confidently in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces patient endurance, and patient endurance produces tested character, and tested character produces hope. And hope will not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who was given to us. For at the appointed time, while we were still helpless, Christ died for the ungodly. It is rare indeed that someone will die for a righteous person. Perhaps someone might actually go so far as to die for a person who has been good to him. But God shows his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Congregational Hymn 576: Amazing Grace

1 Amazing grace – how sweet the sound – that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

2 The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

4 When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

Narrator: Oliver Taylor

Song: Precious Lord arr. Richard Kingsmore

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on, to the light, take my hand Precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall, take my hand, Precious Lord, lead me home.

Lead me, guide me, upon the way. For if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee, lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, Precious Lord, lead me home. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Narrator: Teagan Hilding

Song: How Can I Keep from Singing? Arr. Mary McDonald

There is an endless song echoes in my soul, I hear the music ring. And though the storms may come, I am holding on to the rock I cling.

Refrain: How can I keep from singing your praise? How can I ever say enough how amazing is your love? How can I keep from shouting your name? I know I am loved by the King and it makes my heart want to sing.

I will lift my eyes in the darkest night, for I know my Savior lives. And I will walk with you, knowing you'll see me through and sing the songs you sing. (Refrain)

Narrator: Hannah Schewe

Song: This Little Light of Mine arr. M. Moeller

Soloist Hannah Schewe: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Shout your praise aloud, and serve your God our mighty King, our King, We are safe with him and he'll protect our ways always.

Shine when Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine, Shine when Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine, Shine when Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Congregation: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, this little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Devotion text: Isaiah 44: 21-23

“Remember these things, Jacob,
for you, Israel, are my servant.
I have made you, you are my servant;
Israel, I will not forget you.

²²I have swept away your offenses like a cloud,
your sins like the morning mist.

Return to me,
for I have redeemed you.”

²³Sing for joy, you heavens, for the LORD has done this;
shout aloud, you earth beneath.

Burst into song, you mountains,
you forests and all your trees,
for the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
he displays his glory in Israel.

Devotion by Pastor Janke

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

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 sorry 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: Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died, and rose again, and for whom we keep on singing.

C: Amen.

Hymn: Joyously I'll Praise My Savior *CW 611*

1 Joyously I'll praise my Savior; for my God I'll gladly sing, as I see his loving favor evident in everything. In his faithful heart is beating love that's pure and wide and long, love that makes his servants strong. All I see on earth is fleeting; God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.

2 God, with firm and clear conviction, gave for me his precious Son, by whose bloody crucifixion I from hell have now been won. O you spring of love prevailing, depth of which I'll never know, current which will ever flow. All I see on earth is failing; God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.

3 God has seen my sad condition, gave me sight when I was blind; he will be my great physician, healing body, soul, and mind. When it seems it's not worth trying, all my skill gets nothing done – Jesus helps me carry on. All I see on earth is dying; God's amazing love for me lasts for all eternity.

4 Since your love is never ending, far beyond what words can say, up to you my hands extending, Father, as your child, I pray: Let your grace to me be given that I may with all my might cling to you both day and night till I see your face in heaven where my praise and love will be yours for all eternity.

Prayer

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing:

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: CW929 May the Peace of God

1 May the peace of God our heavenly Father, and the grace of Christ the risen Son, and the fellowship of God the Spirit keep our hearts and minds within his love.

Refrain: And to him be praise for his glorious reign from the depths of earth to the heights of heaven. We declare the name of the Lamb once slain – Christ eternal, the King of kings.

2 May this peace which passes understanding, and this grace which makes us what we are, and this fellowship of his communion make us one in spirit and in heart. (Refrain)

2024-2025 St. Matthew's Junior Choir

8th grade: Jack Caminata, Teagan Hilding, Gloria May, Tyler Moungey, Oliver Taylor, Walton Stade, Megan Wagner

7th grade: Hannah Schewe

6th grade: Hope Fry, Morgan Haney, Joshua Paasch, Cason Peterson, Zachary Vergenz

5th grade: Karissa Fry, Sawyer Stade, Nolan Wagner, Ezra Wolf

4th grade: Hunter Basham, Jackson Dressler, Braxton Klos, McKinnley Murray, Vivianne Manson, Michael Paasch, Danielle Schmitt, Micah Schneider



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

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—798

Bible Study – 14

Offering Last Week—\$19,307.50

Sunday School –

(Meeting our 2025 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$15,324.00.)

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he Has done marvelous things.

Psalm 98:1

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** are given by Beth and Mike Borchardt in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary. God's blessings and 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. **Baptism** Aria Grace Solofra will be baptized today in the 8:00 worship service. Aria is the daughter of Zach and Ashley Solofra and was born on August 12, 2024. Serving as sponsors are Tyler Tessmann and Autumn Johnson. *He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. Titus 3:5-6*
3. **Call for Miss Meredith Moeller** Miss Meredith Moeller has received a Call to Divine Savior Academy in Missouri City, TX to teach 5th grade. Please keep Miss Moeller in your prayers as she deliberates where she can best serve her Savior.
4. **Voter's Meeting** A voter's meeting will be held today immediately following our 10:30 worship service. The purpose of the meeting is to bring everyone up to date on our financial situation here at home and consider our obligations outside of our congregation.
5. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:15 a.m. Please join us!
6. **Sunday School**. Sunday School will begin at 9:15 a.m. We will meet in the library for opening devotion. The children may be picked up in their classrooms at 10:15 am.
7. **Thursday Services** Please note that we will not have a worship service on Thursday, May 1. On Sunday, May 4 we will have one service at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate the 40 years of Pastor Janke in the preaching ministry. We will resume Thursday evening services on Thursday, May 8. The service will begin at 6:30 p.m.
8. **The Women's Bible Study** has decided to add more lessons to their "Prepared to Answer" manual. On Wednesday, April 30 they will study the lesson about "How can there be a good God when the world is such a bad place?" Feel free to join the group, all women are welcome!

9. **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week** is just around the corner. This year we will celebrate our incredible St. Matthew's team April 28th-May 2nd. Our room parents and appreciation week volunteers have a fun week of daily gifts, themed decorations and special events lined up, but could still use your help. We are looking for extra volunteers to supervise lunch and recess during the week- and you don't have to be a parent to sign up. All church members are welcome to help! Scan the QR code posted on the narthex bulletin board or see Liz Sanchez to sign up.
10. **Memorial Day Mission Journey Trip Meeting-** if you are interested in participating in the Memorial Day weekend Mission Journey trip to Bentonville, Arkansas, please plan to attend an informational meeting Thursday, May 1st at 6:30 pm in the library. We will be discussing trip specifics including our itinerary, lodging information, and travel schedules. Reach out to Nicole Caminata or Deb Lehmann with questions or interest.
11. **The Evening Guild** would like to thank all who donated for Easter Breakfast and all who helped set up and serve. Many hands made set-up and clean-up go well. Thank you again.
12. **Thank you to the women** who served on the altar guild for the month of April: Evie Burkholder, Cathy Sonntag, Ashley Phillips, and Lori Sage. Serving for the month of May will be: Jean Muche, Theresa Biele, and Katie Schwark.
13. **Meditations** for June 1 – August 30, 2025 are located on the back counter. The cost is \$4.00. There are also copies for the months of March – May.
14. **Evening Guild Spring Clothing Drive** The Evening Guild will be having their Spring Clothing drive on Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17. If you have spring or summer clothes in good condition that you no longer want or need, shoes, boots, purses, household items, etc. they may be brought to the school lobby on Friday, May 16 and until noon on Saturday, May 17. We will take all articles to Twice as Nice in Jefferson. If you have any questions, please call Shari Scheibe at 757-9467 or Sally Wellnitz at 752-2037.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

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

10:30 a.m. – Any Ushers Please Fill In

Next Week Ushers:

10:00 a.m. – Jerry Wellnitz, Evan Burnside, Alex Schmitt

CODS:

Sunday, April 27, 8:00 a.m. – Briton Peterson

Sunday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. – Karl Kroening

Next Week CODS:

Sunday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. – Briton Peterson

Greeters

Sunday, April 27, 8:00 a.m. – Tim & Susan Probst

Sunday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. – Scott & Kathi Hendee

Next Week Greeters

Sunday, May 4, 10:00 a.m. – Pam Beres

Church Cleaning:

May 3, 2025 – Mike Fox & Phil Fry families

May 10, 2025 – Church Spring Cleaning by 7th & 8th Graders

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

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

Sunday School / Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

No Evening Worship Service

Friday

Sprouts 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Sunday

Worship 10:00 a.m.

No Sunday School/Bible Class

Catered Meal after 10:00 a.m. service to celebrate Pastor Janke's
40 years in the preaching ministry.

