

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

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*Worship for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*May 29, 2022*

**Opening Hymn: #169 "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus"**

**1 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus;  
His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation  
Has redeemed us by his blood."**

**2 Alleluia! Bread of heaven,  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.**

**3 Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise:  
"I am with you evermore"?**

## 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.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

## 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.

## Baptism of Mickelangelo Cyrus Henze

P: The Lord is has ascended on high and has called us to be his witnesses: 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: Almighty God, your Son our Savior was taken up in glory and intercedes for us at your right hand. Through your living and abiding Word, give us hearts to know him and faith to follow where he has gone; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Epistle: Revelation 22:12-17; 20**

<sup>12</sup>Look, I am coming soon and my reward is with me, to repay each one according to what he has done. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. <sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and so that they may enter through the gates into the city.

<sup>15</sup>Outside are the dogs, that is, the sorcerers, the adulterers, the murderers, the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.

<sup>16</sup>I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright Morning Star.

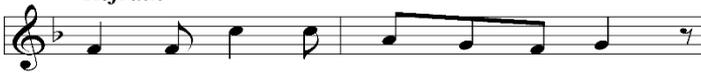
<sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears this say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who wants the water of life take it as a gift...

<sup>20</sup>The one who testifies about these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon."

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

**Psalm: Psalm 67**

*Refrain*



Let the peo - ple praise you, O God.



Let all the peo - ple praise you.

*Psalm tone*



*Refrain*

Let the people praise you, O God. Let all the people praise you.

May God be gracious to us and bless us\*  
and make his face shine upon us;

may your ways be known on earth,\*  
your salvation among all nations.

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,\*  
for you rule the peoples justly  
and guide the nations of the earth.

*Refrain*

Then the land will yield its harvest,\*  
and God, our God, will bless us.

God will bless us,\*  
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son\*  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*Refrain*

**Gospel: Luke 24:44-53**

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, "These are my words, which I spoke to you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets, and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He said to them, "This is what is written and so it must be: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things.

<sup>49</sup>Look, I am sending you what my Father promised. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>He led them out as far as the vicinity of Bethany. He lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>And while he was blessing them, he parted from them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>So they worshipped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>They were continually in the temple courts, praising and blessing God. Amen.

P: This is the Gospel the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ!**

## 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: #558 "Christ High-Ascended"

1 Christ high-ascended, now in glory seated,  
Throned and exalted, victory completed,  
Death's dread dominion finally defeated—  
We are his witnesses.

2 Christ, from the Father ev'ry pow'r possessing,  
Who on his chosen lifted hands in blessing,  
Sends forth his servants, still in faith confessing—  
We are his witnesses.

3 Christ, who in dying won for us salvation,  
Lives now the firstborn of the new creation;  
To win disciples out of ev'ry nation,  
We are his witnesses.

4 Christ in his splendor, all dominion gaining,  
Christ with his people evermore remaining,  
Christ to all ages, gloriously reigning—  
We are his witnesses.

## **Sermon Text: Acts 16:6-10**

<sup>6</sup>They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, because they were prevented by the Holy Spirit from speaking the word in the province of Asia. <sup>7</sup>When they went as far as Mysia, they tried to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. <sup>8</sup>So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. <sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul during the night. A Macedonian man was standing there, urging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us!" <sup>10</sup>As soon as he had seen the vision, we immediately made plans to proceed to Macedonia, because we concluded that God had called us to preach the good news to them.

*Followers of our Ascended Savior Still Hear the Urgent Call for Help*

*I. He leads you through the needs of others*

*II. He has given you the good news to share*

## **Our Response to the Word of God**

**5 As at his parting, joy shall banish grieving,  
Faith in his presence strengthen our believing;  
Filled with his Spirit, love and pow'r receiving,  
We are his witnesses.**

*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: #560 "I Hear the Savior Calling"

**1 I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.**

**My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see**

**That I myself was helpless To live eternally,**

**But, dying, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!**

**2 I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me,**

**A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.**

**The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree**

**That all have been forgiven—My Savior calls for me!**

**3 I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:**

**To serve the best I'm able, Whate'er the call may be.**

**Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key**

**We spread the gospel tidings—My Savior calls for me!**

**4 I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.  
From door to door I witness To bring my Savior's plea;  
Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee,  
Beyond the simple gospel — My Savior calls for me!**

**5 I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!  
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.  
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:  
Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!**

### **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: #559 "Lord of the Living Harvest"**

**1 Lord of the living harvest That ripens o'er the plain,  
Where angels soon will gather Their sheaves of golden grain,  
Accept our hands to labor, Our hearts to trust and love,  
And be with us to hasten Your kingdom from above.**

**2 As lab'ers in your vineyard, Lord, give us work to do,  
Content to bear the burden Of weary days for you,  
To ask no other wages When you will call us home  
Than to have shared the labor That makes your kingdom come.**

**3 Be with us, God the Father; Be with us, God the Son  
And God the Holy Spirit, Most blessed Three in One.  
Make us your faithful servants You rightly to adore,  
And fill us with your blessing Both now and evermore.**

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

May the Lord open our ears and hearts by his Spirit to hear the urgent call for help that comes to us through the needs of others to share with them the good news of life and peace in Christ!

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 — (187) 46/141      Bible Study – 42

Offering Last Week — \$14,910.00

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

*Give thanks to the LORD! Proclaim his name.*

*Declare among the peoples what he has done.*

*Proclaim that his name is exalted!*

*(Isaiah 12:4).*

### **Announcements:**

1. **Thank You** Our sincere thanks to Pastor Ken Arndt for being with us today to bring us the good news from God’s word. We appreciate Pastor Arndt’s willingness to come in to strengthen and encourage us in our Christian faith.
2. **Baptism** Mickelangelo Cyrus Henze will be baptized during our 9:00 a.m. service today. Mickelangelo is the son of Kristin and Klifford Henze and was born on January 27, 2022. *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. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Jim and Shirley Daley in honor of Memorial Day.
4. **Bible Class** Sunday morning Bible class will be held at 8:00 a.m. for the summer months. Bible class meets in the fellowship area downstairs. We will continue looking at the book of Job. Please join us as we “Book Through the Bible.”
5. **Woman’s Bible Class** – The Women’s Bible Study (Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.) is continuing a series of lessons based on the book “Prepared to Answer” by Mark Paustian. We will continue with “Christians have to look more saved if I am to believe in their Savior.” Each lesson stands alone so feel free to join at any time. Hope to see you there! *Debbie Lenser.*

6. **A special thank you** to Mrs. Vicki Schewe for covering the maternity leave for Mrs. Phillips. Our staff, parents, and students greatly appreciated your work in the first and second grade classroom.
7. **Congratulations** to our 8<sup>th</sup> graders as they go on to high school. May God go with them throughout their life. We wish all our children a blessed summer season and look forward to their return in August.
8. **Thank you!** As the end of the school year approaches, the faculty would like to thank you for all your prayers, support, and cooperation this past year. Once again, it has been a great blessing for us to teach "God's little lambs."
9. **A Voter's Meeting** has been scheduled for **Sunday, June 5** right after the 9:00 a.m. church service. Topics to be discussed are a hearing loop for the church to assist with sound for hearing impaired members and new bleachers for the gymnasium. Please plan to attend.
10. **Sprouts**. St. Matthew's "Parent and Me" group will meet **Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** in the library. All of our youngest attendees (ages 0 - preschool) are invited to join for an hour of stories, activities, and free play. Please note, all children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles, and even babysitters- all adults who care for young ones- are welcome and invited to attend. Call or text Liz Sanchez at 847-346-2066 to register or for more information.
11. **New Bleachers Needed:** Our present day bleachers were purchased from Milton College for \$150.00 in 1979. Since that time, they have been replaned, restained, and restored several times. They have seen better days! We would like to purchase new bleachers which are ADA approved and will be safer for all our church and school events. To date, over the past several years, we have saved \$32,000.00. The approximate cost of this project is \$44,000. The school children have been helping out by saving their coins for a special Penny Wars collection program during the month of April. Total monies collected were \$2,486.11. Special donations of \$500.00 was given in addition to what the children collected. We would also like to invite others, wishing to donate toward this cause to do so. If you would like to help out with this program, please contact Mr. Proeber.

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## St. Matthew's Bible Classes

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**Sunday Bible Class 8:00 a.m.**

"Book Through the Bible - Job"

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

Prepared to Answer – "Christians have to look more saved if I am to believe in their Savior." (continued)

**Sunday Bible Class 8:00 a.m.**

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## Assisting with Worship

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**Organist:**

Kathy Hendee

**Ushers:**

9:00 a.m. – George Ehlers, Bob Williams, Mike Fox

**Next Week Ushers:**

9:00 a.m. – Gerald Wellnitz, Richard Stout, Nathan Stout, Evan Burnside

**CODS:**

9:00 a.m. – Brandon Phillips

**Next Week CODS:**

6:30 p.m. – Steve Sage

9:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield

**Church Cleaning:**

June 4, 2022 – Tim Probst & Warren Scheibe families

June 11, 2022 – Mark Schulz & David Schumann families

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## This Week at St. Matthew's

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**Sunday**

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday**

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

Faculty In-service 9:00-Noon

Music Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Senior Choir 5:45 p.m.

**Thursday**

Worship 6:30 p.m.

**Friday**

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

**Sunday**

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Voters' Meeting 10:00 a.m.



