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Evangelical Lutheran  
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*Worship for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
June 17 & 20, 2021*

**Opening Hymn: #423 (1-3) "Not in Anger, Mighty God"**

**1 Not in anger, mighty God,  
Not in anger smite us.  
We must perish if your rod  
Justly should requite us.  
We are naught;  
Sin has brought,  
Lord, your wrath upon us.  
Yet have mercy on us!**

**2 Show me now a Father's love  
And his tender patience.  
Heal my wounded soul; remove  
These too sore temptations.  
I am weak;  
Father, speak  
Now of peace and gladness;  
Comfort me in sadness.**

**3 My dear Savior comes in grace;  
He will always hear me.  
I may come before his face;  
He is ever near me.  
He o'erthrows  
All my foes;  
Death and hell are vanquished,  
In whose bonds I languished.**

## Invocation

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

## 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



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are



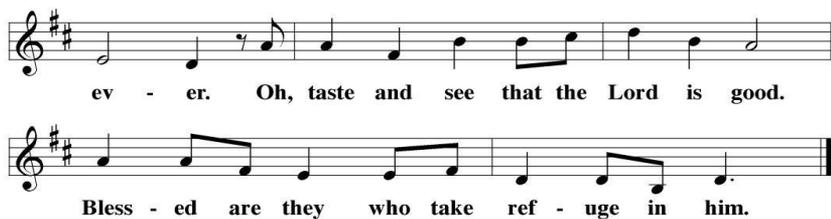
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### Prayer of the Day

P: Good and gracious God, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has compassion on his children. Forgive the sins of your people, heal our weaknesses, and crown our lives with your love, that with all the saints and angels we may glorify you here on earth and forever in heaven, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Old Testament: II Chronicles 33:1-13

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he ruled as king in Jerusalem for fifty-five years.

<sup>2</sup>He did evil in the eyes of the LORD by following the disgusting practices of the nations which the LORD had driven out before the people of Israel. <sup>3</sup>He rebuilt the high places which his father Hezekiah had torn down. He erected altars to the Baals and made Asherah poles. He worshipped the whole army of the heavens and served them. <sup>4</sup>He built altars in the House of the LORD, about which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem my Name will be forever." <sup>5</sup>He built altars for the whole army of the heavens in the two courtyards of the House of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup>He made his sons pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom. He practiced fortune telling and sought omens and consulted mediums and spiritists. He greatly increased the evil deeds he did in the eyes of the LORD and provoked him to anger.

<sup>7</sup>He placed the image of the carved idol that he had made in the House of God, about which God had said to David and to his son Solomon, "In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my Name forever. <sup>8</sup>I will not make the feet of Israel wander again from the land which I assigned to their fathers, but this will happen only if they are conscientious to carry out everything I have commanded them, all of the law, the statutes, and the ordinances given through Moses."

<sup>9</sup>Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to do more evil than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the people of Israel.

<sup>10</sup>The LORD spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they paid no attention. <sup>11</sup>So the LORD brought the officials of the army of the king of Assyria against them. They led Manasseh captive with hooks. They bound him with bronze shackles and took him to Babylon.

<sup>12</sup>When he was in distress, he sought the favor of the LORD his God and humbled himself deeply before the God of his fathers. <sup>13</sup>He prayed to the LORD, and the LORD responded to his prayer and heard his plea for mercy. He brought him back to Jerusalem into his own kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD is the true God.

**Verse of the Day: #423 (4) “Not in Anger, Mighty God”**

**(sing) Father, hymns to you we raise**

**With sincere thanksgiving**

**And the Son and Spirit praise**

**With repentant living.**

**Evermore We adore**

**You whose love has stirred us**

**And whose pity heard us.**

**Epistle: I Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup>I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. <sup>13</sup>Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. <sup>14</sup>The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>15</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on him and receive eternal life. <sup>17</sup>Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**Hymn: #388 "Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven"**

**1 Redeemed, restored, forgiven Through Jesus' precious blood,  
Heirs of his home in heaven -- Oh, praise our pard'ning God!  
Praise him in tuneful measures Who gave his Son to die;  
Praise him whose sev'nfold treasures Enrich and sanctify.**

**2 Once on the dreary mountain We wandered far and wide,  
Far from the cleansing fountain, Far from the pierced side.  
But Jesus sought and found us; Our many sins he bore.  
With cords of love he bound us To him forevermore.**

**3 Dear Master, yours the glory Of each recovered soul.  
Ah, who can tell the story Of love that made us whole?  
Not ours, not ours the merit; To you alone the praise!  
Give us a thankful spirit To serve you all our days.**

**4 Now keep us, holy Savior, In your true love and fear,  
And grant us by your favor The grace to persevere  
Till, in your new creation, Our earthly troubles o'er,  
Heirs of your free salvation, We praise you evermore.**

**Sermon: Luke 15:11-32**

<sup>11</sup>Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup>"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup>After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup>I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' <sup>20</sup>So he got up and went to his father.

“But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

<sup>21</sup>“The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

<sup>22</sup>“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>“Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup>‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’

<sup>28</sup>“The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’

<sup>31</sup>“‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”

*There’s Room For Every Sinner In Our Heavenly Father’s House*

*I. For those who have run away*

*II. And for those who haven’t*

**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

### Amplified Lord's Prayer (Based on Luther's paraphrase)

P: I invite you to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me the Lord's Prayer as Christ our Lord taught us.

#### **C: Our Father in heaven.**

P: You have made us your children and heirs of eternal life by giving us faith in your Son, Jesus Christ; therefore, we pray to you boldly and confidently—as dear children ask their dear father.

#### **C: Hallowed be your name.**

P: Your name—all you have revealed about yourself—is already holy, but we pray these words because we want you to be exalted *in us* by your Word, and *by us* in the world as we live godly lives.

#### **C: Your kingdom come.**

P: Your kingdom comes when your Holy Spirit brings people to faith in Jesus and preserves them in that faith. We pray these words because we want you to increase our faith and lead others to faith as we proclaim your Word.

#### **C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

P: Satan, the world and our sinful flesh always try to keep us from doing what you want. We pray these words because we want you to strengthen us, by Word and Sacrament, to serve and obey you here on earth as your holy angels do in heaven.

#### **C: Give us today our daily bread.**

P: You provide all that we need for our bodies and lives each day. We pray these words because we want to acknowledge your goodness, because we want you to help us be content, and because we want you to keep us from worrying about the future.

#### **C: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

P: You have forgiven us our many sins for Jesus' sake. With these words we confess our sins, and ask that as you have forgiven us, you will lead us to be forgiving when others sin against us.

**C: Lead us not into temptation.**

P: We face temptations to false belief and sin every day. With these words we admit our weakness, and ask you to strengthen us to overcome the enemies of our souls, and win the victory.

**C: But deliver us from evil.**

P: We live in a world filled with sin and the evil consequences of sin. Keep harm and danger away from us, or turn it into good; and at last, take us from this sinful world to yourself in heaven.

**C: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

P: We close our prayer with a word which means "Yes, it shall be so." We do this because we know that you can, and will hear and answer our prayers because you are our Father in heaven. Amen.

**Hymn: #738 "In Hopelessness and Near Despair"**

**1 In hopelessness and near despair, I cry to you, my Savior!  
My guilt is more than I can bear. I have not earned your favor.  
You know me as I really am: How much is truth, how much is sham;  
Why should you heed my pleading?**

**2 I see my heart's condition now, My heart's diverse affections.  
Why do I love the things you loathe; I'm torn in two directions:  
Now prodigal, now Pharisee. O God, be merciful to me;  
Who else but you can help me?**

**3 I tremble as I feel your hand, Expecting retribution,  
Yet hear no curse or reprimand, But grace and absolution:  
With you there is forgiveness, Lord,  
You speak the sweet, consoling Word, And I am sure you love me!**

**4 Forgiven, free of guilt and shame, Grant me some time to render  
A gift to glorify your name, Love to reflect your splendor:  
This world must know what I have learned, That you bestow what  
none has earned: The joy of full forgiveness!**

**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 #449 “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

**1 Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.**

**2 God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil powers he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

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

Whether we are sinners who have run away from home or sinners who stayed right at home, let us repent and find a place in our heavenly Father’s house!

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—182 (46/136)

Bible Classes – 29

Offering Last Week—\$11,798.64

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

*“As a father has compassion on his children,  
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him”*

*Psalms 103:13.*

## **Announcements:**

1. **The flowers on the altar** The flowers on the altar are given by Bob and Linda Williams in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. God's blessings and congratulations!
2. **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 Deuteronomy. Please join us as we "Book Through the Bible."
3. **Summer Bible Camp July 13, 14, and 15** Pack your suitcases, and bring your camera We're going on a road trip: Road Trip: Route 3:16. We need road trip travelers of all ages to invite their friends, relatives, and neighbors to learn about their Savior, Jesus. Registration forms are located in the back of church.

We also need teens and adults to help with games, refreshments, crafts, and Bible stories. Even if you can spare only an hour, we can use your help. Sign up at the back of church, call Steve Sage (608-295-1691), or say YES if someone asks you to use your talents to serve the Lord and others.

4. **Attention Crafters – High School Age & Up** Please save Wednesday, June 30 for a craft evening. We will be making a front door welcome sign. Cost is \$5.00 per person. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the lower hallway area along with pictures of the welcome sign. Checks can be made out to St. Matthew's and can be given to Ashley Phillips. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Phillips at 608-322-7006.
5. **Church Council** is looking to form a long range planning committee and is looking for interested church members to help guide our direction. If you are interested please contact Doug McIlvain at 608-774-0676 either voice or text, or email at [dilmcilvain@mac.com](mailto:dilmcilvain@mac.com)
6. **Janitorial Help Is Needed** We are looking for janitorial help during the summer months. The hours are flexible. For inquiries, please call Brandon Phillips at (608) 931-6463.
7. **WELS Affiliated College Tuition Assistance** St. Matthew's members have generously supported Christian education. Church council reaffirmed that commitment with its support for

congregational matching grant programs at WELS affiliated colleges. For the upcoming school year, there are member families with students attending Marin Luther College in New Ulm and Wisconsin Lutheran College in Milwaukee. These students are eligible for up to a \$1,000 matching grant based on contributions from their home congregations.

WELS affiliated colleges are committed to providing quality teaching, scholarship and service leadership that are rooted in the Holy Scripture. If you would like to give a gift to this tuition assistance opportunity for the 2021-2022 school year, just earmark your offering envelope “WELS College Tuition Assistance”.

8. **Curious?** On Saturday morning, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. we’re hosting a gathering of those with an interest, a question or even a slight curiosity in our use of “technology” in worship here at St. Matthews; the TV screens sanctuary sound, our DVD shut in ministry and recorded services on our website, even the TV in the Milton Avenue entrance. We’ll look at where we are and where we might go, whether it is a tweak or major shift. Lots of input is desired to make good decisions but you can bring your coffee along and just come and listen if you wish. Hope to see you in the sanctuary Saturday morning. If you are unfamiliar with our website, [stmatthewsjanesville.org](http://stmatthewsjanesville.org), check it out see what it has to offer.
9. **LWMS Convention** – As noted earlier this year, the 58<sup>th</sup> Annual LWMS Convention, which is scheduled for June 24-27, will be virtual instead of the in-person convention previously planned for in Ohio. Like last year, the LWMS national board has been working hard to host a virtual event that will be both edifying and informative.

Please join your mission-minded Christian friends at this virtual event. Registration is free! Go to [lwms.org](http://lwms.org) and click on the “2021 Convention” in the top menu bar. You are asked to register by June 20.

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### Assisting with Worship

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**Organist:**

Kathi Hendee

**Ushers:**

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

**Next Week Ushers:**

9:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain, Jeff Burandt

**CODS:**

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Phil Madsen

9:00 a.m. – Tom Timmermann

**Next Week CODS:**

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Tim Stirmel

9:00 a.m. – Briton Peterson

**Church Cleaning:**

June 19, 2021 – Pastor Janke & Karl Kroening families

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**St. Matthew's Bible Classes**

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

“Book Through the Bible: Deuteronomy”

**Monday Evening Women's Bible Class 7:00 p.m.**

“A Woman After God's Own Heart”

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

“Full Accessories of God”

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

“Book Through the Bible: Deuteronomy”

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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.

**Monday**

Women's Bible Study

7:00 p.m.

Men's Softball at Dawson

8:00 p.m. (East)

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

Worship with the Lord's Supper

6:30 p.m.

**Saturday**

Men's Bible Study with Peace

at the Citrus Café 8:00 a.m.

**Sunday**

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship with the Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m.

