

*St. Matthew's  
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*Worship for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

*June 3 & 6, 2021*

**Opening Hymn: #283 (1-3) "Speak, O Savior, I Am Listening"**

**1 Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning,**

**As a servant to his lord.**

**Let me show respect and honor**

**To your holy, precious Word,**

**That each day, my whole life through,**

**I may serve and follow you.**

**Let your Word e'er be my pleasure**

**And my heart's most precious treasure.**

**2 Oh, what blessing to be near you**

**And to listen to your voice!**

**Let me ever love and fear you;**

**Let your Word still be my choice.**

**Many hardened sinners, Lord,**

**Flee in terror at your Word,**

**But to all who feel sin's burden**

**You give peace and words of pardon.**

**3 Lord, your words are waters living**

**Where I quench my thirsty needs.**

**Lord, your words are bread life-giving;**

**On your words my spirit feeds.**

**Lord, your words will be my light**

**Through death's cold and dreary night;**

**Yes, they are my sword prevailing**

**And my cup of joy unfailing.**

## 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



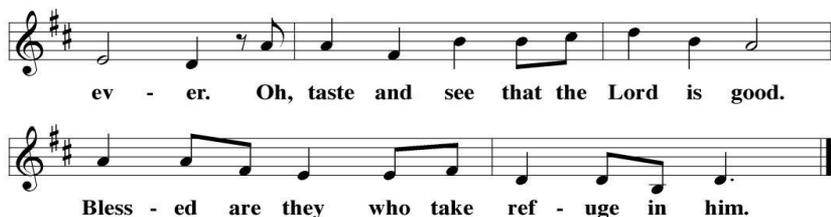
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### Prayer of the Day

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

### Old Testament: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my loved one a song about my loved one's vineyard.

**My loved one had a vineyard on a fertile ridge.**

<sup>2</sup>He dug it up and gathered the stones out of it.

**He planted it with the best vines.**

He built a tower in the middle of it.

**He also cut a winepress into it.**

He expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,

**but it produced only sour grapes.**

<sup>3</sup>So now, you residents of Jerusalem and you men of Judah,

**judge between me and my vineyard.**

<sup>4</sup>What more could have been done for my vineyard

**that I have not already done for it?**

When I expected it to produce clusters of sweet grapes,

**why did it produce sour grapes?**

<sup>5</sup>Now, let me tell you what I will do to my vineyard.

**I will take away its hedge, and it will become a pasture.**

I will break down its wall, and it will be trampled down.

**<sup>6</sup>I will make it a wasteland. It will not be pruned or hoed.**

So briars and thorns will shoot up.

**I will also command the clouds not to pour rain on it."**

<sup>7</sup>Yes, the vineyard of the LORD of Armies is the house of Israel,

**and the men of Judah are the planting that was pleasing to him.**

He expected justice, but instead there was oppression.

**He expected righteousness, but there was an outcry.**

**Verse of the Day: (CW, #283:4)**

**As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me;**

**Let your words in me take root.**

**May your Spirit e'er be near me**

**That I bear abundant fruit.**

**May I daily sing your praise,**

**From my heart glad anthems raise,**

**Till my highest praise is given**

**In the endless joy of heaven.**

**Gospel: John 15:1-8**

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in me that does not bear fruit, he is going to cut off. And he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will bear more fruit.

<sup>3</sup>"You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, and I am going to remain in you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Likewise, you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup>"I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him is the one who bears much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not remain in me, he is thrown away like a branch and withers. Such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this: that you continue to bear much fruit and prove to be my disciples.

P: This the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**Hymn: #761 “Christ Is With Me”**

**1 We were buried with him into death,  
That as he was raised by God’s glory,  
We might walk in life made new by grace.  
Having died with Christ, we shall live with him.**

**Refrain**

**Christ is with me ev’rywhere I go. Never to leave me, this I know.**

**2 I have now been grafted to the vine,  
Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,  
Bearing fruit as I abide in him:  
Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God. *Refrain***

**3 I have now been crucified with Christ.  
I no longer live; Christ lives in me.  
Now I live by faith in God’s own Son,  
One who loved me so—gave himself for me. *Refrain***

**Sermon Text: 2 Peter 1:1-11**

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained the same kind of faith as ours in the righteousness of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ:

<sup>2</sup>Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

<sup>3</sup>His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and excellence. <sup>4</sup>Through these he has given us his precious and great promises so that through them you may share in the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that sinful lust causes in the world.

<sup>5</sup>And, for this very reason, after applying every effort, add moral excellence to your faith. To moral excellence, add knowledge. <sup>6</sup>To knowledge, add self-control. To self-control, add patient endurance. To patient endurance, add godliness. <sup>7</sup>To godliness, add brotherly affection. And to brotherly affection, add love. <sup>8</sup>For if you have these qualities and they are increasing, they are going to keep you from being idle or unfruitful in regard to your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>Indeed, the person who lacks these qualities is shortsighted and, in fact, blind, because he has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

<sup>10</sup>Therefore, brothers, be more eager to make your calling and election sure for yourselves. For if you do these things, you will never stumble. <sup>11</sup>In fact, in this way you will be richly supplied with an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

*God Looks For Growth In His Garden*

*I. He makes total preparation*

*II. He calls for careful cultivation*

*III. He encourages joyful anticipation*

**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)**

**Prayer of the Church**

**P: Almighty God, we ask you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:**

**C: To have mercy on us and to hear our prayer.**

**P: Look in mercy upon your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by your truth. May your Word be taught in its truth and purity and your Sacraments be administered according to their institution by Christ. Grant to your church faithful pastors who declare your truth with power and who live according to your will. Send forth laborers**

into your harvest and open the door of faith to all who do not believe. In mercy grant the enemies of your Church repentance unto life.

**C: May the peoples praise you, O God; may all the peoples praise you.**

P: Let your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil plan and purpose. Protect and bless your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives in all godliness and reverence.

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

P: According to your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful. Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name.

**C: Praise be to God our Savior, who daily bears our burdens.**

P: We commend to your care and keeping this congregation, which you have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in your name may be brought up in your fear. Bestow your blessing on all that we undertake.

**C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine upon us. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn #185 "O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace"**

**1 O Holy Spirit, grant us grace  
That we our Lord and Savior  
In faith and fervent love embrace  
And truly serve him ever,  
So that when death is near at hand  
We at his cross may firmly stand  
And there find our salvation.**

**2 Help us that we your saving Word  
In faithful hearts may treasure;  
Let e'er that bread of life afford  
New grace in richest measure.  
Make us to die to ev'ry sin;  
Each day create us new within  
That fruits of faith may flourish.**

**3 Then when our earthly race is run,  
Death's bitter hour impending,  
May your good work in us begun  
Continue till life's ending,  
Until we gladly may commend  
Our souls into our Savior's hand  
To rest in peace eternal.**

### **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 #325 "How Blest Are They Who Hear"**

**1 How blest are they who hear God's Word  
And keep and heed what they have heard!  
They daily grow in wisdom.  
Their light shines brighter day by day,  
And while they tread life's weary way,  
They have the oil of gladness  
To soothe their pain and sadness.**

2 God's Word a treasure is to me,  
Through sorrow's night my sun shall be,  
The shield of faith in battle.  
The Father's hand has written there  
My title as his child and heir,  
"The kingdom's yours forever."  
That promise fails me never.

3 Today I was my Savior's guest;  
My soul was here so richly blest,  
The bread of life receiving.  
Oh, may thereby my faith prevail  
So that its fruits may never fail  
Till my account is given  
Before God's throne in heaven!

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

May we, being mindful of the fact that God looks for growth in the garden of his people's lives, give ourselves to the cultivation of the fruits of faith in anticipation of a harvest of eternal blessings.

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— 217 (35/182)      Bible Class – 36

Offering — \$8,214.00

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

*"He is like a tree planted by streams of water  
which yields its fruit in season."*

*(Psalm 1:3)*

**Announcements:**

1. **The flowers on the altar** The flowers on the altar are given by Paul and Debbie Kleban in celebration of their 2<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary. God's blessings and congratulations!
2. **Call** After much prayerful consideration, Pam Brudos has decided to accept the call to teach fourth grade at Illinois Lutheran School in Crete, Illinois. The Brudos family thanks St. Matthew's congregation for their love and fellowship over the years, and asks for continued prayers as they prepare for their move.

3. **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.”
4. **Preschool Registration** We will be accepting preschool enrollment forms for the coming school year. Our program for 3 year olds will meet on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (Wednesday optional) from 8:00 – 11:15 a.m. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Our 4 year olds will meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings from 8:00 – 11:15 a.m. Children registering for this class must be 4 years old by September 1<sup>st</sup>. We would like you to get the applications in by **June 20** so a spot can be reserved for you. We will again offer “Afternoon Care for Preschoolers.” The purpose of this program is to provide care for the child after preschool is over. This care will be provided on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until 3:00. Parents have the option of choosing from one to three days. After that time, the students will go to the library for our After School Care program. If you have any questions about our preschool or would like an enrollment form, please contact Mr. Proeber or Mrs. Sonntag.
5. **Save the Date for Summer Bible Camp July 13, 14 and 15.** We are in need of many volunteers to coordinate this outreach event. Can you help in this area? Check the bulletin board for sign-ups. For more information, please contact Steve Sage (608) 295-1691.
6. **Summer Bible Camp Planning Meeting – Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 p.m.** Volunteers are needed to help plan our Summer Bible Camp. If you are willing and able, please join us on Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the library. Thank you!
7. **Men’s Softball** We have set two practice dates for next week – Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Location to be determined – watch for a text message from Craig Sonntag. Join us for one or both practices as your schedule allows. Our 1<sup>st</sup> game is June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 p.m. at Dawson Fields in Janesville. An online schedule can be found at [teamsideline.com](http://teamsideline.com) and search for Janesville, WI.

8. **Registration day for grades K-8 will be held Friday, August 9 from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Tuition for St. Matthew's members is \$1,200 per child. The milk fee is \$5.00. Please bring your registration form and any changes for the immunization cards. **Preschool registration will be held on Sunday, August 11, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the preschool area.** Please bring your forms along as well as your 1<sup>st</sup> quarter payment (3-year-old 1<sup>st</sup> payment - \$200, 4- year-old 1<sup>st</sup> payment \$250). If you can't register at the times listed above, please call early to set up an appointment with the principal.
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### **Assisting with Worship**

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#### **Organist:**

Meredith Moeller

#### **Ushers:**

9:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield, Stephen Phelps, Bill Moench

#### **Next Week Ushers:**

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

#### **CODS:**

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Steve Sage

9:00 a.m. – Brandon Phillips

#### **Next Week CODS:**

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Brian Becker

9:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain

#### **Church Cleaning:**

June 5, 2021 – Scott Hendee & Tom Heth families

June 12, 2021 – Roger Howard & Corey Jackson 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: 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**

Summer Bible Camp

    Planning Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Women's Bible Study

    7:00 p.m.

Men's Softball at Dawson

    9:00 p.m. (East)

**Wednesday**

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

Church Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday**

Worship 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday**

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship with Lord's Supper

    9:00 a.m.