



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

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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Worship for the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 6 & 9, 2024

Opening Hymn: (*tune of CW 919*)

C: (sing) Blessed Jesus, at your Word

We are gathered all to hear you.

Let our hearts and souls be stirred

Now to seek and love and fear you,

By your teachings, sweet and holy,

Drawn from earth to love you solely.

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

C: Amen.

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

P: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

P: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

P: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

C: (sing) Gracious Savior, good and kind,

Light from Light, from God proceeding,

Open now our heart and mind;

Help us by your Spirit's pleading.

Hear the cry your people raises;

Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

P: Yet we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we come before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**C: (sing) Oh, create a heart in me
That your Word, Lord, is believing
And o'er the iniquity
Of my sin is truly grieving.
When dark hours of woe betide me,
In the wounds of Jesus hide me.**

P: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

**C: (sing) Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise to your and adoration!
Grant that we your Word may trust,
Confident of our salvation,
While we here below must wander,
Till we sing your praises yonder.**

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

P: Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving his Word of comfort that we may find our rest in him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²Observe the Sabbath day by setting it apart as holy, just as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you are to serve and perform all of your regular work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a sabbath rest to the LORD your God. You are not to do any regular work, you or your son or your daughter or your male servant or your female servant or your ox or your donkey or any of your livestock or the alien who resides inside your gates, in order that your male servant and your female servant may rest like you. ¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in the land of Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out from there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the day of rest.

Remember The Sabbath Day

I. Remember the intent of this Commandment for Israel

Hymn: From High Atop the Mount *tune of CW 660*

1 From high atop the mount where Moses stands,
thro' cloud and storm the voice of God is heard:
"I am the Lord, and these are my commands.
In all you do, obey my ev'ry word."

3rd My living, active Word will give you rest;
do not despise it lest it move away.
Its saving truth will leave you richly blessed;
take time to hear and learn it ev'ry day.

3 Your life, O Christ, is counted as our own;
our guilt was crucified in none but you.
In keeping your commands our love is shown—
now work within us both to will and do.

Epistle: Colossians 2:8-17

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, which are in accord with human tradition, namely, the basic principles of the world, but not in accord with Christ. ⁹For all the fullness of God's being dwells bodily in Christ. ¹⁰And you have been brought to fullness in him. Christ is the head over every ruler and authority. ¹¹You were also circumcised in him, with a circumcision not done by human hands, in the putting off of the body of flesh, in the circumcision of Christ, ¹²when you were buried with Christ in baptism. And in baptism you were also raised with him through the faith worked by the God who raised Christ from the dead.

¹³Even when you were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ by forgiving us all our trespasses. ¹⁴God erased the record of our debt brought against us by his legal demands. This record stood against us, but he took it away by nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵After disarming the rulers and authorities, he made a public display of them by triumphing over them in Christ.

¹⁶Therefore, do not let anyone judge you in regard to food or drink, or in regard to a festival or a New Moon or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were coming, but the body belongs to Christ.

II. Remember the annulment of this Commandment in Christ

Hymn: Come unto Me, Ye Weary CW 706 sts. 1, 3-4

- 1 **"Come unto me, ye weary, and I will give you rest."
O blessèd voice of Jesus, which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction, of pardon, grace, and peace,
of joy that has no ending, of love that cannot cease.**

- 3 **"Come unto me, ye fainting, and I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager, the fight is fierce and long,
but thou hast made us mighty and stronger than the strong.**

4 “And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out.”

**O patient love of Jesus, which drives away our doubt,
which, though we be unworthy of love so great and free,
invites us very sinners to come, dear Lord, to thee!**

Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

²³Once on a Sabbath day, Jesus was passing through the grain fields, and his disciples began to pick heads of grain as they walked along. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath day?”

²⁵He replied to them, “Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry (he and his companions)? ²⁶He entered the house of God in the time of Abiathar the high priest and ate the Bread of the Presence, which is not lawful for anyone to eat, except for the priests. He also gave some to his companions.”

²⁷Then Jesus said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is the Lord even of the Sabbath.”

Jesus entered the synagogue again, and a man was there with a withered hand. ²They were watching Jesus closely to see if he would heal the man on the Sabbath day, so that they could accuse him. ³He said to the man with the withered hand, “Step forward!” ⁴Then he said to them, “Is it lawful on the Sabbath day to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they were silent. ⁵Then he looked around at them with anger, deeply grieved at the hardness of their hearts. He said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” The man stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees left and immediately began to conspire against Jesus with the Herodians, plotting how they might kill him.

III. Remember the fulfillment of this Commandment by Christians

Confession of Faith

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
Scriptures. He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege of sharing happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all, we thank and praise you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

**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.

The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who fulfilled the law of God for us and brought us true rest. Therefore, with all the saints

on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God *Tune of CW 899*

**1 O Lamb of God, once lifted high
upon a cross to bleed and die,
in perfect love you took our place—
bestow on us your saving grace.**

2 O Lamb of God, your sacrifice
has cancelled sin, has paid its price;
your perfect love will never cease;
have mercy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Draw Near and Take CW 661

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Saved by his body and his holy blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
He gave his life for greatest and for least,
himself the off'ring and himself the priest.

3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
and take the pledges of salvation here.
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,
gives all believers life that never ends.

4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,
in this great feast of love be with us now.

Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing CW 668

1 Jesus comes today with healing,
knocking at my door, appealing,
off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He himself makes preparation,
and I hear his invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."

- 2 Christ himself, the priest presiding,
yet in bread and wine abiding
in this holy sacrament,
gives the bread of life, once broken,
and the cup, the precious token
of his sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
blood and body, giv'n for me,
very Lamb of God from heaven,
who to bitter death was given,
hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,
gives himself to me this hour
in this ordinary sign.
On my tongue his pledge receiving,
I accept his grace, believing
that I taste his love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor,
bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me,
fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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: My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone CW 818

1 My soul finds rest in God alone,

My Rock and my salvation;

A fortress strong against my foes,

And I will not be shaken.

Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,

And lies like arrows pierce me,

I'll fix my heart on righteousness,

I'll look to Him who hears me.

Refrain: O praise Him, hallelujah, My Delight and my reward;

Everlasting, never failing, My Redeemer, my God.

2 Find rest, my soul, in God alone

Amid the world's temptations;

When evil seeks to take a hold

I'll cling to my salvation.

Though riches come and riches go,

Don't set your heart upon them;

The fields of hope in which I sow

Are harvested in heaven. (Refrain)

3 I'll set my gaze on God alone
And trust in Him completely;
With every day pour out my soul
And He will prove His mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath,
A sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death
And I am His forever. (Refrain)

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Communion Registration Communicant members of St. Matthew's are reminded to register for Holy Communion on the "Care Card" found in the pews. If you are visiting St. Matthew's today, we request that you please speak with the Pastor before communing. Questions and answers which will assist you in preparing for partaking of the Lord's Supper are found beginning on page 295 in the hymnal.

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

As we remember the Sabbath Day today may we remember its intent for Israel, its annulment in Christ, and its fulfillment by us today.

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—212 (51/161)

Bible Classes – 39

Offering Last Week—\$12,013.31

Sunday School – 0

Finish the Work – \$95,839.75

(Meeting our 2024 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)

"How sweet are your sayings to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!"

(Psalm 119:103)

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Phil and Hesper Fry in celebration of their 30th wedding anniversary. God's blessings and congratulations!
2. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will meet today at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

3. **The Senior Choir** will be singing next Sunday, June 16th for Mr. and Mrs. Proeber's retirement service. All are welcome to come and sing in the choir for this special occasion! Our rehearsal will be on Wednesday, June 12th from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Come and join this fun group for a summer sing! If you have any questions, please contact Jack Schroeder or Meredith Moeller.
4. **Summer Sunday School** Will be held on June 9th. There will be no classes in the month of July. We will resume on August 4th with classes continuing on the 11th, 18th, and 25th. We will start at 8am and meet in the library. Please contact Lisa Thoni with any questions. Thank you.
5. **Proeber Retirement Service** School was out for our students on May 23rd, but for the Proebers, school will be out forever as they embark on their next big assignment: Retirement! You are cordially invited to join us in thanking God for the many years of service the Proebers have provided to our church, school, and families. Join us on Sunday, June 16 at 9:00 a.m. for our worship service. A Retirement program will follow at 10:00 a.m. with a catered lunch to be served at 11:00 a.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the church lobby if you plan on attending. *If you would like to give the Proebers a card to wish them well in their retirement, you may place the cards in the box in the Narthex.*
6. **Altar Flowers** If you would like to supply flowers for the altar for Thursday/Sunday worship, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lower hallway. We're especially looking for flowers in July, August, and September. Thank you!
7. **Cleaning Opportunity** – Can you spare up to two hours once maybe twice a year depending on the number of volunteers we have signed up? We need volunteers to clean the sanctuary, narthex, choir loft, bathroom, and hallway going down to the Walker St. doors. You would be partnered with another individual or family. Cleaning supplies and vacuum cleaners are provided. If you can help in this way, please contact Phil Fry or Lori Sage.
8. **Summer Bible Camp Save the Date** Our Summer Bible Camp for 2024 will be held on July 16, 17 and 18. Please mark your calendars for this fun adventure!

9. **Summer Bible Camp July 16, 17, and 18** Space Station Salvation is our theme for this year. We'll learn about Jesus, our Savior, and meet new friends. We'll also do fun activities, sing great songs, make crafts, play games, eat snacks, and more!

We need our children 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 Cathy Sonntag (608-289-4528), Kyle Style (608-921-0733), or **say YES if someone asks you to use your talents to serve the Lord and others.**

10. **Women's Bible Class** Women's Bible Class is held Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We are currently working on our handouts regarding Pastor Mark Paustian's books "Prepared to Answer" and "More Prepared to Answer". We hope to have the lessons ready to print in 2024. When we aren't doing these lessons we are using a Women's Bible Study Book from NPH called "In God's Orchard- Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit-Filled Life. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lenser at 608-728-3120.
11. **Finish the Work** Perhaps you have noticed that we are running regular updates for the special "Finish the Work" debt retirement/ reduction offering. **To date offerings given to this special effort total over \$95,000.00!! We have received 89 special gifts.** For this we thank our gracious God and his generous people here at St. Matthews. If you would still like to participate in the offering, special "Finish the Work" envelopes are still available on the counter in the narthex. Thank you again to all for your prayers and support.
12. **2024-2025 Preschool Enrollment** 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 from 8:00-11:15 a.m. Children must be 3 years of age by September 1st. 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 1st. We are also offering wrap-around care for students after preschool is over. This new program started five years ago. We would like you to get the applications in by **June 16** so a spot can be reserved for you. Shortly after that we will begin advertising to the public that there are spots available for next year. If you have any questions about our preschool or would like an enrollment form, please contact Mr. Proeber or Mrs. Sonntag.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Mark Schulz, Mike Lenser, Kevin Paasch

Next Week Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Jim Langkamp, Grant Langkamp

CODS:

Thursday, June 6, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Phil Fry

Sunday, June 9, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Marc Augsburg

Next Week CODS:

Thursday, June 13, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Brian Hartwig

Sunday, June 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Briton Peterson

Greeters

Sunday, June 9, 9:00 a.m. – Mike & Deb Lenser

Next Week Greeters:

Sunday, June 16, 9:00 a.m. – Gerry & Sally Wellnitz

Church Cleaning:

June 15, 2024 – Dale Brooks & Evie Burkholder families

June 22, 2024 – Rick Burnside & Mark Butzow families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Bible Class/Sunday School 8:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Monday

Western Wisconsin District

Pastor/Teacher Conference in Watertown

Tuesday

Western Wisconsin District Pastor/Teacher Conference in Watertown

Fellowship/Outreach Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Elder's Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Choir Rehearsal for All 5:45 – 6:45 a.m.

Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Sunday

No Bible Class or Sunday School

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Mr. & Mrs. Proeber's Retirement Program & Luncheon 10:00 a.m.