

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

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)
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*Worship for the 6th Sunday after Trinity
July 8 & 11, 2021*

Opening Hymn: #236 "All Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

**1 All praise to God who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love,
The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills,
The God who ev'ry sorrow stills --
To God all praise and glory!**

**2 I cried to him in time of need:
Lord God, oh, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed
And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be;
Oh, thank him, thank our God with me --
To God all praise and glory!**

**3 The Lord will not forsake his flock,
His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock,
Their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand
He leads his own, his chosen band --
To God all praise and glory!**

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

The Confession of Sins

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart 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: Christ has died. Christ has risen from the dead. Christ will come again in glory. In his great mercy, "God made us alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross." 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.

Song of Praise (*sung to tune of CW, #236*)

All: (sing) Then come before his presence now

And banish fear and sadness;

To your Redeemer pay your vow

And sing with joy and gladness.

Though great distress my soul befell,

The Lord my God did all things well --

To God all praise and glory!

Prayer of the Day

P: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 44:10-22

¹⁰Who is this who forms a god or casts a metal image that can provide no profit? ¹¹Look at him! All his associates will be ashamed. The craftsmen are merely men. Let them all gather themselves and take a stand. They will be terrified and ashamed together.

¹²A blacksmith uses a cutting tool and makes an idol over hot coals. With hammers he shapes it. He makes it with his strong arm, but he becomes hungry and has no strength left. He does not drink water, and so he grows faint.

¹³A woodworker stretches out a measuring line. He marks the lines with a stylus. He shapes the idol with chisels. He marks it with a compass. Then he carves it till it is shaped like a person, like a splendid man to inhabit a shrine.

¹⁴He goes to cut down cedars for himself, or he chooses a holm tree or an oak, and he lets it grow strong among the trees of a forest. Or he plants a cedar, and rain causes it to grow tall, ¹⁵but it becomes fuel for a man to burn. He takes part of it to warm himself. He lights a fire to bake bread, and then from the rest he makes a god and worships it. He carves an idol and bows down to it. ¹⁶Half of it he burns in a fire—over that half he eats meat. He roasts meat and is satisfied. So he is warm and says, “Ah! I am warm. I see the light of the fire.” ¹⁷Then from what is left he makes a god to serve as his idol. He bows down to it. He worships it, and he prays to it, “Save me, because you are my god.”

¹⁸They are ignorant. They do not understand, because their eyes are plastered shut, and they cannot see. Their hearts are unable to gain insight. ¹⁹A person does not take this to heart, so he has no knowledge or understanding to say, “Half of it I burn in the fire, and I bake bread on its coals. I roast meat, and I eat. Should I make the rest of it into a disgusting idol? Should I bow down to a piece of wood?” ²⁰He is like a sheep grazing on ashes. A deceived mind leads him astray. He will not save his life, nor will he say, “Isn’t what I am holding in my right hand a fraud?”

²¹Remember these things, O Jacob, because you are my servant, Israel. I am forming you to be my servant. You, Israel, you will never be forgotten by me. ²²I am blowing away your rebellious deeds like a cloud, and your sins like a mist. Return to me, because I am redeeming you.

Verse of the Day (*sung to tune of CW, #236*)

**All: (sing) All who confess Christ's holy name,
To God give praise and glory!
All who the Father's pow'r proclaim,
To God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod;
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!**

Epistle: Hebrews 3:12-4:3

¹²Watch out, brothers, so that there is not an evil, unbelieving heart in any of you that turns away from the living God. ¹³But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called "today," so that none of you are hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have become people who share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firmly until the end. ¹⁵As it is said: Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.

¹⁶Who was it who heard and rebelled? Wasn't it all those who left Egypt, led by Moses? ¹⁷And with whom was God angry for forty years? Surely it was with the ones who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness, wasn't it? ¹⁸And about whom did he swear an oath that they would not enter his rest, if it wasn't concerning those who were disobedient? ¹⁹So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

Therefore, since the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us be fearful that any one of you may be judged to have failed to reach it. ²In fact, we have had the gospel preached to us, just as they did. But the message they heard did not benefit them, because they were not united in faith with those who did listen. ³Indeed, we who believe are going to enter his rest.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Nicene Creed

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.

Hymn: #404 "Faith Is a Living Power from Heaven"

1 Faith is a living pow'r from heav'n
That grasps the promise God has giv'n,
A trust that cannot be o'erthrown,
Fixed heartily on Christ alone.

2 Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need
To save or strengthen us indeed,
Receiving grace from heaven's throne
And humbly sharing cross and crown.

3 Faith in the Savior brings us peace
And bids the mourner's weeping cease;
By faith the children's place we claim
And give all honor to one name.

4 We thank you, then, O God of heav'n,
That you to us this faith have giv'n
Through mighty Word and sacrament
To trust the one whom you have sent.

Sermon: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus left there and went to his hometown. His disciples followed him. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue. Many who heard him were amazed. They asked, "Where did this man learn these things? What is this wisdom that has been given to this man? How is it that miracles such as these are performed by his hands? ³Isn't this the carpenter, the son of Mary and the brother of James, Joses, Judas, and Simon? And aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and among his own relatives and in his own house." ⁵He could not do any miracles there except to lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went around the villages teaching.

Unbelief Is Amazing

I. Amazingly unreasonable

II. Amazingly harmful

Our Response to God's Word

5 Lord, as you've promised, grant each soul

Its holy faith's true end and goal:

The blessedness no foes destroy,

Eternal love and light and joy.

Offering (Offerings may be placed into the basket 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

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 through the gospel has opened our eyes, and turned us from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal -

va - tion. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

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.

O Christ, Lamb of God

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you

take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; grant us your peace. A - men.

DISTRIBUTION

Distribution Hymns

Distribution Hymn: #309 "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
 And drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
 Offered was he for greatest and for least,
 Himself the victim and himself the priest.

2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
 To all believers life eternal yields,
 With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
 Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

3 Come forward, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
 And take the pledges of salvation here.
 Before your altar, Lord, your servants bow;
 In this your feast of love be with us now.

Distribution Hymn: #315 "Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face"

1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
 Here would I touch and handle things unseen,
 Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
 And all my weariness upon you lean.

2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;
 Here is the heav'nly table spread anew.
 Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
 The brief bright hour of fellowship with you.

3 I have no help but yours nor do I need
Another arm but yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
My strength is in your might, your might alone.

4 Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
Mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
Your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.

5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear.
The feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
Nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.

6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
Yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
Giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
The Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

Distribution Hymn: #403 "I Know My Faith Is Founded"

1 I know my faith is founded
On Jesus Christ, my God and Lord;
And this my faith confessing,
Unmoved I stand upon his Word.
Man's reason cannot fathom
The truth of God profound;
Who trusts in worldly wisdom
Relies on shifting ground.
God's Word is all-sufficient,
It makes divinely sure,
And, trusting in its wisdom,
My faith shall rest secure.

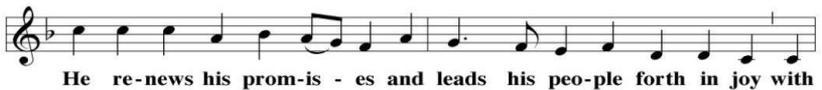
2 Increase my faith, dear Savior,
For Satan seeks by night and day
To rob me of this treasure
And take my hope of bliss away.
But, Lord, with you beside me
I shall be undismayed;

And led by your good Spirit,
I shall be unafraid.
Abide with me, O Savior,
A firmer faith bestow.
Then I shall bid defiance
To ev'ry evil foe.

3 In faith, Lord, let me serve you;
Though persecution, grief, and pain
Should seek to overwhelm me,
Let me a steadfast trust retain.
And then at my departure,
Lord, take me home to you,
And let me there inherit
All you have promised me.
In life and death, Lord, keep me
Until your heav'n I gain,
Where I by your great mercy
The end of faith attain.

THANKSGIVING

Thank the Lord



Prayer

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: #379 "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.

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 on page 156 in the front of the hymnal. Please note:

- For those who prefer grape juice, in the center of each tray there are purple individual cups containing grape juice.
- Those who prefer a gluten-free wafer will find individually wrapped wafers in the tray on the table where the bread is located.

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

May God guard and keep us in the true faith so that we do not reject his words and promises in unbelief and prevent him from working his miracles in our lives.

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 Sunday—152 (37/115) Bible Class —31

Offering Last Week—\$11,464.00

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

*"May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD,
even as we put our hope in you"*

Psalm 33:22.

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Charlie and Kate Carlson in celebration of their 43rd wedding anniversary. God's blessings and congratulations!
2. **Installation** Pastor candidate Jason Lindermann will be ordained and installed as pastor of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Beloit in a special service which will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 11.
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 Joshua. Please join us as we "Book Through the Bible."

4. **Woman's Bible Class** – The class will not meet on Wednesday, July 14, due to Summer Bible Camp. The class will resume on Wednesday, July 21st. The topic is “The Scarf of Salvation.” All women are invite to attend. If you would like to bring a scarf for this day, someone in the class is going to demonstrate how to tie a scarf. Hope to see you there. *Debbie Lenser*
5. **If anyone is interested in a piano**, the school has one available. The piano is located in the school library. For more information, contact Mr. Proeber.
6. **The Treble Choir** will be singing during the service on Sunday, August 1st. All ladies of the congregation are invited to participate. A brief rehearsal will be held in the loft on Sunday, July 18th and Sunday, July 25th immediately following the church service. Please let Kathi Hendee know if you are interested (#779/348-6394). Come let us sing to the Lord!
7. **Snacks Needed for Summer Bible Camp** We are in need of various snacks for Summer Bible Camp. If you are able to contribute, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lower hallway. Thank you!
8. **Come Join Us! Summer Bible Camp July 13, 14, and 15** It's almost time for Summer Bible Camp! Please remember to invite friends, relatives, and neighbors. At the back of church, there are registration forms to share with them. You may also register ONLINE at www.stmatthewsjanesville.org by clicking the link on the HOME page called Summer Bible Camp 2021! **Help us reach out to others!**
9. **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 dilmcivain@mac.com
10. **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.
11. **Registration day for grades K-8 will be held Friday, August 13 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 \$10.00. Please bring

your registration form and any changes for the immunization cards. **Preschool registration will be held on Sunday, August 15, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the school lobby area.** Please bring your forms along as well as your 1st quarter payment (3-year-old 1st payment - \$200, 4- year-old 1st payment \$250). If you can't register at the times listed above, please call early to set up an appointment with the principal.

12. **St. Matthew's Lutheran School Fees Assistance Fund** – We have some families who could use financial assistance with their grade school registration fees. If you are interested in helping, please notify Mr. Proeber. Donating should be identified St. Matthew's Lutheran School Fees Assistance Fund and can be put in the regular Sunday collections.
13. **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".

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

Next Week Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Steve Sage, Paul Johnson, Mike Hay, Jason Carlson

CODS:

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Steve Sage

9:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield

Next Week CODS:

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – George Ehlers

9:00 a.m. – Brian Becker

Church Cleaning:

July 17, 2021 – David Newlin & Brandon Phillips families

July 24, 2021 – Tim Probst & Warren Scheibe families

St. Matthew's Bible Classes

Sunday Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

“Book Through the Bible: Deuteronomy”

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

“Full Accessories of God” will resume on July 21.

Sunday Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

“Book Through the Bible: Deuteronomy”

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship with Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m.

Monday

Men's Softball at Dawson

7:00 p.m. (South)

Wednesday

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

Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Sunday

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.

