



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

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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Worship for the 8th Sunday after Pentecost

July 11 & 14, 2024

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 (Psalm 51)

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

C: and plead for his mercy:

♪ **Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed**

With healing gifts for souls distressed,

To find in you my life, my rest,

Christ crucified, I come. (CW, 808)

P: Be gracious to me, God,

C: according to your mercy.

P: Erase my acts of rebellion

C: according to the greatness of your compassion.

P: Scrub me clean from my guilt.

C: Purify me from my sin.

P: For I admit my rebellious acts.

C: My sin is always in front of me.

P: Against you, you only, have I sinned,

C: and I have done this evil in your eyes.

P: So you are justified when you sentence me.

C: You are blameless when you judge.

P: Certainly, I was guilty when I was born.

C: I was sinful when my mother conceived me.

P: Since you desire truth on the inside,

C: in my hidden heart you teach me wisdom.

♪ **How well you know my griefs and fears**

Your grace abused, my misspent years;

So now to you with contrite tears,

Christ crucified, I come. (CW, 808)

P: Remove my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean.

C: Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

P: Let me hear joy and gladness.

C: Let the bones you have crushed celebrate.

P: Hide your face from my sins.

C: Erase all my guilty deeds.

♪ **Wash me and take away each stain;**

Let nothing of my sin remain.

For cleansing through your cross and pain,

Christ crucified, I come. (CW, 808)

P: Create in me a pure heart, O God.

C: Renew an unwavering spirit within me.

P: Do not cast me from your presence.

C: Do not take your Holy Spirit from me.

P: Restore to me the joy of your salvation.

C: Sustain me with a willing spirit.

P: I will teach rebels your ways,

C: and sinners will turn to you.

P: Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, the God who saves me.

C: My tongue will shout for joy about your righteousness.

P: Lord, open my lips,

C: and my mouth will declare your praise.

P: For you do not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.

C: You do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

P: The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit.

C: A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.

P: As it pleases you, do good for Zion.

C: Build up the walls of Jerusalem.

♪ **To pledge my labor willingly,
Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me,
Christ crucified, I come.** (CW, 808)

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: O Lord, you granted your prophets strength to resist the temptations of the devil and courage to proclaim repentance. Give us pure hearts and minds to follow your Son faithfully even into suffering and death; 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: Acts 13:38-52

³⁸ "So, gentlemen, brothers, let it be known to you that through this Jesus forgiveness of sins is being proclaimed to you, also forgiveness from everything from which you could not be justified through the law of Moses. ³⁹ In this Jesus, everyone who believes is justified. ⁴⁰ So watch out that what is said in the prophets does not happen to you:

⁴¹ Look, you scoffers,
be amazed and perish!

For I am going to do something in your days,
something you would never believe,
even if someone were to explain it to you."

⁴² As Paul and Barnabas were leaving, the people kept begging them to speak again on this same subject on the next Sabbath. ⁴³ When the meeting of the synagogue had been dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of God. ⁴⁵But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with envy and began to contradict what Paul was saying by slandering him.

⁴⁶Then Paul and Barnabas responded fearlessly, "It was necessary that God's word be spoken to you first. But since you reject it and consider yourselves unworthy of eternal life, look: We are now turning to the Gentiles! ⁴⁷For this is what the Lord has instructed us: I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the end of the earth."

⁴⁸When the Gentiles heard this, they were rejoicing and praising the word of the Lord. All who had been appointed for eternal life believed.

⁴⁹And the word of the Lord was being carried through the whole region. ⁵⁰But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas and expelled them from their district. ⁵¹So they shook the dust off their feet against them and went to Iconium. ⁵²The disciples continued to be filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day *(sung to tune of CW 808)*

♪ **Oh, send, O Lord, to ev'ry place
Swift messengers before your face,
The heralds of your wondrous grace,
Where you at last will come.**

**Send men whose eyes have seen the King,
Men in whose ears his sweet words ring;
Send such your lost ones to bring in
Send them where you will come.**

Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

⁷Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff —no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts. ⁹They were to put on sandals but not to

wear two coats. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. ¹¹Any place that will not receive you or listen to you, as you leave there, shake off the dust that is under your feet as a testimony against them."

¹²They went out and preached that people should repent. ¹³They also drove out many demons. They anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

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: Preach You the Word CW 895

- 1 Preach you the Word and plant it home
to those who like or like it not,
the Word that shall endure and stand
when flow'rs and mortals are forgot.
- 2 We know how hard, O Lord, the task
your servant bids us undertake:
to preach your Word and never ask
what prideful profit it may make.
- 3 The sower sows; his reckless love
scatters abroad the goodly seed,
intent alone that there may be
the wholesome loaves that people need.
- 4 Though some be snatched and some be scorched
and some be choked and matted flat,
the sower sows; his heart cries out,
"Oh, what of that, and what of that?"
- 5 Of all his scattered plenteousness
one-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
and bears a harvest, hundredfold:
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!"

Sermon: Amos 7:7-17

⁷This is what he showed me: I saw the Lord standing by a wall that had been constructed with a plumb line. He had a plumb line in his hand.

⁸The LORD said to me, "What do you see, Amos?"

I said, "A plumb line."

Then the Lord said:

Look, I am about to set up a plumb line next to my people
Israel. I will no longer overlook their sin.

⁹The high places of Isaac will be desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined.

I will rise up against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel:

Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to endure all of his words. ¹¹This is what Amos says: "Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will certainly go into exile away from its own soil."

¹²Then Amaziah said to Amos, "You seer, get out of here! Flee to the land of Judah. You may eat food and prophesy there. ¹³But you must never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the sanctuary of the king and the national temple."

¹⁴Then Amos responded to Amaziah:

I was not a prophet, nor was I a son of a prophet. Rather, I was a sheep breeder and I took care of sycamore fig trees.

¹⁵But the LORD took me from tending flocks, and the LORD said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

¹⁶But now, hear the word of the LORD, you who are saying, "Do not prophesy against Israel" and "Do not preach against the house of Isaac."

¹⁷This is what the LORD says: "Your wife will be a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters will fall by the sword. Your land will be parceled out with a measuring line, and as for you, you will die upon unclean soil. And Israel will certainly go into exile far away from its own soil."

It Takes Two To Make A Sermon

I. Prophets who preach bravely like Amos

II. People who listen better than Amaziah

Response to God's Word

CW 895

♪ **Lord, open now my heart to hear,
And through your Word to me draw near.
Let me your Word, e'er pure retain;
Let me your child and heir remain.**

Offering

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. At your table, give those who receive your body and blood with the bread and wine, the forgiveness of their sins, your precious peace and everlasting life. 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.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, 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: Lord Jesus Christ, Our Savior-King CW 899

- 1 Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior-King,
to you our highest praise we sing
for blessings to the Church, your bride,
with whom you evermore abide.
- 2 Your Scriptures lead us to rejoice,
for there we hear our Father's voice.
His gracious promises proclaim
forgiveness in your holy name.
- 3 Your Spirit's call to faith we heard
in water's washing with the Word.
Lord, keep us in baptismal grace
and make our hearts your dwelling place.
- 4 With simple food of bread and wine
you feed us with a feast divine.
Your blood and body we partake—
our sins forgiven for your sake.
- 5 As stewards of these means of grace
you send out preachers in your place
your wondrous mercy to proclaim
and glorify your saving name.
- 6 Lord, give us ministers who live
according to the grace you give.
To Scripture may they faithful be,
and so preserve this ministry.
- 7 And then, at last, Lord, hear our prayer:
gather your blood-bought children there
where saints and angels sing your praise,
and we with them, through endless days!

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: Sent Forth by God's Blessing CW 932

1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.

The supper is ended; O be now extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.

The seed of his teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.

His grace did invite us; his love shall unite us
to work for God's kingdom and answer his call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever-living,
the tasks of our ev'ryday life we will face.

Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing his children of each tribe and race.

One bread that has fed us, one light that has led us
unite us as one in his life that we share.

Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honor to Christ and his name that we bear.

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!

May God make us prophets who preach bravely like Amos and people who listen better than Amaziah so that together we can make a God-pleasing sermon.

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—137

Women's Bible Study – 18

Offering Last Week—\$16,881.00

To Finish the Work We Need – \$52,000.00 - \$19,695.00 = \$32,305.00

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

"I preach righteousness in the great assembly.

Indeed, I do not hold back my lips, O LORD, as you know"

Psalm 40:9.

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Roger and Dawn Winter in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary. God's blessings and congratulations!
2. **Finish the Work Challenge** A generous member of St. Matthew's has offered to make the final payment on our mortgage when the members of St. Matthew's bring the balance down to \$50,000.00. At the moment the remaining balance on the mortgage totals \$102,000.00. That means that when the members of St. Matthew's can raise \$52,000.00 **we will truly finish the work!** *Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23, 24*
3. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will not meet again until Sunday, August 4th.

4. **A Free Will Offering** will be taken for the next two weeks to help assist the members of our congregation that were affected by the tornado that came through Janesville in June. *This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 2 Corinthians 9:12*
5. **Summer Sunday School** 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.
6. **Special Seedlings Get Together on Wednesday, July 17 at 9:00 a.m.** Drop your big kids off for Summer Bible Camp and bring the little ones for our special Outer Space themed adventure.
7. **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.

8. **Snacks for Summer Bible Camp** Food donations are needed for our Summer Bible Camp program. If you can help in this area, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lower hallway. Food donations need to be at church by Monday, July 15. Thank you!
9. **Women's Bible Class** The Women's Bible Study will continue to meet through the summer. We are starting a series of 12 booklets from NPH featuring 12 different people from the Bible. We are calling our series "Beyond Sunday School Lessons." Our first book features Noah. Please feel free to join us, even if you can only come during the summer months. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lenser at 608-728-3120.
10. **LWMS 2024 Annual Convention Recap**—The 61st LWMS convention held in Sioux Falls, SD, from June 27-30, was well received. There were 7 members from St. Matthew's and close to 40 from our Rock River Circuit among the 1000+ that gathered for the opening/closing services and/or workshops and presentations! We heard heartwarming and inspiring presentations from WELS

Home and World missionaries from as close as Brandon, SD to as far as London, England. The presentations in workshop format by missionaries (One Africa Team, Home Mission in Boston, MA, panel of missionary wives) and synod representatives from Multi-Language Productions and a Mission Counselor, filled us in on the many aspects of WELS' mission work. The devotions and hymn singing several times each day were uplifting. The offerings that God's people (through LWMS) contributed to non-budgetary mission endeavors was amazing. Between individual LWMS circuit contributions, kids c.a.r.e. projects, and special mission offerings, over \$143,000 was raised and dispersed to Home and World Missions to be given to the voted on mission projects. Additionally, over \$39,000 was collected at the opening service, and along with the closing service offerings, will be allotted to the Home and World mission project that did not receive the most votes on the ballot. Pray that this generous spirit continues in the hearts of God's people. The fields are ripe for the harvest!

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Kathi Hendee

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Steve Sage & David Johnson

Next Week Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Gerald Wellnitz, Evan Burnside, Alex Schmitt

CODS:

Thursday, July 11, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Phil Fry

Sunday, July 14, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Marc Augsburger

Next Week CODS:

Thursday, July 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Brian Hartwig

Sunday, July 21, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Briton Peterson

Greeters

Sunday, July 14, 9:00 a.m. – George & Jan Ehlers

Next Week Greeters:

Sunday, July 21, 9:00 a.m. – Jean Ruppier

Church Cleaning:

July 20, 2024 – Mike Fox & Phil Fry families

July 27, 2024 – Jim Heiman & Scott Hendee families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

No Bible Class or Sunday School

Worship Service with Communion 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday

Summer Bible Camp 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Summer Bible Camp 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Special Seedlings Meeting 9:00 a.m.

No Women's Bible Study

Thursday

Summer Bible Camp 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Sunday

No Bible Class or Sunday School

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Announcements: