



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

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*Worship for the 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity  
July 15 & 18, 2021*

**Opening Hymn: #770 (CWS) "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"**

**1. O Christ, who called the Twelve**

To rise and follow You,  
Forsaking old, familiar ways  
For ventures bold and new:  
Grant us to hear Your call  
To risk security  
And, bound in heart and will to You,  
Find perfect liberty.

**2. O Christ, who taught the Twelve**

The truth for ages sealed,  
Whose words and works awakened faith,  
The ways of God revealed:  
Instruct us now, we pray,  
By Your empow'ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek  
Their light, their life, their Lord.

**3. O Christ, who sent the Twelve**

On roads they'd never trod  
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim  
The nearer reign of God:  
Send us on ways where faith  
Transcends timidity,  
Where love informs and hope sustains  
Both life and ministry.

## Invocation

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

C: Amen.

## 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.

P: The Lord has called us out of darkness to proclaim his praises: let us worship him.

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are



in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he  
made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and  
bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

### Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your doctrine and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the good of your Church; 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: Jeremiah 1:1-10

The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, who was one of the priests from Anathoth in the land of Benjamin.

<sup>2</sup>The word of the LORD came to him in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah son of Amon, king of Judah, <sup>3</sup>and continued through the reign of Jehoiakim son of Josiah, king of Judah, until the eleventh year of Zedekiah son of Josiah, king of Judah, up to the time of the exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month.

<sup>4</sup>The word of the LORD came to me.

<sup>5</sup>Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and before you were born, I set you apart.

I appointed you to be a prophet to the nations.

<sup>6</sup>But I said, "Ah, LORD God! I really do not know how to speak! I am only a child!"

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone to whom I send you and say whatever I command

you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, because I am with you, and I will rescue you, declares the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD stretched out his hand and touched my mouth. The LORD said to me:

There! I have now placed my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Look, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and to tear down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

### Verse of the Day

**All: (sing) 4. O Christ, th’apostles’ Lord,  
The martyrs’ strength and song,  
The crucified and risen King  
To whom the saints belong:  
Though generations pass,  
Our tribute still we bring,  
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,  
Our lives an offering.**

### Epistle: Acts 18:1-11

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he found a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them. <sup>3</sup>Because he had the same occupation, he stayed and worked with them, for they were tentmakers by trade. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he led a discussion in the synagogue, trying to persuade both Jews and Greeks.

<sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was entirely devoted to preaching the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. <sup>6</sup>But when they opposed Paul and slandered him, he shook out his clothes and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent. From now on, I will go to the Gentiles!”

<sup>7</sup>He left that place and went to the house of a man named Titius Justus, a worshipper of God, whose house was next door to the synagogue. <sup>8</sup>Crispus, the synagogue leader, believed in the Lord, together with his entire household. And many of the Corinthians, when they heard, believed and were baptized.

<sup>9</sup>One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid, but keep on speaking, and do not be silent. <sup>10</sup>For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you to harm you, because I have many people in this city.” <sup>11</sup>He stayed there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

### **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.**

### **Hymn: #548 “O Lord, in Prayer You Spent the Night”**

**1 O Lord, in prayer you spent the night,  
Then sent the twelve at morning’s light.  
Our hearts at your request are stirred  
To ask for heralds of your Word:  
Send preachers forth and each one bless  
With courage, zeal, and holiness.**

2 Keep pastors faithful, strong, true,  
Not working for themselves but you.  
Endow them with the grace they need,  
The lambs to serve, the sheep to feed,  
The precious flock to lead and guide  
The Shepherd thus is glorified.

3 May all your people faithful be  
And treat your pastors rev'rently  
And with them work and for them pray  
Rememb'ring what the Scriptures say:  
Receive the prophet of the Lord  
And gain the prophet's own reward!

**Sermon: Mark 6:7-13**

<sup>7</sup>Jesus called the Twelve and began to send them out two by two. He gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He instructed them to take nothing for their journey except a staff-no bread, no bag, no money in their money belts. <sup>9</sup>They were to put on sandals but not to wear two coats. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that area. <sup>11</sup>Any 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."

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

*The Savior Still Sends Out Workers*

*I. He prepares them for their work*

*II. He provides for them in their work*

*III. He produces results through their work*

**Our Response to God's Word**

All: (sing) 4 So may we when our work is done  
Together stand before Thy throne  
And joyful hearts and voices raise  
In one united song of praise,  
With all the bright celestial host,  
To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Offering (Offerings may be placed into the basket in the narthex)**

**Prayer of the Church**

P: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

**C: Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

P: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C: Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

P: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

P: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

P: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Hymn: #559 "Lord of the Living Harvest"**

**1 Lord of the living harvest  
That ripens o'er the plain,  
Where angels soon will gather  
Their sheaves of golden grain,  
Accept our hands to labor,  
Our hearts to trust and love,  
And be with us to hasten  
Your kingdom from above.**

**2 As lab'ers in your vineyard,  
Lord, give us work to do,  
Content to bear the burden  
Of weary days for you,  
To ask no other wages  
When you will call us home  
Than to have shared the labor  
That makes your kingdom come.**

**3 Be with us, God the Father;  
Be with us, God the Son  
And God the Holy Spirit,  
Most blessed Three in One.  
Make us your faithful servants  
You rightly to adore,  
And fill us with your blessing  
Both now and evermore.**

**Prayer**

**P:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, 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: #542 “Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give”**

**1. Dear Lord, to Your true servants give**

**The grace to You alone to live.**

**Set free from sin to serve You, Lord,**

**They go to share Your living Word,**

**The gospel message to proclaim**

**That all may know Your saving name.**

**2. They gladly go at Your command**

**To spread your Word o'er sea and land.**

**Be with them, Lord, and make them strong**

**To heal sin's ills, to right the wrong.**

**Your rule is over wind and wave,**

**And mighty is Your arm to save.**

**3. When all their labor seems in vain,**

**Revive their sinking hopes again;**

**And when success crowns what they do,**

**Oh, keep them humble, Lord, and true**

**Until before Your judgment seat**

**They lay their trophies at Your feet.**

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

May the Lord of the Church continue to bless his people with the workers he prepares, for whom he provides, and through whom he produces results.

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— 178 (71/107)

Bible Class – 21

Offering Last Week – \$9,182.91

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

*“When he ascended on high, he took captivity captive  
and gave gifts to his people.” Ephesians 4:8.*

## Announcements

1. **Summer Bible Camp** Thank you to all who helped with our Summer Bible Camp and provided snacks this past week. Our volunteers were Cathy Sonntag, Ashley Phillips, Jill Proeber, Ann Janke, Jeff Bowen, Wendy Johnson, Nathan Wagner, David Johnson, Deb Lenser, Kris Kroening, Jody Hill, Olivia Hill, Rosella Reichardt, Amy Scott, Emma Scott, Karin Delong-Eichman, Meghan Stade, Addysen Mueller, Judy Krause, Diane Schroeder, Brenda Moench, Lori Sage, Tannica Jones, Trey Jones, Pastor Janke, Kevin Proeber Dale Beutin and Bev Boughton. Our volunteers, leaders, and helpers led our 40 students in our lessons and activities about "Route 3:16 Road Trip". God's blessings truly abounded. Thank you from all of St. Matthews Lutheran.
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 Joshua. Please join us as we "Book Through the Bible."
3. **Woman's Bible Class** –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*
4. **Voters' Meeting on July 25 after the 9:00 a.m. service.** The purpose of the meeting will be to review and approve the repaving of the parking lot which will be \$87,000.00 and additional/needed concrete work for \$15,140.00. Please plan to attend.
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. **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)
8. **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 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.
9. **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.
10. **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”.

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## Assisting with Worship

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### Organist:

Meredith Moeller

### Ushers:

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

### Next Week Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Tim Stirmel, Connor Stirmel, Austin Schultz

### CODS:

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – George Ehlers

9:00 a.m. – Steve Sage

### Next Week CODS:

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Briton Peterson

9:00 a.m. – Nick Schmitt

### Church Cleaning:

July 24, 2021 – Tim Probst & Warren Scheibe families

July 31, 2021 – Kevin Proeber & Steve Sage 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”

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

“Full Accessories of God”

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

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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**

Men's Softball at Dawson

6:00 p.m. (East)

Fellowship/Outreach

Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### **Wednesday**

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

### **Thursday**

Worship with Lord's Supper  
6:30 p.m.

### **Sunday**

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship with Lord's Supper  
9:00 a.m.



