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*Worship for the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
July 18 & 21, 2024*

**Opening Hymn: Christ the Eternal Lord**      CW 521

- 1    **Christ the eternal Lord,**  
      whose promise here we claim,  
      whose gifts of grace are freely poured  
      on all who name your name;  
      with thankfulness and praise  
      we stand before your throne,  
      intent to serve you all our days  
      and make your glory known.
  
- 2    **Christ the unchanging Word**  
      to ev'ry passing age,  
      whose timeless teachings still are heard  
      set forth on Scripture's page;  
      transform our thought and mind,  
      enlighten all who read,  
      within your Word by faith to find  
      the bread of life indeed.
  
- 3    **Christ the redeeming Son**  
      who shares our human birth,  
      and by his death salvation won  
      for ev'ry child of earth;  
      inspire our hearts, we pray,  
      to tell your love abroad,  
      that all may honor Christ today  
      and follow him as Lord.

4 Christ the unfading Light  
of everlasting day,  
our Morning Star in splendor bright,  
the Life, the Truth, the Way;  
that light of truth you give  
to servants as to friends,  
your way to walk, your life to live,  
till earth's brief journey ends.

#### **Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

P: O Lord, open my lips.

**C: And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

P: Hasten to save me, O God.

**C: O Lord come quickly to help me.**

#### **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.**

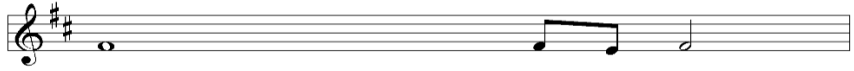
**Forgive me for Jesus' sake.**

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: God raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms and placed all things under his feet for the benefit of the Church: let us worship him.

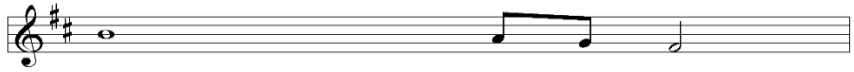
### SONG OF ZECHARIAH



1 Praise be to the Lord, the God of Is - ra - el;  
3 Through his holy prophets he promised  
of old that he would save us from our en - e - mies,



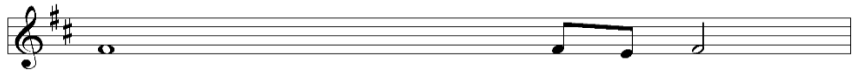
he has come to his people and set them free,  
from the hands of all who hate them us,



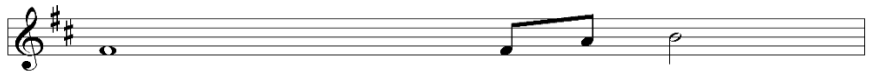
2 He has raised up for us a mighty Sav - ior,  
4 He promised to show mercy to our fa - thers



born of the house of his servant Da - vid.  
and to remember his holy cov - e - nant.



5 This was the oath he swore to our father A - bra - ham:



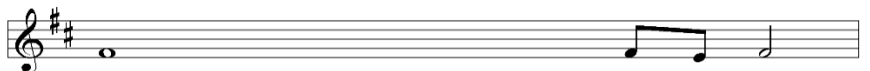
to set us free from the hands of our en - e - mies,



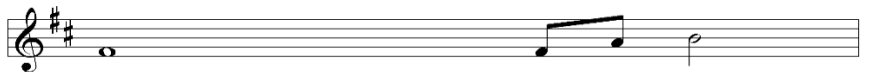
6 free to worship him with - out fear,



holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.



7 You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
9 In the tender compassion of our God,



for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare his way,  
the dawn from on high shall break up - on us,

8 to give his people knowledge of sal - va - tion  
 10 to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shad - ow of death,  
 by the forgiveness of their sins.  
 and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray.

P: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness, and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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: Romans 5:12-19

<sup>12</sup>So then, just as sin entered the world through one man and death through sin, so also death spread to all people because all sinned. <sup>13</sup>For even before the law was given, sin was in the world. Now, sin is not charged to one's account if there is no law, <sup>14</sup>and yet death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those whose sin was not like the transgression of Adam, who is a pattern of the one who was to come.

<sup>15</sup>But the gracious gift is not like Adam's trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of this one man, it is even more certain that God's grace, and the gift given by the grace of the one man Jesus Christ, overflowed to the many!

<sup>16</sup>And the gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin, for the judgment that followed the one trespass resulted in a verdict of condemnation, but the gracious gift that followed many trespasses resulted in a verdict of justification.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, if by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through the one man, it is even more certain that those who receive the overflowing grace of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ!

<sup>18</sup>So then, just as one trespass led to a verdict of condemnation for all people, so also one righteous verdict led to life-giving justification for all people. <sup>19</sup>For just as through the disobedience of one man the many became sinners, so also through the obedience of one man the many will become righteous.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse of the Day:** *(sung to the tune of CW 521)*

♪ **Christ the ascended King exalted high above,**  
**whose praise unending ages sing, whom yet unseen we love;**  
**when mortal life is past your voice from heaven's throne**  
**shall call your children home at last to know as we are known.**

**Gospel: John 8:46-59**

<sup>46</sup>Who of you can convict me of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? <sup>47</sup>Whoever belongs to God listens to what God says. The reason you do not listen is that you do not belong to God."

<sup>48</sup>The Jews responded, "Are we not right in saying that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?"

<sup>49</sup>Jesus answered, "I do not have a demon. On the contrary, I honor my Father, and you dishonor me. <sup>50</sup>I do not seek my own glory. There is one who seeks it, and he is the judge. <sup>51</sup>Amen, Amen, I tell you: If anyone holds on to my word, he will certainly never see death."

<sup>52</sup>So the Jews said to him, "Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham died, and so did the prophets. Yet you say, 'If anyone holds on to my word, he will certainly never taste death.'  
<sup>53</sup>You are not greater than our father, Abraham, are you? He died. And the prophets died. Who do you think you are?"

<sup>54</sup>Jesus answered, "If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing. It is my Father who glorifies me, about whom you say, 'He is our God.'  
<sup>55</sup>Yet you do not really know him, but I do know him. If I said, 'I do not know him,' I would be a liar like you. But I do know him, and I hold on to his word. <sup>56</sup>Your father Abraham was glad that he would see my day. He saw it and rejoiced."

<sup>57</sup>The Jews replied, "You aren't even fifty years old, and you have seen Abraham?"

<sup>58</sup>Jesus said to them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Before Abraham was born, I am." <sup>59</sup>Then they picked up stones to throw at him. But Jesus was hidden and left the temple area.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### **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: Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness**

*CW 573*

- 1 Jesus, your blood and righteousness  
my beauty are, my glorious dress;  
mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
with joy shall I lift up my head.
- 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day;  
who can a word against me say?  
Fully absolved through these I am  
from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
- 3 Lord, I believe your precious blood,  
which at the very throne of God  
pleads for the captives' liberty,  
was also shed in love for me.
- 4 Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
than sands upon the ocean shore,  
you have for all a ransom paid,  
for all a full atonement made.

5 **When from the dust of death I rise  
to claim my mansion in the skies,  
this then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus has lived and died for me.**

**Sermon: Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! declares the LORD.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore, this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds who shepherd my people.

You have scattered my flock.

**You have driven them away.**

You have not taken care of them,

**but I will certainly take care of you,**

because of the evil things you have done,

**declares the LORD.**

<sup>3</sup>I will gather what is left of my flock

**out of all the countries where I have driven them,**

and I will bring them back to their pastures.

**They will be fruitful and multiply.**

<sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them

**who will shepherd them.**

They will no longer be afraid or terrified,

**nor will any be missing, declares the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>Listen, the days are coming, declares the LORD,

**when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,**

who will reign wisely as king

**and establish justice and righteousness on earth.**

<sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved

**and Israel will dwell securely.**

This is his name by which he will be called:

**The LORD Our Righteousness.**

*Relax. Jesus is Lord.*

*I. He is the righteous Branch*

*II. He is our righteousness*

## Response to God's Word:

♪ **Jesus, be worshiped endlessly! our boundless mercy has for me, for me and all your hands have made, an everlasting ransom paid.**

## Offering

### Prayer of the Church

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Make our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight.**

P: These prayers we bring in Jesus' name, and in his name, we pray as he taught us...



**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.**

**Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** *CW 512*

**1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all.**

**2 Crown him, ye martyrs of our God who from his altar call;  
extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown him Lord of all.  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod and crown him Lord of all.**

**3 Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.**

**4 Ye Gentile sinners, ne'er forget the wormwood and the gall;  
go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.**

### **Prayer**

**P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

### **Benediction**

**P: The Lord bless you and keep you.**

**The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.**

**The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.**

**C: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name** CW 512

- 5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all.
- 6 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

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

Let us rejoice that our real ruler is our righteous Lord who provides us with the righteousness we need to stand before God without fear. 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— 187 (52/135)                      Offering Last Week— \$20,356.25

**To Finish the Work We Need – \$52,000.00 - \$23,705.00 = \$28,295.00**

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

*"In you, LORD, I have taken refuge. Let me never be put to shame.*

*In your righteousness deliver me"*

*Psalm 31:1.*

**Announcements:**

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Dennis and Shirley Leffel in celebration of their 54<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. God's blessings and congratulations!
2. **Summer Bible Camp** Thank you to all who helped with our Summer Bible Camp and provided snacks this past week. Our volunteers were Nicole Caminata, Cathy Sonntag, Molly Augsburg, Wendy Johnson, David Johnson, Ann Janke, Deb Lenser, Kris Kroening, Dian Hall, Evie Burkholder, Kari Axelsen, Amy Scott, Emma Scott, Meghan Stade, Jack Caminata, Josiah Chapman, Ashley Phillips, Nico Caminata, Megan Wagner, Tyler Haney, Mason Haney, Brittin Kroening, Collin Hilding, Liz, Sanchez, Lori Sage, Joel Sonntag, and Pastor Janke. Our volunteers, leaders, and helpers led our 67 students as well as 5 additional Sprouts on Wednesday in our lessons and activities with the theme of "Space Station Salvation". God's blessings truly

abounded. Thank you from all of St. Matthews Lutheran. To God be the glory!

3. **Thank You!** A special thank you to Bob Williams, Shari Scheibe, and Mike Fox for painting the church office. Your work is amazing and greatly appreciated.
4. **A Free Will Offering** will be taken today 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. **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*
6. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will not meet again until Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.
7. **Summer Sunday School** Join us for our summer Sunday School session where we are revisiting the Old Testament story of Joseph and his brothers. We will meet again on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am in the library during adult bible class. Looking forward to seeing you there! Please contact Lisa Thoni with any questions. Thank you.
8. **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.

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## Assisting with Worship

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### Organist:

Meredith Moeller

### Ushers:

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

### Next Week Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Tim Stirmel & Connor Stirmel

### CODS:

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

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

### Next Week CODS:

Thursday, July 25, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Tim Stirmel

Sunday, July 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Jim Daley

### Greeters

Sunday, July 21, 9:00 a.m. – Bob & Linda Williams

### Next Week Greeters:

Sunday, July 28, 9:00 a.m. – Jerry & Sally Wellnitz

### Church Cleaning:

July 27, 2024 – Jim Heiman & Scott Hendee families

August 3, 2024 – Tom Heth & Roger Howard families

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## This Week at St. Matthew's

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### **Sunday**

No Bible Class or SS  
Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

### **Wednesday**

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

### **Thursday**

Worship with Communion  
6:30 p.m.

### **Sunday**

No Bible Class or SS  
Worship with Communion  
9:00 a.m.