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*Worship for the 3rd Sunday after Trinity
June 30 & July 3, 2022*

Opening Hymn: #617 "Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored"

**1 Christ, by heav'nly hosts adored,
Gracious, mighty, sov'reign Lord,
God of nations, King of kings,
Head of all created things,
By the Church with joy confessed,
God o'er all, forever blest—
Pleading, at your throne we stand:
Save your people, bless our land.**

**2 On our fields of grass and grain
Send, O Lord, the kindly rain;
O'er our wide and goodly land
Crown the labors of each hand.
Let your kind protection be
O'er our commerce on the sea.
Open, Lord, your bounteous hand;
Bless your people, bless our land.**

**3 Give us rulers who will be
Known for love and honesty;
Let the pow'rs that you ordained
Be in righteousness maintained.
In the people's hearts increase
Love of piety and peace.
Thus united, we shall stand
One wide, free, and happy land.**

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

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 and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.

P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise (*sung to tune of #617*)

**All: (sing) Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Name all other names above,
Unto which must ev'ry knee
Bow in deep humility.
Jesus! Only name that's giv'n
Under all the mighty heav'n
Whereby all, to sin enslaved,
Burst their fetters and are saved.**

Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

¹²How blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people he chose to be his possession.

¹³From heaven the LORD observes.

He sees all the children of Adam.

¹⁴From his throne room

he looks at all the inhabitants of earth.

¹⁵He is the one who shapes their hearts altogether.

He understands all their deeds.

¹⁶No king is saved by the great size of his army.

No hero is rescued by his great strength.

¹⁷You cannot rely on a horse to save you.

Its great strength will not deliver you.

¹⁸Look, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who wait for his mercy.

¹⁹He will deliver their souls from death.
He keeps them alive in famine.

²⁰Our souls wait for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.

²¹Yes, in him our heart rejoices,
because we trust in his holy name.

²²May your mercy, O LORD, be on us,
even as we wait confidently for you.

Glory Be To The Father

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the
Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and
ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to other nations of the earth. Help us elect trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare, and serve you faithfully in our generation to the honor of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Epistle: I Timothy 2:1-8

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all those who are in authority, in order that we might live a quiet and peaceful life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is good and pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to the

knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this testimony, I was appointed a herald and an apostle-I speak the truth; I am not lying-a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. ⁸Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument.

Verse of the Day (*sung to tune of #617*)

All: (sing) Jesus! Name of priceless worth

**To the fallen here on earth
For the promise that it gave,
"Jesus, shall his people save."
Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
Human name of God above;
Pleading only this, we, too,
Flee, O God, in faith to you.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:11-16

¹¹"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

P: This is the Gospel of the 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: #512 "Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds" (Tune of #373)

1 Let children hear the mighty deeds Which God performed of old,
Which in our younger years we saw, And which our fathers told.

2 Make unto them his glories known, His works of pow'r and grace,
And we'll convey his wonders down Through ev'ry rising race.

3 Our lips shall tell them to our sons And they again to theirs
That generations yet unborn May teach them to their heirs.

4 Oh, teach them with all diligence The truths of God's own Word,
To place in him their confidence, To fear and trust their Lord,

5 To learn that in our God alone Their hope securely stands,
That they may ne'er forget his works, But walk in his commands.

Sermon: Jeremiah 29:4-14

⁴This is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says to all those I carried into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵"Build houses and settle down; plant gardens and eat what they produce. ⁶Marry and have sons and daughters; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they too may have sons and daughters. Increase in number there; do not decrease. ⁷Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will

prosper.”⁸ Yes, this is what the LORD Almighty, the God of Israel, says: “Do not let the prophets and diviners among you deceive you. Do not listen to the dreams you encourage them to have.⁹ They are prophesying lies to you in my name. I have not sent them,” declares the LORD.

¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place.¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.¹² Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

Uncle Sam Needs You...

I. To build godly homes

II. And fold godly hands

Response to God’s Word

**All: (sing) O Savior, when we loved you not,
You loved and saved us all;
O great good Shepherd of mankind,
Oh, hear us when we call.**

**Send us your Spirit; teach us truth
To purge our vanity.
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways,
O Savior, set us free.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church for the Nation

P: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

P: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

P: Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

P: Make our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and deliver our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

P: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

C: Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.

P: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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: #413 "When in the Hour of Utmost Need" (tune of #84)

**1 When in the hour of utmost need
We know not where to look for aid,
When days and nights of anxious thought
Nor help nor counsel yet have brought,**

2 Then is our comfort this alone
That we may meet before your throne;
To you, O faithful God, we cry
For rescue in our misery.

3 For you have promised, Lord, to heed
Your children's cries in time of need
Through him whose name alone is great,
Our Savior and our advocate.

4 And so we come, O God, today
And all our woes before you lay.
Be with us in our anguish still;
Free us at last from ev'ry ill,

5 So that with all our hearts we may
To you our glad thanksgiving pay,
Then walk obedient to your Word
And now and ever praise you, Lord.

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.



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.



Closing Hymn: #619 “God Bless Our Native Land”

**1 God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night! When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave, Do thou our country save
By thy great might.**

**2 For her our prayers shall rise To God above the skies;
On him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye, To thee aloud we cry,
God save the state!**

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

May God open our eyes to see that what our nation needs now is for God’s people to build godly homes and to fold godly hands.

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—173 (40/133) Bible Class – 8

Offering Last Week—\$8,616.00

(Meeting our 2022 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,078.00.)

“Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people”

Proverbs 14:34.

Announcements:

1. **Bible Class** Please note that we have paused our Sunday morning Bible class until Sunday, July 10. When we resume class we will begin a study of the Book of Psalms.
2. **Woman’s Bible Class** – The Women’s Bible Study (Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.) have started the new book “More Prepared to Answer” by Mark Paustian. Each lesson stands alone so feel free to join at any time. Hope to see you there! *Debbie Lenser.*
3. **Birthday Wishes** Our former Staff Minister, Arden Wentzel, celebrated his 90th birthday on July 2. If you were unable to attend his open house and would like to send him a birthday greeting, you can send it to 1801 E. Milwaukee Street, #108, Janesville, WI 53545.

4. **New Church Pictorial Directory** We are in the beginning stages of creating a new church pictorial directory. If you would like to help make this pictorial come true, please sign up on the bulletin board in the lower hallway. Thank you!
5. **Summer Bible Camp July 19, 20, and 21** (God's Wonder Lab – Jesus Does the Impossible) At God's Wonder Lab, 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 or you may register at stmatthewsjanesville.org, click on Summer Bible Camp 2022.

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 Steve Sage (608-295-1691), Cathy Sonntag (608-289-4528) or say YES if someone asks you to use your talents to serve the Lord and others.

6. **Thank you to the women** who served on the altar guild for the month of June: Kris Kroening, Erin Stout, and Kate Carlson. Serving for the month of July will be: Ann Janke, Joan Burnside, Tara Chapman, and Elizabeth Kempel.



Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Jim Langkamp

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Steve Sage, David Johnson, Jason Carlson

Next Week Ushers:

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

CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Tim Stirmel

9:00 a.m. – Steve Sage

Next Week CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Brandon Phillips

9:00 a.m. – Jim Daley

Church Cleaning:

July 9, 2022 – Craig Sonntag & Tim Stirmel families

July 16, 2022 – Richard Stout & Tom Truppe families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

No Bible Class

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Worship with Lord's

Supper 6:30 p.m.

Saturday

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.
at the Citrus Cafe

Sunday

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

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

