



St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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Worship for the 5th Sunday after Trinity

July 1 and July 4, 2021

Hymn: "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" (tune of CW, #373)

1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing

My great Redeemer's praise,

The glories of my God and King,

The triumphs of his grace!

2 My gracious Master and my God,

Assist me to proclaim,

To spread through all the earth abroad,

The honors of your name.

3 The name of Jesus calms our fears

And bids our sorrows cease.

'Tis music in the sinners ears;

'Tis life and health and peace.

4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin;

He sets the pris'ner free.

His blood can make the foulest clean;

His blood avails for me.

5 See all your sins on Jesus laid;

The Lamb of God was slain.

His life was once an off'ring made

That you might live again.

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Dialogue on the Word of God

P: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

P: I will walk about in freedom

C: for I have sought out your precepts.

P: I run in the path of your commands,

C: for you have set my heart free.

P: Great peace have they who love your law,

C: and nothing can make them stumble.

C: (sing) How precious is the Book divine,

By inspiration giv'n!

Bright as a lamp its doctrines shine

To guide our souls to heav'n. (tune of CW, #373)

Confession of Sins

P: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

P: Yet we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For these and all our sins, we come before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior, Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

C: (sing) Lord, we confess our num'rous faults,

How great our guilt has been,

How vain and foolish all our thoughts,

How deeply stained with sin.

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. (tune of CW, #373)

P: God gave his Word so “that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.” The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

C: (sing) Glory to God and praise and love

Be ever, ever giv'n

By saints below and saints above,

The Church in earth and heav'n. (tune of CW, #373)

Prayer of the Day

P: Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for the spiritual freedom from sin and Satan and death that you bought us by your blood and brought us by your Word. Help us use our freedom to serve you and those around us here until we live with you forever in heaven. In your name and to your glory we ask it.

C: Amen.

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:1-7

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me,

because the LORD has anointed me

to preach good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,

to proclaim freedom for the captives

and release from darkness for the prisoners,

² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor

and the day of vengeance of our God,

to comfort all who mourn,

³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—

to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,

the oil of gladness instead of mourning,

and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD

for the display of his splendor.

⁴They will rebuild the ancient ruins
and restore the places long devastated;
they will renew the ruined cities
that have been devastated for generations.

⁵Aliens will shepherd your flocks;
foreigners will work your fields and vineyards.

⁶And you will be called priests of the LORD,
you will be named ministers of our God.
You will feed on the wealth of nations,
and in their riches you will boast.

⁷Instead of their shame
my people will receive a double portion,
and instead of disgrace
they will rejoice in their inheritance.

Verse of the Day: (*sung to tune of #373*)

**All: (sing) Send us your Spirit; teach us truth
Grant our hearts liberty.
From man-made wisdom, self-taught ways,
O Savior, set us free.**

Epistle: Galatians 3:1-14

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified. ²I would like to learn just one thing from you: Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? ³Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort? ⁴Have you suffered so much for nothing—if it really was for nothing? ⁵Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard?

⁶Consider Abraham: “He believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.” ⁷Understand, then, that those who believe are children of Abraham. ⁸The Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: “All nations will be blessed through you.” ⁹So those who have faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

¹⁰All who rely on observing the law are under a curse, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything

written in the Book of the Law.”¹¹ Clearly no one is justified before God by the law, because, “The righteous will live by faith.”¹² The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, “The man who does these things will live by them.”¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.”¹⁴ He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

The 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: “The Gospel Shows the Father’s Grace” (*tune of CW, #84*)

**1 The gospel shows the Father's grace,
Who sent his Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died
That we might thus be justified.**

**2 It sets the Lamb before our eyes,
Who made the atoning sacrifice
And calls the souls with guilt oppressed
To come and find eternal rest.**

**3 It brings the Savior's righteousness
To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release
And gives the troubled conscience peace.**

**4 It is the pow'r of God to save
From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings
To all the treasures which it brings.**

**5 It bears to all the tidings glad
And bids their hearts no more be sad;
The weary, burdened souls it cheers
And banishes their guilty fears.**

Sermon Text: John 8:31-36

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

³³They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"

³⁴Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

Celebrate The Freedom You Have In Christ

I. Freedom he bought for us by his blood

II. Freedom he brought to us by his Word

Our Response to God's Word (tune of CW, #84)

**All: (sing) 6 May we in faith the gospel learn
Nor thanklessly its blessings spurn;
May we in faith its truth confess
And praise the Lord, our righteousness.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord of our lives, by sending your Son to live and die as our perfect substitute, you provided forgiveness and salvation for a

world of sinners. We praise you for your boundless saving love. We thank you for reaching out to each of us personally through your holy Word, in the water of Baptism, and in your Supper with your true body and blood which we receive with the bread and wine. You have set us apart as people who belong to you, people whose purpose in life is to receive your love and live to your glory.

C: You, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling, that I may walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

P: Gracious Father, remind us that you have called us to live for you and not for ourselves or according to the standards of the world around us. Help us devote our time, our talents, our energy, and all that you have placed into our hands to those things that will be of value for eternity. Help us to love you and others and to use all you have given us to your glory, instead of loving things and trying to use you and others for our own selfish interests.

C: Turn from evil and do good; then you will always live securely. For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.

P: Bless all who are suffering or in need. Be with the lonely and the grief-stricken. Move us to use the unique gifts you have given each of us to bring comfort and help to those who need it. Bless the government and the Church and help us be blessings to both.

C: Blessed is he who has regard for the weak; the LORD delivers him in times of trouble.

P: Crush the selfishness that comes to us naturally and fill us with joyful generosity. Grant that the gifts we bring to you may show that we are just as diligent and just as interested in carrying out your business as we are in carrying out our own. Lord Jesus, as we offer our gifts into your service, we ask you to accept them—not because they are so valuable or precious, but because they are tokens of our love for you. Use them in your work of saving souls for eternal life.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

C: (sing) Amen. Amen. Amen.

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!

Let us treasure the freedom we have in Christ; the freedom he bought for us with his blood and has brought to us by his Word. 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— 176 (40/136) Bible Class – 29

Offering Last Week—\$12,012.00

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

“I run in the path of your commands for you have set my heart free”

Psalms 119:32.

Announcements

1. **Niko Gotham Probst**, infant son of Stephanie and Micah Probst was baptized at their home on Sunday, June 27th. Niko was born on May 26, 2021 at Fort Memorial Hospital in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. Serving as sponsors for Niko were Jacob Probst and Malinda Probst. *All of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. Galatians 3:27*
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. **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!
5. **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!

6. **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.stmathewsjaneseville.org by clicking the link on the HOME page called Summer Bible Camp 2021! **Help us reach out to others!**
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
8. **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.
9. **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:

Jim Langkamp

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Mark Schulz, Mike Lenser, Kevin Paasch, Cody Stanelle

Next Week Ushers:

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

CODS:

Thursday 6:30 p.m. – Rory Groonwald

9:00 a.m. – Brandon Phillips

Church Cleaning:

July 10, 2021 – John Leeder & Mike Lenser families

July 17, 2021 – David Newlin & Brandon Phillips 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”

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 9:00 a.m.

Monday

Men's Softball at Dawson

6:00 p.m. (East)

Wednesday

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

Education Committee Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Elder's Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Sunday

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship with Lord's Supper

9:00 a.m.

