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Worship for the 10th Sunday after Trinity

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Opening Hymn: #106 "Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain"

1 Come to Calv'ry's holy mountain,

Sinners, ruined by the fall;

Here a pure and healing fountain

Flows to you, to me, to all,

In a full, perpetual tide,

Opened when our Savior died.

2 Come in poverty and meanness,

Come defiled, without, within;

From infection and uncleanness,

From the leprosy of sin,

Wash your robes and make them white;

You shall walk with God in light.

3 Come in sorrow and contrition,

Wounded, paralyzed, and blind;

Here the guilty, free remission,

Here the troubled, peace may find.

Health this fountain will restore;

He that drinks shall thirst no more.

4 He that drinks shall live forever;

'Tis a soul-renewing flood.

God is faithful; God will never

Break his covenant of blood,

Signed when our Redeemer died,

Sealed when he was glorified.

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 de - clare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly 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 has graciously given us rest for our souls: 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, you invite all who are weary and burdened to come to you to find rest for their souls. Grant that at your invitation we may eagerly gather around your Word with believing hearts to buy without money and without cost the spiritual blessings we really need; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Epistle: Revelation 3:14-20

¹⁴“To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God’s creation. ¹⁵I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶So, because

you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. ¹⁷You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

¹⁹Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. ²⁰Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.

²¹To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on my throne, just as I overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. ²²He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

Song of Praise (*sung to tune of CW, #106*)

**All: (sing) Speak, O Lord, and I will hear you;
Let your will be done indeed;
May I undisturbed draw near you
As you here your people feed;
Here the living waters flow,
Here is balm for all our woe.**

Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this was your good pleasure.

²⁷“All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Thanks 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 of the Day: #336 "Come unto Me, Ye Weary"

1 "Come unto me, ye weary,
And I will give you rest."
O blessed voice of Jesus,
Which comes to hearts oppressed!
It tells of benediction,
Of pardon, grace, and peace,
Of joy that has no ending,
Of love that cannot cease.

2 "Come unto me, ye wand'ers,
And I will give you light."
O loving voice of Jesus,
Which comes to cheer the night!
Our hearts were filled with sadness,
And we had lost our way;
But thou hast brought us gladness
And songs at break of day.

3 "Come unto me, ye fainting,
And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus,
Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager;
The fight is fierce and long;
But thou hast made us mighty
And stronger than the strong.

4 "And whosoever cometh,
I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus,
Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy
Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners
To come, dear Lord, to thee!

Sermon Text: Isaiah 55:1-3

"Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;

and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

²Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and your soul will delight in the richest of fare.

³Give ear and come to me;
hear me, that your soul may live.

I will make an everlasting covenant with you,
my faithful love promised to David."

Shop God's Great Sale

I. Get what you really need

II. At a price you can afford

Offering (Offerings may be placed in 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: "The Savior Calls; Let Every Ear" (*sung to tune of CW, #491*)

1 The Savior calls; let ev'ry ear

Attend the heav'nly sound.

O doubting souls, dismiss your fear;

Hope smiles reviving round.

2 For every thirsty, longing heart

Here streams of bounty flow

And life and health and bliss impart

To banish mortal woe.

3 Here springs of sacred pleasures rise

To ease your every pain,

Immortal fountain, full supplies:

Nor shall you thirst in vain.

4 O sinners, come, hear mercy's voice;

The gracious call obey;

Mercy invites to heav'nly joys,

And can you yet delay?

5 Dear Savior, draw reluctant hearts;

To you let sinners fly

And take the bliss your love imparts,

Revive, and never die.

Prayer

P: Blessed Lord, you have given us the Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life which is ours 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 #338 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; your morn shall rise
And all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done.

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

Let's make the most of every opportunity to shop God's great sale since he has what we really need at a price we can all afford!
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—133 (51/82) Offering Last Week- \$11,641.00

*"I rejoiced with those who said to me,
'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'"*

Psalms 122:1

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Penny Pucher in loving memory of her dad, Malin Pucher.
2. **Funeral** Anne Blackburn was called to her eternal home on Monday, August 3, 2020. Her Christian funeral service will take place at St. Matthews on Friday, August 14. We extend our deepest sympathy to her loved ones.
3. **Women's Bible Study** on Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. have resumed. All women of St. Matthew's are invited to attend. Hope to see you there!
4. **Confirmation Class** for 7th and 8th grade students who are not enrolled in St. Matthew's Lutheran School will begin on Wednesday, September 2, at 5:00 p.m. Class will run until 6:30 p.m. Students will need a copy of the new EHV Catechism and an EHV Bible. We will have a brief meeting for parents and students when class begins on September 2. Parents, please plan to attend this meeting so we can talk about the procedures we will follow in class.
5. **Family Devotions** If you have not already located them you will find some excellent devotions on our Synod's website: WELS.net for use in families. The devotions are brief; they begin with an invocation, close with a prayer, and are followed by application questions for a variety of age groups. If you have been looking for a resource to use at your "family altar" please check out these free devotions for your family, and may God bless your efforts to stay in the Word and to keep your family in the Word as well!
6. **August Special Gift Envelope** As you know we are now using unified budget accounting principles here at St. Matthew's. This means that there is just one line on your weekly envelope and all offerings go into one (unified) fund. Our commitments to Synod and Lakeside are paid out of that fund, as are our mortgage payments, payroll, and operating bills. In order to give members an opportunity to give an additional offering to something that may be of special interest, the council decided to add a "special gift envelope" that will appear in your envelope packet every quarter. You will find the next one coming up this month right after the August 9th envelope. Special funds that are available would include: the Lakeside Lutheran Capital

Fund, St. Matthew's School Tuition Assistance Program, and the Needy Family Fund. Gifts given in these envelopes and earmarked for a special purpose will go into those funds.

7. **Our new school year (20/21) under the theme “Stand Firm” (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)** will begin on August 26 with face to face instruction. Covid procedures, which were approved by the Education Committee and Church Council, and shared with all our families, will be followed. Our goal is to keep the students as safe as possible, while still receiving daily instruction. We pray that God will be with us during this upcoming school year.
8. **Simply Giving**—We are happy to report that we have seen an increase in members using the “Simply Giving” program for your offerings to the Lord. Your offerings can be electronically transferred from your checking or savings account to St. Matthew’s account either every week or once a month. If you would like to enroll, you may go online to www.stmatthewsjanesville.org, and click on the Simply Giving tab and you can begin the process.
9. **Registration day for preschool will be held today from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the school lobby area.** Please bring your forms along as well as your 1st quarter payment (3-year-old 1st payment - \$200, 4-year-old 1st payment \$250). If you can’t register at the times listed above, please call early to set up an appointment with the principal.
10. **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.