



***St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran  
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*Worship for the 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity*

*August 25 & 28, 2022*

**Opening Hymn: #304 "Jesus Sinners Does Receive"**

**1 Jesus sinners does receive; oh, may all this saying ponder  
who in sin's delusions live and from God and heaven wander.**

**Here is hope for all who grieve: Jesus sinners does receive.**

**2 We deserve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich grace revealing,  
pardon, peace, and life proclaim; here their ills have perfect healing  
who with humble hearts believe: Jesus sinners does receive.**

**3 Sheep that from the fold did stray are not by the Lord forsaken;  
weary souls who lost their way are by Christ, the Shepherd, taken  
in his arms that they may live: Jesus sinners does receive.**

**4 I, a sinner, come to you with a penitent confession.  
Savior, show me mercy, too; grant for all my sins remission.  
Let these words my soul relieve: Jesus sinners does receive.**

**Invocation**

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

**C: Amen.**

**The Confession of Sins**

**P:** Let us approach God with true hearts and confess our sins,

**C: asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.**

**P:** Most holy and merciful Father,

**C: we confess that we are sinful from birth, and that we have  
sinned against you in our thoughts, words and actions.**

**P:** We have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness; the pride, the apathy and selfishness in our lives.

**C: Have mercy on us, Lord.**

P: Our negligence in worship and prayer, and our failure to confess with our lives the faith that is in us,

**C: we confess and plead with you, for Jesus' sake to forgive us.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to die for us and for his sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on his name he gives power to become the children of God and has promised them his Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved.

**C: Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.**

### **Song of Praise**

**All: (sing) 5 Oh, how blest is it to know,  
                  were as scarlet my transgression,  
                  it shall be as white as snow  
                  by your blood and bitter passion,  
                  for these words I do believe:  
                  Jesus sinners does receive.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

P: O Lord of grace and mercy, teach us by your Holy Spirit to follow the example of your Son in true humility, that we may withstand the temptations of the devil and with pure hearts and minds avoid ungodly pride; 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: Philippians 2:1-11**

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, <sup>2</sup>then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one mind. <sup>3</sup>Do nothing out of selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility consider one another better than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look carefully not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, let this attitude be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. <sup>6</sup>Though he was by nature God, he did not consider equality

with God as a prize to be displayed, <sup>7</sup>but he emptied himself by taking the nature of a servant. When he was born in human likeness, and his appearance was like that of any other man, <sup>8</sup>he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Verse of the Day:**

**All: (sing) 7 Jesus sinners does receive,  
even I have been forgiven.  
And when I this earth must leave,  
I shall find an open heaven.  
Dying, still to him I cleave:  
Jesus sinners does receive.**

**Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

One Sabbath day, when Jesus went into the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat bread, they were watching him closely...

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how they were selecting the places of honor, he told the invited guests a parable. <sup>8</sup>“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline in the place of honor, or perhaps someone more distinguished than you may have been invited by him. <sup>9</sup>The one who invited both of you may come and tell you, ‘Give this man your place.’ Then you will begin, with shame, to take the lowest place.

<sup>10</sup>“But when you are invited, go and recline in the lowest place, so that when the one who invited you comes, he will tell you, ‘Friend, move up to a higher place.’ Then you will have honor in the presence of all who are reclining at the table with you.

<sup>11</sup>“Yes, everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

<sup>12</sup>He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you make a dinner or a supper, do not invite your friends, or your brothers, or your relatives, or rich neighbors, so that perhaps they may also return the favor and pay you back.

<sup>13</sup>“But when you make a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, <sup>14</sup>and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. Certainly, you will be repaid in the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

### Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the  
Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and  
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Hymn: #125 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"**

**1** When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

**2** Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast  
save in the death of Christ, my God.  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them through his blood.

**3** See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down.  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

**4** Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were a tribute far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

**Sermon: Proverbs 25:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>Do not honor yourself in a king's presence.

Do not stand in a place reserved for great people,

<sup>7</sup>because it is better to be told, "Come up here,"

than for you to be humiliated before a ruler whom your eyes have seen.

*Humility Marks Those Who Know They Live In The Presence Of  
The King*

*I. You do not exalt yourself*

*II. You wait humbly for the King to bestow his honor*

**Offering (Offerings may be place in the basket in the narthex)**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**P:** Blessed are you,

**C:** **O Lord of heaven and earth.**

**P:** We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ,

**C:** **and we remember the great acts of love through which he has redeemed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.**

**P:** By his incarnation,

**C:** **he became one with us.**

P: By his perfect life,

**C: he fulfilled your holy will.**

P: By his innocent death,

**C: he robbed death of its sting.**

P: By his rising from the grave,

**C: he broke the power of the grave and opened heaven.**

P: Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word,

**C: we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts.**

P: Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood,

**C: and preserve us in the true faith**

P: until we feast with him and all his people in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

### 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; 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.**

### The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and ever-lasting God, through Jesus Christ, who exalts those who humble themselves.

Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy** (*Tune: Munich, O Word of God Incarnate, CW, #279*)

**All: (sing)**

**O holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might**

**Your glory, earth and heaven countless ways recite.**

**Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of Hosts on high,**

**And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.**

**Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured  
Deliver us from bondage— Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

### **Words of Institution**

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**Lamb of God** (*Tune: Munich, O Word of God Incarnate, CW, #279*)

**All: (sing) I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;  
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.  
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains  
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.**

### **Distribution**

**Distribution Hymn "Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord"**

**1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Saved by his body and his holy blood,  
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.**

**2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,  
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.  
He gave his life for greatest and for least,  
himself the off'ring and himself the priest.**

**3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere  
and take the pledges of salvation here.  
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,  
gives all believers life that never ends.**

4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,  
in this great feast of love be with us now.

Distribution Hymn #453 "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke"

1 "Come, follow me," the Savior spoke,  
"All in my way abiding.  
Deny yourselves; the world forsake;  
Obey my call and guiding.  
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide;  
Take my example for your guide.

2 "I am the light; I light the way,  
A godly life displaying.  
I bid you walk as in the day;  
I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show  
How you should journey here below.

3 "My heart abounds in lowliness,  
My soul with love is glowing,  
And gracious words my lips express,  
With meekness overflowing.  
My heart, my mind, my strength, my all  
To God I yield; on him I call.

4 "I teach you how to shun and flee  
What harms your souls' salvation,  
Your hearts from ev'ry guile to free,  
From sin and its temptation.  
I am the refuge of the soul  
And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

5 Then let us follow Christ our Lord  
And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to his Word,  
In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain  
The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

**Song of Simeon** (*Tune: Munich, O Word of God Incarnate, CW, #279*)

**All: (sing) Let us, O Lord, be faithful Like Simeon to the end  
So that his prayer exultant May from our hearts ascend:  
"O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, I pray,  
Since I have seen my Savior And here beheld his day."**

**Closing Prayer**

P: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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: #467 "May the Mind of Christ My Savior"**

**1 May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,  
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.**

**2 May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,  
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r.**

**3 May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in ev'rything,  
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing.**

**4 May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,  
Him exalting, self abasing -- This is victory!**

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**Communion Registration** Communicant members of St. Matthew's are reminded to register for Holy Communion on the "Care Card" found in the pews. If you are visiting St. Matthew's today, we request that you please speak with the Pastor before communing. Questions and answers which will assist you in preparing for partaking of the Lord's Supper are found on page 156 in the front of the hymnal. Please note:

- For those who prefer grape juice, in the center of each tray there are purple individual cups containing grape juice.
- Those who prefer a gluten-free wafer will find individually wrapped wafers in the tray on the table where the bread is located.

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

May the Spirit of God work true humility in us who live in the presence of the King, so that instead of exalting ourselves we wait for the King to bestow his honor on us.

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 — 195 (53/142)

Bible Class - 41

Offering Last Week—\$29,516.00

*(Meeting our 2022 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,000.00.)*

*"The one who sustains the humble is the LORD.*

*He pushes the wicked down to the ground."*

*Psalms 147:6*

**Announcements:**

1. **Bible Class** Bible class today will begin at 8:00 a.m. We will continue a study of the Book of Proverbs. Bible class meets in the fellowship area downstairs. Please join us as we "Book Through the Bible."
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. **Service Schedule** Please keep in mind that we will return to our usual school year service schedule on Sunday, September 11. That means the service on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend will be our last 9:00 a.m. service for the summer schedule. On September 11, we will have two Sunday services—the first at 8:00 a.m. and

the second at 10:30 a.m. Remember that we will continue to hold our Thursday services throughout the fall until the week of Thanksgiving. Our Thursday services begin at 6:30 p.m.

4. **Confirmation Class** for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who are not enrolled in St. Matthew's Lutheran School will begin on Wednesday, September 7, 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 7. Parents, please plan to attend this meeting so we can talk about the procedures we will follow in class.
5. **Evening Guild** will have their first meeting on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. This is always an important meeting as we will be structuring our activities and events for the upcoming year. Please plan to attend. If you are new to the congregation, please attend to see what the Ladies Evening Guild is all about!! We welcome all ladies of the congregation and hope to see all existing members, you do not have to become or be a member to attend. If you have questions you can contact any of the officers: Linda Williams (608.751.7178), Mary Howard (608.563.2677), Deb Lenser (608.728.3120) and Bev Boughton (608.449.5554).
6. **Pictorial Directory Update** We have had a tremendous response for our new church directory, thank-you to all who have made a reservation and taken time out of their busy schedule to make this project a success. We have now completed two picture sessions with three sessions remaining. However, both September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> are now full with only September 20<sup>th</sup> remaining as a make-up date. But that date is filling fast, so if you have not yet made a reservation, please do so TODAY!
7. **Thank you to the women** who served on the altar guild for the months of July and August: Ann Janke, Joan Burnside, Tara Chapman, Elizabeth Kempel, Jan Ehlers, Peggy Burandt, Jill Proeber, and Deb Lenser. Serving for the month of September will be: Carol Fox, Amy Scott and Jody Hill.
8. **Used Chromebooks for Sale** – Chrombooks are about 5-6 years old and in good working condition - \$30/each. See Mr. Sonntag or Mr. Proeber if you interested or have questions.

9. **An asbestos** management plan for our school is available for your viewing in the principal's office.
10. **Cottage Meetings** The Board of Elders has scheduled a series of cottage meetings to be held here at St. Matthew's on September 26, 27, and 28. Meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the meetings is to share information with members about our congregation and synod. A letter with more details will go out to members shortly. Please plan to attend one of these informative meetings.

**Assisting with Worship**

**Organist:**

Kathi Hendee – Thursday 6:30 p.m.  
Meredith Moeller – Sunday 9:00 a.m.

**Ushers:**

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

**Next Week Ushers:**

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

**CODS:**

6:30 p.m. – Marc Augsburg  
9:00 a.m. – Briton Peterson

**Next Week CODS:**

6:30 p.m. – Briton Peterson  
9:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield

**Church Cleaning:**

September 3, 2022 – Tara Chapman & Jeff Christianson families  
September 10, 2022 – Jim Daley & Don Dickinson families

**This Week at St. Matthew's**

**Sunday**

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.  
Worship 9:00 a.m.

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

Worship 6:30 p.m.

**Friday**

No School  
Sprouts 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Sunday**

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.  
Worship 9:00 a.m.

