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Lord Jesus Christ, My Savior Blest 362

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, My Sav - ior blest, My Hope and my Sal -
2 Lord, as you will, So lead me still: Your mer - cy fails me
3 I have your Word, Christ Je - sus, Lord: You nev - er will for -
4 Now hence - forth must I put my trust In you, O dear - est

va - tion! Lord, hear my plea: De - liv - er me From
nev - er. My God, I pray: Teach me your way To
sake me! This will I plead In time of need, Oh,
Sav - ior. Your gra - cious choice, Your Word and voice, Make

mis - er - y! Your Word brings con - so - la - tion.
my last day; From e - vil keep me ev - er.
help with speed When trou - bles o - ver - take me!
me re - joice Though sin - ful my be - hav - ior.

- 5 Grant, Lord, I pray,
Your grace each day,
That I, your name revering,
Your glory see
And happy be
Eternally,
Before your throne appearing.

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with true hearts 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: St. John says of our God: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

He also says: "We have one who pleads with the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." Therefore, upon this your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and Everlasting God, you are the Consolation of the sorrowful and the Strength of all who are weak. In your mercy grant that the prayers of all who cry to you in any time of trouble may come before you, so that in all their needs those who seek your face may receive and rejoice in your unfailing help and comfort; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament: Genesis 32:22-30

²²That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³After he had sent them across the stream, he sent over all his possessions. ²⁴So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he could not overpower

him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. ²⁶ Then the man said, "Let me go, for it is daybreak."

But Jacob replied, "I will not let you go unless you bless me."

²⁷ The man asked him, "What is your name?"

"Jacob," he answered.

²⁸ Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome."

²⁹ Jacob said, "Please tell me your name."

But he replied, "Why do you ask my name?" Then he blessed him there.

³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared."

³¹ The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip.

Verse of the Day: #362 (6)

All: (sing) 6 When sorrows rise,

My refuge lies

In your compassion tender.

Within your arm Can naught alarm;

Keep me from harm,

Oh, be my strong Defender.

Epistle: II Corinthians 12:1-9

I must go on boasting. Although there is nothing to be gained, I will go on to visions and revelations from the Lord. ² I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know—God knows. ³ And I know that this man—whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows—⁴ was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. ⁵ I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. ⁶ Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say.

⁷To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. ⁸Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. ⁹But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. ¹⁰That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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.

425 Oh, Sing, My Soul, Your Maker's Praise

1 Oh, sing, my soul, your Mak - er's praise, In grate - ful
 2 The Lord is good to those who seek His face in
 3 The Lord will turn his face in peace When trou - bled

hymns as - cend - ing; Whose stead - fast love has crowned your
 time of sor - row, Pro - vid - ing com - fort to the
 souls draw near him; His lov - ing - kind - ness shall not

days With heav'n - ly gifts un - end - ing. I sought the
 weak And grace for each to - mor - row. Though grief may
 cease To those who trust and fear him. Our God will

Lord; he heard my cry; His ho - ly an - gels hov - er
 tar - ry for the night, The morn shall break in joy and
 not for - sake his own; E - ter - nal is his heav'n - ly

nigh The tents of those who love him.
light With bless - ings from his pres - ence.
throne; His king - dom stands for - ev - er.

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Sermon: Matthew 15:21-28

²¹ Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is suffering terribly from demon-possession."

²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us."

²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs."

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she said, "but even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

²⁸ Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

Pass When You're Tested (by) This School Year

I. Bring your worries to Jesus

II. Cling to the words of Jesus

III. Wring a wonder from Jesus

Offering (Offerings may be placed into the basket in the narthex)

Prayer of the Church

P: As we gather together around your Word today, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all students, teachers, and staff who are returning to classrooms in the midst of this pandemic, that you bless their efforts and keep them safe; for parents and grandparents who are burdened with worry as the school year starts, that you hear their prayers, protect their loved ones and grant them your peace, we pray, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin, and every form of evil including this present pandemic, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

P: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in your mercy you

have invited us to pray and promised that you will hear us.

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

In 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 Hymns (*Hymns are for meditation and will not be sung.*)

Distribution Hymn #309 “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.
Offered was he for greatest and for least,
Himself the victim and himself the priest.

2 He that his saints in this world rules and shields
To all believers life eternal yields,
With heav'nly bread makes them that hunger whole,
Gives living waters to the thirsty soul.

3 Come forward, then, with faithful hearts sincere,
And take the pledges of salvation here.
Before your altar, Lord, your servants bow;
In this your feast of love be with us now.

Distribution Hymn #741 (CWS) “Take and Eat”

Refrain: Take and eat, take and eat
 This is my body given up for you
 Take and drink, take and drink
 This is my blood given up for you

1 I am the Word that spoke and light was made
I am the seed that died to be re-born
I am the bread that comes from heaven above
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. Refrain:

2 I am the way that leads the exile home
I am the truth that sets the captive free
I am the life that raises up the dead
I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. Refrain:

3 I am the Lamb that takes away your sin
I am the gate that guards you night and day
You are my flock you know the shepherd's voice
You are my own, your ransom is my blood. Refrain:

4 I am the cornerstone that God has laid;
A chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
You are God's dwelling place, on me you rest;
Like living stones, a temple for God's praise. Refrain:

5 I am the light that came into the world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the morning star that never sets;
Lift up your face, in you my light will shine. Refrain:

6 I am the first and last, the Living One;
I am the Lord who died that you might live;
I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;
You are my bride, come to the marriage feast. Refrain:

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: #408 "Christians, While on Earth Abiding"

**1 Christians, while on earth abiding,
Let us never cease to pray,
Firmly in the Lord confiding
As our parents in their day.
Be the children's voices raised
To the God their parents praised.
May his blessing, failing never,
Rest upon his people ever.**

**2 Bless us, Father, and protect us
From all harm in all our ways;
Patiently, O Lord, direct us
Safely through these fleeting days.
Let your face upon us shine;
Fill us with your peace divine.
Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit!
Praise him, all who life inherit!**



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!

Let us pass when we are put to the test by bringing our worries to Jesus and by clinging to the words of Jesus.

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 —123 (38/85) Offering Last Week—\$8,083.00
(Meeting our 2020 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$13,200.00.)

“Blessed be the LORD.

Day by day he bears our burdens.

He is the God who saves us.”

Psalm 68:19.

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by the Jeff Wagner family in celebration of Cookie's birthday. God's blessing and congratulations!
2. **Bible Class** Sunday morning Bible class is scheduled to resume at its usual time slot between services on Sunday, September 20. Bible class meets in the fellowship area downstairs. We will meet as usual with the exception that the tasty snacks we have usually enjoyed will not be served (as least for the time being.) We will resume the study of Romans that was interrupted last spring when in person class was suspended.
3. **Sunday School Needs Teachers.** No teaching experience needed. Just as God provided David with the tools needed to slay Goliath, He will provide what is needed to teach Sunday School. Please contact Tom May or Lisa Thoni with questions or if interested.
4. **Open Meeting** The council scheduled an open meeting for between services on Sunday, September 13. The purpose of the meeting is to update our members on the state of our congregation as we enter the fall season and the final months of the year. The meeting will be held in church.
5. **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!

6. **School has finally begun!** We hope you will continue to pray for God's guidance and blessing for our school throughout the year. Our theme for this year is "Stand Firm." (I Corinthians 16:13-14) As you know Sunday, September 13, is Christian Education Sunday. Sunday School also begins that day. This is a good opportunity to encourage your children to get back into God's Word. The students in K-8 will not be singing because of the COVID-19 pandemic.
7. **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.
8. **Ladies Evening Guild** will have their first meeting Monday, September 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All female members of St. Matthew's are invited and welcomed. Meetings are normally held the 1st Monday of the month. There is Bible study before the meeting and always coffee and bars. Guild sponsors many events throughout the year, Advent by Candlelight, serving at the Advent and Lenten suppers, clothing drives and Easter Breakfast to mention just a few. We also support Home and World missions and local programs such as Meals on Wheels and Project 16:49. During this time of uncertainty won't you please consider coming to guild where there is **always** God's work and word. Address any questions to President Linda Williams, 751-7178.
9. **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!

10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **An asbestos** management plan for our school is available for your viewing in the principal’s office.
13. **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.

