



***St. Matthew's Evangelical
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Worship for the 11th Sunday after Pentecost

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Opening Hymn: O Worship the King CW 620

- 1 O worship the King, all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love,
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
- 2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy, space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
- 3 This earth, with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old,
established it fast by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.
- 4 Your bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.
- 5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust nor find you to fail;
your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

P: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory Be to God *CW 157*

♪ **Glory be to God on high,
and on earth peace, good will toward men.**

**We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,
we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,
O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.**

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

**O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

**You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty and most merciful God, the protector of all who trust in you, strengthen our faith, and give us courage to believe that in your love you will rescue us from all adversities; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament: 2 Kings 6:8-17

⁸Now when the king of Aram was waging war against Israel, he would make plans with his officials, saying, "My camp will be at such and such a place."

⁹But the man of God would send a message to the king of Israel, saying, "Be careful when you pass this place because the Arameans are going down there." ¹⁰So the king of Israel would send scouts to the place that the man of God had pointed out. So the man of God warned him, and he was kept safe—and not just once or twice.

¹¹The king of Aram was enraged because of this. He summoned his officials and said to them, "Won't you tell me who of us is for the king of Israel?"

¹²One of his officials said, "No, my lord the king. It is Elisha, the prophet in Israel, who tells the king of Israel the words which you speak in your bedroom."

¹³Then he said, "Go and see where he is. Then I'll send men and capture him."

He was told, "Dothan is where he is."

¹⁴So he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They came at night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵When the man of God's servant got up early and went out, there were soldiers, horses, and chariots surrounding the city. So his attendant said to Elisha, "Oh no, my lord! What will we do?"

¹⁶He answered, "Don't be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."

¹⁷Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, open his eyes so that he can see." Then the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw that the hills were full of horses and chariots of fire, all around Elisha.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

**♪ Sing praise to the Lord! Praise God in the height;
Rejoice in his word, you angels of light;
O heavens, adore him by whom you were made,
And worship before him, in brightness arrayed.**

Epistle: 2 Timothy 4:6-18

⁶You see, I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on, there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness. The Lord, the righteous

Judge, will give it to me on that day, and not only to me but also to everyone who loved his appearing.

⁹Make every effort to come to me quickly, ¹⁰for Demas, because he loved this present world, has forsaken me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is useful to me for ministry. ¹²I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. ¹³When you come, bring the cloak I left in Troas with Carpus, and the scrolls, especially the parchments.

¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did me a great deal of harm. The Lord will pay him back for what he did. ¹⁵You be on your guard against him also, because he vehemently opposed our message.

¹⁶At my first hearing, no one came to my defense, but everyone deserted me. May it not be counted against them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message would be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles would hear it, and I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil work and will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Hymn: How Great Thou Art *CW 612*

**1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed; (Refrain)**

**Ref Then sings my soul, my Savior-God, to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior-God to thee,
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze; (Refrain)**

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross my burden gladly bearing
he bled and died to take away my sin; (Refrain)

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim: "My God, how great thou art!" (Refrain)

Sermon: Mark 6:45-56

⁴⁵Immediately Jesus made his disciples get into the boat and go ahead to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he himself dismissed the crowd. ⁴⁶After he had sent them off, he went up the mountain to pray.

⁴⁷When it was evening, the boat was in the middle of the sea, and Jesus was alone on the land. ⁴⁸He saw them straining at the oars, because the wind was against them. About the fourth watch of the night, he went to them, walking on the sea. He was ready to pass by them. ⁴⁹When they saw him walking on the sea, they thought he was a ghost, and they cried out. ⁵⁰They all saw him and were terrified. Immediately he spoke with them and said, "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." ⁵¹Then he climbed up into the boat with them, and the wind stopped. They were completely amazed, ⁵²because they had not understood about the loaves. Instead, their hearts were hardened.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴As soon as they stepped out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵They ran around that whole region and began to bring sick people on their stretchers to where they heard he was. ⁵⁶Wherever he entered villages, cities, or the countryside, they were laying sick people in the marketplaces and pleading with him that they might just touch the edge of his garment. And all who touched it were made well.

Value Jesus' Miracles Highly

I. Each one assures you Jesus is who he says he is

II. Each one bolsters your faith

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.

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

P: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

P: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed and comfort all who are old and infirm.

P: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Make our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

P: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight.

P: These prayers we bring in Jesus' name, and in his name, we pray as he taught us...

**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: Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness *CW 517*

**1 Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the one who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.
Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the Father's word of peace.**

- 2 Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong, yet gentle, word;
praise the one who drove out demons
with the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.
- 3 Let us praise the Word incarnate,
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious
that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done;
let us praise the true Redeemer,
praise the one who makes us one.

Prayer

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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: Eternal Father, Strong to Save

CW 805

1 Eternal Father, strong to save,

whose arm hath bound the restless wave,

who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:

O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.

2 O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain
o'er which our traffic runs amain,
by mountain pass or valley low, wherever, Lord, thy people go,
protect them by thy guarding hand from ev'ry peril on the land.

3 O Spirit, whom the Father sent
to spread abroad the firmament,
O Wind of heaven, by thy might save all who dare the eagle's flight,
and keep them by thy watchful care from ev'ry peril in the air.

4 O Trinity of love and pow'r,
our people shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from air and land and sea.

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

Let us value Jesus' miracles highly since each one assures us that Jesus is who says he is and each on bolsters our faith.

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— 167 (45/122)

Women's Bible Class – 12

Offering Last Week— \$7,576.30

To Finish the Work We Need – \$52,000.00 - \$25,810.00 = \$26,190.00

(Meeting our 2024 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)

*"Mightier than the thundering of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea, the LORD on high is mighty"*

Psalm 93:4.

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Karin Delong-Eichman.
2. **Finish the Work Challenge** A generous member of St. Matthew's has offered to make the final payment on our mortgage when the members of St. Matthew's bring the balance down to \$50,000.00. At the moment the remaining balance on the mortgage totals \$102,000.00. That means that when the members of St. Matthew's can raise \$52,000.00 **we will truly finish the work!** *Let us hold*

unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23, 24

3. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will meet today at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.
4. **Summer Sunday School** Join us for our summer Sunday School session where we are revisiting the Old Testament story of Joseph and his brothers. We will meet again, starting today, at 8:00am in the library during Adult Bible Class. Looking forward to seeing you there! Please contact Lisa Thoni with any questions. Thank you.
5. **Registration day for grades K-8 will be held Thursday, August 8 from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Tuition for St. Matthew’s members is \$1,500 per child. The milk fee is \$25.00. Please bring your registration forms and any changes for the immunization cards. **Preschool registration will be held on Monday, August 12, 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 - \$275, 4- year-old 1st payment \$325). If you can’t register at the times listed above, please call early to set up an appointment with Principal Sonntag at 414-460-8305. Home visits will begin at the end of July and early August.
6. **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. Sonntag. Donating should be identified **St. Matthew’s Lutheran School Fees Assistance Fund** and can be put in the regular Sunday collections.
7. **Women’s Bible Class** The Women’s Bible Study will continue to meet through the summer. We are starting a series of 12 booklets from NPH featuring 12 different people from the Bible. We are calling our series “Beyond Sunday School Lessons.” Our first book features Noah. Please feel free to join us, even if you can only come during the summer months. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lenser at 608-728-3120.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Thursday, 6:30 p.m. – Abigail Schewe

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. – Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain, Jeff Burandt, Nathan Wagner

Next Week Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Fred Shadoski & Russ Scott

CODS:

Thursday, August 1, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Trevor Sanchez

Sunday, August 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Karl Kroening

Next Week CODS:

Thursday, August 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – George Ehlers

Sunday, August 11, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Kyle Stade

Greeters

Sunday, August 4, 9:00 a.m. – Tim & Susan Probst

Next Week Greeters

Sunday, August 11, 9:00 a.m. – Scott & Kathi Hendee

Church Cleaning:

August 10, 2024 – Corey Jackson & Pastor Janke families

August 17, 2024 – Paul Kleban & Jean Mucbe families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Sunday School & Bible Class

8:00 a.m.

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

School Registration Day

9:00-1:00 and 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Saturday

Men's Bible Study at the

Citrus Café 8:00 a.m.

Sunday

Sunday School & Bible Class

8:00 a.m.

Worship with Communion

9:00 a.m.

