

***St. Matthew's Evangelical
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Worship for the 8th Sunday after Trinity

August 4 & 7, 2022

Opening Hymn: #444 "If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

**1 If you but trust in God to guide you
And place your confidence in him,
He'll give you strength and stand beside you
When days are dreary, dark, and dim.
For those who trust his changeless love
Build on the rock that does not move.**

**2 How can these anxious worries aid you,
These never-ceasing moans and sighs?
Will not his wings of mercy shade you
Whenever troubled times arise?
Our cross and trials do but press
The heavier for our bitterness.**

**3 Be patient and await his leisure
In cheerful hope, with heart content;
Then take whate'er your Father's pleasure
And his discerning love have sent.
Doubt not; your inmost wants are known
To him who chose you for his own.**

**4 Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving,
Perform your duties faithfully,
And trust his Word; though undeserving,
You'll find his promise true to be.
God never yet forsook in need
The soul that trusted him indeed.**

Invocation

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

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins

P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children.

C: **But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment.**

P: Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin and take away my guilt.**

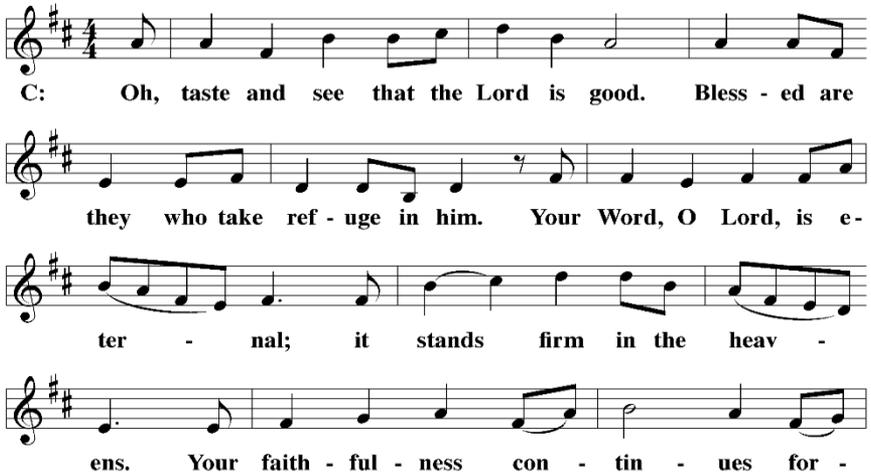
P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

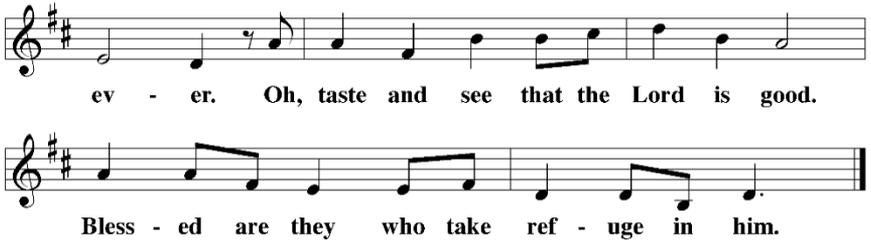
The Baptism of Brooks Anthony William Curtis & Sofia Radtke

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -



P: Let us pray.

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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: I Kings 17:1-16

Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As surely as the LORD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word."

²Then the word of the LORD came to him: ³"Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there."

⁵So Elijah went and did just as the LORD had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.

⁷After some time the stream dried up because there had been no rain in the land. ⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him: ⁹"Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you."

¹⁰So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, "Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink."

¹¹When she went to get it, he called to her, “Please bring me a piece of bread.”

¹²She said, “As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die.”

¹³Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. ¹⁴For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground.”

¹⁵So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah.

Psalm 145

Refrain



Psalm tone



Refrain

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Great is the LORD and most worthy of praise;*
his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation will commend your works to another;*
they will tell of your mighty acts.

The LORD upholds all those who fall*
and lifts up all who are bowed down.

Refrain

The eyes of all look to you,
and you give them their food at the proper time.*
You open your hand
and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

The LORD is near to all who call on him,*
to all who call on him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;*
he hears their cry and saves them.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Epistle: I Timothy 6:9-19

⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and many foolish and harmful desires, which plunge them into complete destruction and utter ruin. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils. By striving for money, some have wandered away from the faith and have pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹But you, O man of God, flee from these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, perseverance, and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of faith. Take hold of eternal life, to which you were called and about which you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who made a good confession as a witness before Pontius Pilate, ¹⁴that you keep this command without spot and without fault, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will make known at the proper time—the blessed and only ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or is able to see. To him be honor and power forever! Amen.

¹⁷Instruct those who are rich in this present age not to be arrogant or to put their hope in the uncertainty of riches, but rather in God, who richly supplies us with all things for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they are storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

P: This is the word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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: #421 "All Depends on Our Possessing"

1 All depends on our possessing
God's abundant grace and blessing,
Though all earthly wealth depart.
They who trust with faith unshaken
In their God are not forsaken
And e'er keep a dauntless heart.

2 He who to this day has fed me
And to many joys has led me
Is and ever shall be mine.
He who ever gently schools me,
He who daily guides and rules me,
Will remain my help divine.

3 Many spend their lives in fretting
Over trifles and in getting
Things that have no solid ground.
I shall strive to win a treasure
That will bring me lasting pleasure
And that now is seldom found.

**4 Well he knows what best to grant me;
All the longing hopes that haunt me,
Joy and sorrow, have their day.
I shall doubt his wisdom never--
As God wills, so be it ever --
I to him commit my way.**

Sermon Text: Luke 12:22-34

²²Jesus said to his disciples, "For that reason I tell you, stop worrying about your life, about what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³Certainly life is more than food, and the body is more than clothing. ²⁴Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap; they have no warehouse or barn; and yet God feeds them. How much more valuable are you than birds! ²⁵And who of you by worrying can add a single moment to his lifespan? ²⁶Since you are not able to do this little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. But I tell you, not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. ²⁸If this is how God clothes the grass in the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, how much more will he clothe you, you of little faith? ²⁹Do not constantly chase after what you will eat or what you will drink. Do not be worried about it. ³⁰To be sure, the nations of the world chase after all of these things, but your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, continue to seek the kingdom of God, and all these things will be added to you. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, because your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions and give to the needy. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not become old, a treasure in the heavens that will not fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Do Away With Worry

I. Remove it

II. Relieve it

III. Replace it

Our Response to God's Word

**5 If on earth my days he lengthen, He my weary soul will strengthen;
All my trust in him I place. Earthly wealth is not abiding,
Like a stream away is gliding; Safe I anchor in his grace.**

Offering (offerings may be placed into the plates in the narthex)

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: #446 "I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

1 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, trusting only you;
trusting you for full salvation, free and true.

2 I am trusting you for pardon; at your feet I bow,
for your grace and tender mercy trusting now.

3 I am trusting you for cleansing in the crimson flood;
trusting you who made me holy by your blood.

4 I am trusting you to guide me; you alone shall lead,
ev'ry day and hour supplying all my need.

5 I am trusting you for power; you can never fail.
Words which you yourself shall give me must prevail.

6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus; never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever and for all.

Prayer

P: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: #449 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

1 Children of the heav'nly Father safely in his bosom gather;
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e'er was given.

**2 God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.**

**3 Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.**

**4 Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

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

As we consider worry today, let us remove it with repentance, relieve it by looking to God's love and replace it with a desire for the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

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— 216 (56/160) Bible Class – 46

Offering Last Week—\$10,355.00

(Meeting our 2022 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,078.00.)

*"Cast your cares on the LORD and he will sustain you;
he will never let the righteous fall"*

Psalm 55:22.

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Jim and Shirley Daley in celebration of their wedding anniversary. Congratulations! *"May the Lord bless you from Zion, so that you see the prosperity of Jerusalem, all the days of your life, and you see your children's children."* Psalm 128:5,6
2. **Baptism** Brooks Anthony William Curtis will be baptized today in the 9:00 a.m. service. Brooks is the son of Sophia Radtke and Daniel Curtis and was born on June 5, 2022. Serving as sponsors are Priscilla Taylor and Roger Radtke. Sophia Radtke, Brooks' mom, will also be baptized this morning. *"He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior."* Titus 3:5-6
3. **Bible Class** Bible class today will begin at 8:00 a.m. We will continue a study of the Book of Psalms. Bible class meets in the

fellowship area downstairs. Please join us as we “Book Through the Bible.”

4. **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*.
5. **Pictorial Directory Update** The August time slots for pictures are now filled. We do have additional dates of Friday, September 9th (2:00 pm – 8:30 pm) and Saturday, September 10th (10:30 am – 5:00 pm), however, check on-line or at church for available time slots, as there are a number of them already reserved. We encourage all our members to please schedule a time either in church or on-line, the online username is wi219 and the password is photos. We cannot accept personal family photographs as there is a substantial cost to St. Matthews. So, ACT NOW to have your picture taken as the new pictorial will not be complete without you. If you have any questions, please contact Dale Beutin at 608-774-5177.
6. **Meals on Wheels** August 15 thru Aug. 19, 2022: **Meals on Wheels** – St. Matthew’s will deliver “Meals on Wheels “August 15th thru Aug. 19th. We have three routes with two people needed per route (one person to drive, one person to deliver the meal). Meals are picked up at Mercy Hospital at 11:00 a.m. Please see the signup sheet on the lower bulletin board if you are able to help. If you have any questions or are a first-time volunteer, please contact Sally Wellnitz (752-2037). Thank you!
7. **Registration day for grades K-8 will be held Friday, August 12 from 9:00 – 1:00 p.m. and 4:00-6:00 p.m.** Tuition for St. Matthew’s members is \$1,300 per child. The milk fee is \$15.00. Please bring your registration form and any changes for the immunization cards. **Preschool registration will be held on Sunday, August 14, 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 - \$225, 4- year-old 1st payment \$275). If you can’t register at the times listed above, please call early to set up an appointment with the principal. Home visits will begin at the end of July and early August.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Thursday – Abigail Schewe

Sunday – Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – George Ehlers, Bob Williams, Mike Fox

Next Week Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Gerald Wellnitz, Richard Stout, Nathan Stout,
Evan Burnside

CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Tim Stirmel

9:00 a.m. – Brandon Phillips

Next Week CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Jim Daley

9:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield

Church Cleaning:

August 13, 2022 – Theresa Biele & Michael Borchardt families

Augusts 20, 2022 – Dale Brooks & Evie Burkholder families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday

Fellowship Meeting at

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Worship with Communion

6:30 p.m.

Friday

Registration Day for St.

Matthews K-8 (9:00-1:00 & 4:00-
6:00 p.m.) Bring forms & fees.

Sunday

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Preschool Registration 4:00 -6:00 p.m.
(Brings Forms & Fees)

