

***St. Matthew's Evangelical
Lutheran Church & School***

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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*Worship for the 19th Sunday after Pentecost
September 26 & 29, 2024*

Opening Hymn: Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace CW 768

**1 Lord of all nations, grant me grace
to love all people, ev'ry race;
and in each person help me view
my kindred, loved, redeemed by you.**

**2 Break down the wall that would divide
your children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbors' good let me pursue;
bind them to me and all to you.**

**3 Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
by loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do
will hurt my neighbor, Lord, and you.**

**4 Give me your courage, Lord, to speak
whenever strong oppress the weak;
and should I be a victim, too,
help me forgive, rememb'ring you.**

**5 With your own love may I be filled
and by your Holy Spirit willed,
that all I touch, whate'er I do,
may be divinely touched by you.**

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

**I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you
in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Song of Praise *(tune of CW 890)*

**♪ 1 To God on high be glory
and peace to all the earth,
for God has shown his favor
in Jesus' holy birth!
Almighty God and Father,
our humble thanks we bring;
we worship you, we bless you,
Lord God, our heav'nly King.**

**2 O Lamb of God exalted,
you take all sin away;
extend to us your mercy
and hear us as we pray.
With God the Holy Spirit,
at God the Father's throne,
you reign, O Christ, forever,
for you are Lord alone!**

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Sr. Choir (8:00 & 10:30 a.m.): The Lord Is A Mighty God

Old Testament: Numbers 11:4-6; 10-16; 24-29

⁴The foreign rabble who were among the Israelites were overcome by their craving. The Israelites also wept once again and said, "Who is going to give us meat to eat?" ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt free of charge, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our lives are wasting away. We have nothing at all to look at except this manna...

¹⁰Moses heard people from all the clans weeping, each one at the entrance to his own tent. At the same time, the Lord's anger burned fiercely, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your eyes? Why do you put the burden of all these people on me?" ¹²Did I conceive all these people by myself? Am I the one who gave birth to them so that you say to me, 'Carry them in your arms to the land which I swore to their fathers, just as a woman who is nursing

carries a baby'? ¹³Where is there meat for me to give to all these people? Listen, they are weeping to me and saying, 'Give us meat so that we can eat.' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all these people by myself, because that is too much for me. ¹⁵If you are going to treat me this way, please kill me right now. If I have found favor in your eyes, do not let me see my own ruin."

¹⁶So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather seventy men from the elders of Israel for me, men whom you know to be elders and officers for the people. Take them to the Tent of Meeting and make them stand there with you..."

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the Lord's words. He gathered seventy men from the elders of the people and had them stand all around the tent. ²⁵The Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him. He took from the Spirit that was on Moses and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do it again.

²⁶Two men, however, remained in the camp. The name of one was Eldad, and the name of the other was Medad. They were listed among the elders, but they had not gone out to the tent. The Spirit rested on them, and they prophesied back in the camp. ²⁷A young man ran and reported this to Moses. He said, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp!"

²⁸Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide from his youth, answered, "My lord Moses, stop them!"

²⁹Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? If only all of the Lord's people were prophets so that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰Then Moses returned to the camp along with the elders of Israel.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day *(sung to tune of CW 890)*

**♪ Go forth and preach the gospel to all who live in fear,
and share the joyful message that God is always near.
The Spirit is upon us, and sends us forth in peace
to bring the poor glad tidings, that mercy may increase.**

Epistle: James 4:7-14

⁷So, submit yourselves to God. Resist the Devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded people. ⁹Lament, mourn, and weep. Let your laughter be changed into mourning and your joy into gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he will lift you up.

¹¹Do not speak against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother is speaking against the law and judging the law. But if you judge the law, you are not one who does the law, but a judge. ¹²There is one lawgiver and judge. He is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

¹³Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into this or that city, spend a year there, do business, and make a profit."
¹⁴You do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? Indeed, it is a mist that appears for a little while and then disappears.
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.

Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be CW 695

**1 Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**2 Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.**

**3 Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee.**

**4 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.**

**5 Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne.**

Sermon: Mark 9:38-50

³⁸John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name. We tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not try to stop him, because no one who does a miracle in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil about me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹Amen I tell you: Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink in my name, because you belong to Christ, will certainly not lose his reward.

⁴²"Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to fall into sin, it would be better for him if he were thrown into the sea with a large millstone hung around his neck. ⁴³If your hand causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed, than to have two hands and go into hell, into the unquenchable fire, ⁴⁴'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁵If your foot causes you to fall into sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁶'where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁷If your eye causes you to fall into sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to

enter the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good. But if the salt loses its flavor, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

Have The Peace That Comes When You Understand Intolerance

I. Sometimes intolerance is wrong and sinful

II. Often intolerance is necessary and God-pleasing

Response to God's Word

CW 695

**♪ Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.**

Offering

Prayer of the Church

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege of sharing happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all, we thank and praise you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

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.

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

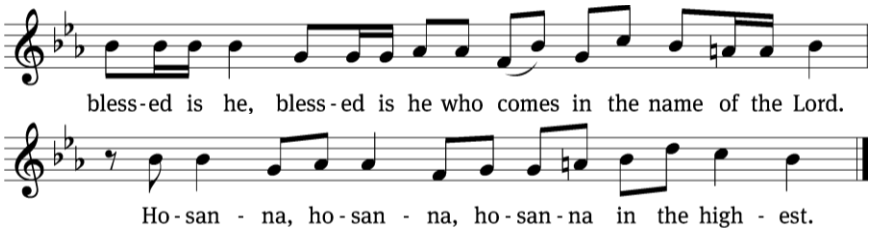
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

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, who promised that where two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,



bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

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."

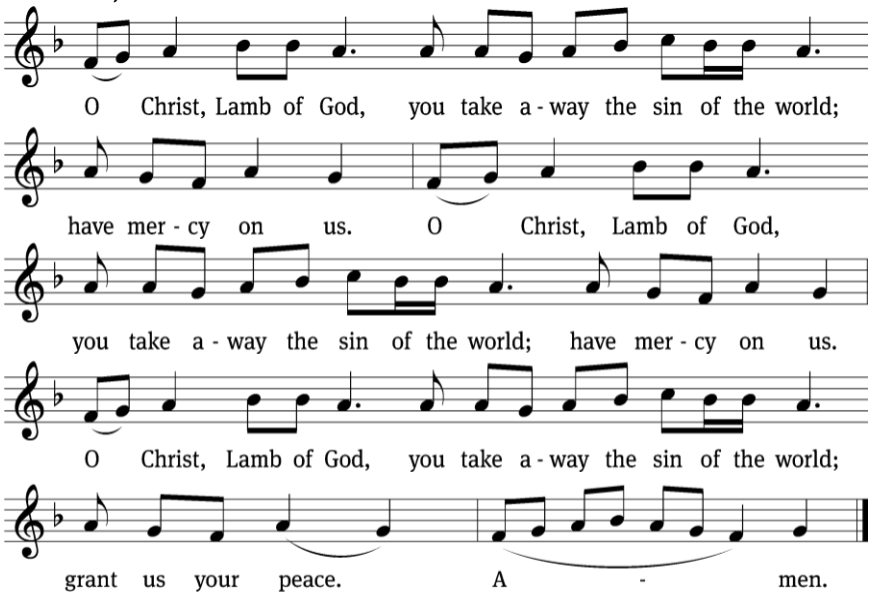
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution

Distribution Hymn: Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing *CW 404*

1 Jesus, grant that balm and healing in your holy wounds I find,
ev'ry hour that I am feeling pains of body and of mind.

Should some evil thought within tempt my treach'rous heart to sin,
show the peril, and from sinning keep me ere its first beginning.

2 Should some lust or sharp temptation fascinate my sinful mind,
let me think about your passion, and new courage I shall find.

Or should Satan press me hard, let me then be on my guard,
saying, "Christ for me was wounded," that the tempter flee confounded.

3 If the world my heart entices with the broad and easy road,
with seductive, sinful vices, let me weigh the awful load
you were willing to endure. Help me flee all thoughts impure,
mastering each wild temptation, calm in prayer and meditation.

4 Ev'ry wound that pains or grieves me by your wounds, Lord, is
made whole;

when I'm weak, your cross revives me, granting new life to my soul.

Yes, your comfort renders sweet ev'ry bitter cup I meet;

for your all-atoning passion has procured my soul's salvation.

5 O my God, my rock and tower, grant that in your death I trust,
knowing death has lost its power since you crushed it in the dust.

Savior, let your agony ever help and comfort me;

when I die be my protection, light and life and resurrection.

Distribution Hymn: O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee *CW '93 316*

1 O Jesus, blessed Lord, to thee

My heartfelt thanks forever be,

Who hast so lovingly bestowed

On me thy body and thy blood.

2 Break forth, my soul, for joy and say:

What wealth is come to me this day!

My Savior dwells within my heart -

How blest am I! How good thou art!

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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: Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise CW 931

**1 Savior, again to thy dear name we raise
with one accord our parting hymn of praise.**

**Once more we bless thee ere our worship cease,
then, lowly bending, wait thy word of peace.**

**2 Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;
with thee began, with thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
that in this house have called upon thy name.**

**3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the coming night;
turn thou for us its darkness into light.
From harm and danger keep thy children free,
for dark and light are both alike to thee.**

**4 Grant us thy peace throughout our earthly life,
our balm in sorrow and our stay in strife.
Then, when thy voice shall bid our conflict cease,
call us, O Lord, to thine eternal peace.**

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 beginning on page 295 in the hymnal.

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

May God by his Spirit help us to understand when intolerance is wrong and sinful, and when it is necessary and God-pleasing so that we may have peace.

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 – 213 (32, 109, 72) Bible Class – 63

Offering Last Week – \$11,638.50 Sunday School – 26

To Finish the Work We Need – \$52,000.00 - \$37,409.00 = \$14,591.00

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

"Let those who love the Lord hate evil."

Psalms 97:10

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Mike and Deb Lenser.
2. **Thank You** Traditionally fall is a time to reflect on your blessings and share the gifts God has bestowed upon you – and our Fall Fest was certainly a celebration of that! Thank you so much to all who participated by sharing your time, treats, items for the clothing and toy exchange, and especially your warm words and smiles as we joined together for an afternoon of fellowship. *The Fellowship/Outreach Committee*
3. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will meet today between services in the Fellowship area. We will continue studying the book of Habakkuk.
4. **Sunday School** Sunday School will meet in the library for opening devotion. The children may be picked up in their classrooms at 10:15 am.

5. **Women's Bible Class** The Women's Bible Study continues to meet Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:30 a.m. We will be following the lives of 12 of the most fascinating individuals God used to share his Word and shape his people. Through their strength and boldness, fear and reluctance, and ultimately their obedience, each was used by God to continue the story of love he has for each of us. The 12 concise accounts are drawn from the living Word of Scripture and are presented in a compelling narrative form provided by context, insights, and lessons for us today. We have just begun our study of Abraham. Please come and join us! For more information, contact Debbie Lenser at 608-728-3120.
6. **Evening Guild** will have their next meeting October 7th, 6:30 p.m., in the fellowship hall. We are targeting donations to ECHO, please bring item(s) of your choice, food or personal items. See you then.
7. **Christ Through Us: A Pictorial History of the Wisconsin Synod, 1850–2025** Filled with captivating images and fascinating stories, *Christ Through Us* is a thoughtful gift for WELS historians or people interested in our synod's history. It's also an incredible visual aid for Lutheran elementary and high school teachers! This limited edition book can be preordered **until 10/15/24 for guaranteed availability. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lower hallway.** Hardcover, approximately 260 full-color pages. Cost will be \$27.00 with shipping and can be paid when picking up the book in early summer 2025.
8. **Senior Choir** If you enjoy singing, St. Matthews's choir is looking for you! Everyone is invited to join this friendly group that loves to sing praise to their Risen Lord! Choir rehearsal starts this Wednesday, September 11 at 5:45 p.m. We would love to see you in the balcony for rehearsal or call Jack Schroeder with any questions at 608-752-0922. Now is the time to join!
9. **LWMS Fall Rally**—Our next rally is scheduled for **Saturday, October 19** at St. Peter's Lutheran School in Helenville, WI. The schedule for the ½ day rally includes registration and a light breakfast from 8-9 am; a devotion, mission presentation and business meeting with a lunch following. Mr. Gary Evans, the field director for the Central Africa Medical Mission (CAMM)

will be the guest speaker. He will give us information on how CAMM provides Christ-centered health care in Africa. Consider attending the rally to learn more about this mission opportunity as well as its challenges! We will need to RSVP a head count to the ladies at St. Peter's, so please either sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex or call Ann Janke (608) 563-4383 by **Thursday, October 3.**

*If you are in need of childcare while at the rally, St. Peter's is offering that service during the rally...just let Ann know so she can reserve you a spot!

10. **LWMS Mission Offerings**—Mission offerings can be given to Ann Janke at church or mailed to her. Checks should be made payable to St. Matthew's Evening Guild. They need to be given to our Rock River circuit treasurer by October 4, so please have your mission offering to Ann by Thursday, October 3rd, as well. The offerings collected from our Rock River Circuit will be designated for 100 Missions in 10 Years (Home Mission) and Native American Missions (World Mission). *Please continue to pray for the spread of the Gospel through our WELS missionaries and mission opportunities!*
11. **Trunk or Treat** – Mark your calendar for Friday night, October 18th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for a Trunk or Treat at St. Matthews in the parking lot. We are looking for people to participate by decorating the trunk of their car in an appropriate theme and handing out prepackaged treats! If you are interested, please sign up in the Narthex. Hope to see you all there! Any questions, please contact Ashley Phillips.
12. **Trunk or Treat Candy Donations** If you would like to participate by donating candy, please bring the candy to the church office. Thank you!
13. **Thank you to the women** who served on the altar guild for the month of September: Carol Fox, Amy Scott, Meghan Stade, and Jody Hill. Serving for the month of October will be: Kate Carlson, Lynn Beutin, and Penny Pucher.
14. **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 unwaveringly 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*

Thank You

Dear Members of St. Matthew's Church & School families,

It is difficult to find the words to express my sincere thankfulness for the gifts and well wishes in recognition of 25 years of working for all of you, as I was humbled by your generosity. First, I'm so thankful to God for the blessed joy of working for St. Matthews! Working with the pastors, school and church staff, church leadership, and witnessing their dedication and love for the Lord, His children, and congregation, has been a true joy and has really strengthened my faith in God over these years. Each school day, I look forward to seeing the smiling faces of the school children. It is a special blessing to have watched these children become adults, and are now bringing their own children to hear God's Word every day at school! Please join me in keeping our church and school in our prayers.

To God be the glory!

Lori Sage

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Gerald Wellnitz, Evan Burnside, Alex Schmidt

10:30 a.m. – Tim Stirmel, Connor Stirmel

Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain, Jeff Burandt, Nathan Wagner

10:30 a.m. – Fred Shadoski, Russ Scott

CODS:

Thursday, September 26, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Jim Daley
Sunday, September 29, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – Trevor Sanchez
Sunday, September 29, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – George Ehlers

Next Week CODS:

Thursday, October 3, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Karl Kroening
Sunday, October 6, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – Kyle Stade
Sunday, October 6, 2024, 10:30 a.m. – Phil Fry

Greeters

Sunday, September 29, 8:00 a.m. – Dale & Lynn Beutin
Sunday, September 29, 10:30 a.m. – Mary Kowal

Next Week Greeters

Sunday, October 6, 8:00 a.m. – Jan & George Ehlers
Sunday, October 6, 10:30 a.m. – Art & Linda Hilker

Church Cleaning:

September 28, 2024 – David Newlin & Fred Shadoski families
October 5, 2024 – Craig Sonntag & Tim Stirmel families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Worship with Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Monday

Scholastic Book Fair Starts

Wednesday

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Senior Choir 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

Thursday

Worship 6:30 p.m.

Friday

Sprouts 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Sunday

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Book Fair after services.

