

***St. Matthew's Evangelical
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Worship for the 12th Sunday after Trinity

September 1 & 4, 2022

Opening Hymn: #32 "When Sinners See Their Lost Condition"

1 When sinners see their lost condition

And feel the pressing load of sin

And Jesus comes on his blest mission

To heal the sin-sick heart within,

All grief must flee before his grace,

And joy divine will take its place.

2 When Jesus enters meek and lowly

To fill the home with sweetest peace,

When hearts have felt his blessing holy

And found from sin complete release,

Then calm and joy within shall reign,

And hearts divided love again.

3 When Jesus enters land and nation

And changes people with his love,

When, yielding to his kind persuasion,

Our hearts his truth and blessing prove,

Then shall our life on earth be blest;

The peace of God on us shall rest.

4 When Jesus comes—O blessed story—

He works a change in heart and life;

God's kingdom comes with pow'r and glory

To young and old, to man and wife.

Through sacrament and living Word

Faith, love, and hope are now conferred.

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.**

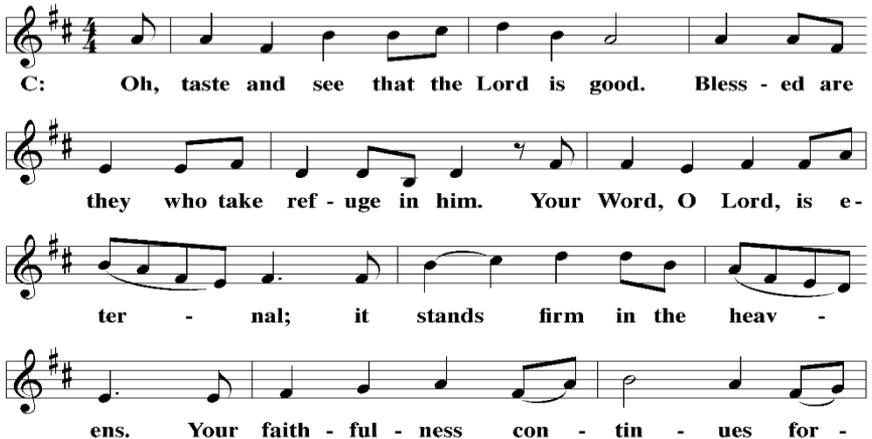
P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Baptism of

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: Heavenly Father, you know how difficult it is for us to be kind, thoughtful, and forgiving to those who make life hard for us or have hurt us by word or deed. Only your grace can create in us a kind and forgiving spirit and teach us to repay evil with good. Draw us closer to you as you forgive our sins and by your mercy make us merciful and forgiving; 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: Genesis 44:18-45:5

¹⁸Then Judah approached him and said, "O my lord, please let your servant speak to my lord directly. Do not let your anger burn against your servant, because you are just like Pharaoh. ¹⁹My lord asked his servants, 'Do you have a father or a brother?' ²⁰We said to my lord, 'We have a father, an old man, and a child from his old age, a young one. His brother is dead, and he alone is left from his mother, and his father loves him.' ²¹You said to your servants, 'Bring him down to me, so that I may see him with my own eyes.' ²²We said to my lord, 'The boy cannot leave his father, for if he were to leave his father, his father would die.' ²³You said to your servants, 'Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you will never see my face again.' ²⁴And so it was that when we came to your servant, my father, we told him about the words of my lord. ²⁵Our father said, 'Go again. Buy us a little food.' ²⁶We said, 'We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, we will go down, because we cannot see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us.' ²⁷Your servant, my father, said to us, 'You know that my wife gave birth to two sons for me. ²⁸The one has departed from me and I said, "I am sure he is torn to pieces," and I have not seen him since. ²⁹If you take

this one away from me as well, and mishap comes upon him, you will bring my gray hairs down to the grave with sorrow.’ ³⁰So now when I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, since my father’s life is bound up in the boy’s life, ³¹when he sees that the boy is no more, he will die. Your servants will bring down the gray hairs of your servant, our father, to the grave with sorrow. ³²For your servant became a guarantee for the boy to my father. I said, ‘If I do not bring him to you, then I will bear the blame before my father forever.’ ³³So please let your servant stay as a slave to my lord instead of the boy, and let the boy go up with his brothers. ³⁴For how can I go up to my father if the boy is not with me? How could I stand to see the evil that will come on my father?”

^{45:1}Joseph was unable to control himself in front of all his attendants, so he called out, “Send everyone out from my presence!” When no one else was left with him, Joseph revealed himself to his brothers. ²He wept out loud. The Egyptians heard him, and the house of Pharaoh heard about it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?”

His brothers could not answer him, because they were terrified by his presence. ⁴Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me, please.” They came closer. He said, “I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵Now do not be upset or angry with yourselves for selling me to this place, since God sent me ahead of you to preserve life.”

Verse of the Day (CW, #32:5)

**5 Oh, may he soon to ev’ry nation
Find entrance where he is unknown,
With life and light and free salvation,
That Satan’s pow’r be overthrown,
And healing to all hearts may come
In heathen land and Christian home!**

Gospel: Luke 15:11-24

¹¹Jesus said, “A certain man had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered together all that he had and traveled to a distant country. There he wasted his wealth with reckless living.

¹⁴After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵He went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶He would have liked to fill his stomach with the carob pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

¹⁷"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, and I am dying from hunger! ¹⁸I will get up, go to my father, and tell him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"

²⁰"He got up and went to his father. While he was still far away, his father saw him and was filled with compassion. He ran, hugged his son, and kissed him. ²¹The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'" ²²"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick, bring out the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let us eat and celebrate, ²⁴because this son of mine was dead and is alive again. He was lost and is found.' Then they began to celebrate.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Apostles' Creed

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: #366 "O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild"

**1 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild! For sinners you became a child.
You came from heaven to fulfill Your Father's just and holy will.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**

**2 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild! With God we now are reconciled.
You have for all the ransom paid, Your Father's righteous anger stayed.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**

**3 O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild! Joy fills the world which sin defiled.
Whate'er we have belongs to you; Oh, keep us faithful, strong, and true.
O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!**

Sermon Text: Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,
To Philemon, our dear friend and coworker, ²to Apphia our
sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church that meets
in your house:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

⁴I always thank my God as I remember you in my prayers,
⁵because I hear about your love and faith that you have toward the
Lord Jesus and for all the saints. ⁶I pray that this fellowship of your
faith may become active in understanding every good thing that
belongs to us in Christ. ⁷For I have received great joy and
encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have
been refreshed by you, brother.

⁸For that reason, even though I have plenty of boldness in Christ
to order you to do what is proper, ⁹I am appealing to you instead, on
the basis of love, just as I, Paul, am an old man and now also a
prisoner of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰I am appealing to you on behalf of my
child Onesimus. I became his father while I was in chains. ¹¹There
was a time when he was useless to you, but now he is useful both to
you and to me. ¹²I have sent him (who is my very heart) back to you.
Welcome him. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might
serve me in your place while I am in chains for the gospel. ¹⁴But I did
not want to do anything without your consent, so that your kindness
would not be the result of compulsion, but of willingness. ¹⁵Perhaps
this is why he was separated from you for a while: so that you would
have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave, but as more than a
slave, as a dear brother. He certainly is dear to me, but he is even
more of a dear brother to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you
would welcome me. ¹⁸And if he has wronged you in any way or

owes you anything, charge it to me. ¹⁹I, Paul, have written this with my own hand: I will repay it-not to mention that you owe me your very self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I am asking for a favor from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

“Charge It To Me”

I. Paul said this to reconcile two of his friends

II. Christ did this to reconcile us sinners to God

III. Having heard this we’ll be reconciled to others

Our Response to God’s Word (*tune of CW, #366*)

**4 O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God,
Lead us to love your sacred Word;
The holy flame of love impart,
That kindness may inspire each heart,
O Spirit of life, O Spirit of God.**

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...

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; 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: God Loves Me Dearly"

**1 God loves me dearly, grants me salvation,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

Refrain:

**Therefore I'll say again: God loves me dearly,
God loves me dearly, loves even me.**

**2 I was in slav'ry, sin, death, and darkness;
God's love was working to make me free. [Refrain]**

**3 He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer,
he sent forth Jesus and set me free. [Refrain]**

**4 Jesus, my Savior, himself did offer;
Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed. [Refrain]**

**5 Now I will praise you, O Love eternal;
Now I will praise you all my life long. [Refrain]**

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: #458 "May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill"

1 May we your precepts, Lord, fulfill

And do on earth our Father's will

As angels do above,

Still walk in Christ, the living way,

With all your children, and obey

The law of Christian love.

2 So may we join your name to bless,

Your grace adore, your pow'r confess,

To flee from sin and strife.

One is our calling, one our name,

The end of all our hopes the same:

A glorious crown of life.

3 Spirit of life, of love, and peace,

Unite our hearts, our joy increase,

Your gracious help supply.

To each of us the blessing give

In Christian fellowship to live,

In joyful hope to die.

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

As we hear the words “Charge it to me” and consider how St. Paul said that and how our Lord Jesus did that, may we be inspired to be kind and forgiving that we may be reconciled with others!

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—217 (53/164) Bible Classes—41

Offering Last Week—\$8,282.00

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

“How blessed is the person who understands the plight of the weak!

May the LORD deliver him in the day of trouble”

Psalm 41:1.

Announcements:

1. **Bible Class** Bible class today will begin at 8:00 a.m. however, next Sunday we start at 9:15 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 7th and 8th 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 12th, 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 9th and 10th are now full with only September 20th 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. **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.
8. **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.
9. **Volunteer Opportunity** for Sunday School Teacher/Helper: Team teach with a partner or help with a class on Sundays from 9:15-10:15 a.m., all materials and lesson plans are provided, no prior teaching experience needed. Teachers will be confirmed and 16 years of age or older, helpers will be confirmed. Meetings take place once a month. For more information, contact Lisa Thoni, #608/359-8518 (text or call).

10. **The school newsletter and calendar** are available in the narthex. Take one if you wish.
11. **Sunday School** Please note that Sunday School begins next Sunday, September 11 between services at 9:15 a.m.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Meredith Moeller

Ushers:

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

Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield, Michael Borchardt, Ryan Borchardt

10:30 a.m. – Steve Sage, David Johnson, Jason Carlson

CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Briton Peterson

9:00 a.m. – Rich Hatfield

Next Week CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Steve Sage

9:00 a.m. – Jim Daley

Church Cleaning:

September 10, 2022 – Jim Daley & Don Dickinson families

September 17, 2022 – Mike Fox & Craig Groninger

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Bible Class 8:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.

Monday

No School

Tuesday

Preschool Begins

Piano Lessons Begin

Wednesday

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

Fin'l Planning Committee

6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Worship with Communion

6:30 p.m.

Sunday

Worship with Communion

8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School Begins

