



# Welcome to St Matthew!

If you have any prayer requests and wish them to be included in today's prayers, **please write them on a pink prayer request slip** found in the pew racks and hand them to the usher as he collects the offering plates. We request that all attendees to fill out the **blue attendance slip for each worship service** so we may track attendance and can update records as necessary.

## Celebrating Children in Worship

**To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...**

- ✦ Relax! God put the wiggle in children. Don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- ✦ Sit toward the front where it's easier to see and hear.
- ✦ Quietly explain the parts of the worship service.
- ✦ Sing the songs, pray, and speak the responses. Children learn worship by copying you.
- ✦ If you need to leave the worship service with your child, please feel free to do so... but please come back! For your convenience there is a "Wiggle Room" that looks into the sanctuary and is piped with audio for you to use. The entrance is in the entry way of the church.

**To all who worship with us today...**

- ✦ Remember, the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to church and to God. Let them know they are at home in this worship gathering.
- ✦ A smile of encouragement is always welcome to parents with small, active children.
- ✦ If you see a family could use some assistance, graciously offer your help.



*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,  
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.* Mark 10:14

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## **Steadfast Love Forever**

### **As We Gather**

*Lutheran Service Book: Concordance* contains an alphabetical listing of key words in the texts of the hymnal. Although it might seem to be structured for church professionals choosing hymns for services, it has value for all people in the church. Paging through the book, it is easy to discover what words are frequently repeated in hymns—words that are important to singers of Christian songs. Among frequently repeated words are “eternal,” “forever,” “everlasting,” “endless,” “eternally,” and “eternity.” There is no time limit to the relationship God has with His faithful people. This makes it easy for us to begin a hymn by singing confidently “Thine forever, God of love” (*LSB* 687:1) or to conclude a hymn with the words that affirm what God in steadfast love has done for us: “You had mercy so that we might be saved eternally” (*LSB* 559:5). God is with us through time and beyond it as well—a great reason for us to rejoice endlessly!

### **I Was There To Hear Your Borning Cry**

- 1 I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.  
I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
In a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.
  
- 2 When you heard the wonder of the Word  
I was there to cheer you on;  
You were raised to praise the living Lord,  
to whom you now belong.  
If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk 'till rising sun.

- 3 In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young,  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.  
When the evening gently closes in,  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.
- 4 I was there to hear your bawling cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

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## Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## Opening Sentences

*Psalm 143:1a, 2, 8, 10; 145:8–9*

- P** Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!  
**C** **Enter not into judgment with Your servant, for no one living is righteous before You.**
- P** Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust.  
Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul.  
**C** **Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**
- P** The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
**C** **The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.**

## **Confession and Absolution**

- P** It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarizes it well.
- C** **Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.**
- P** Humble yourselves, then, before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.
- C** **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your law. For the sake of the sufferings and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me, a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.**
- P** God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** As you believe, so let it be. As a called and ordained servant Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

## **✠ WORD ✠**

### **Old Testament Reading**

*Genesis 9:8–17*

<sup>8</sup> God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“Behold, I establish my covenant with you and your offspring after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living

creature that is with you, the birds, the livestock, and every beast of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark; it is for every beast of the earth. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of the flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>And God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. And the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

### Epistle

*Ephesians 3:14–21*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, <sup>16</sup>that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup>may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

<sup>20</sup>Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 6:45–56*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>45</sup>Immediately [Jesus] made his disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, to Bethsaida, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>46</sup>And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>47</sup>And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. <sup>48</sup>And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. He meant to pass by them, <sup>49</sup>but when they saw him walking on the sea they thought it was a ghost, and cried out, <sup>50</sup>for they all saw him and were terrified. But immediately he spoke to them and said, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid." <sup>51</sup>And he got into the boat with them, and the wind ceased. And they were utterly astounded, <sup>52</sup>for they did not understand about the loaves, but their hearts were hardened.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored to the shore. <sup>54</sup>And when they got out of the boat, the people immediately recognized him <sup>55</sup>and ran about the whole region and began to bring the sick people on their beds to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he came, in villages, cities, or countryside, they laid the sick in the marketplaces and implored him that they might touch even the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **Children's Message**

### **575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**

1 My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
No merit of my own I claim  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale  
My anchor holds within the veil.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

3 His oath, His covenant and blood  
Support me in the raging flood;  
When ev'ry earthly prop gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found,  
Clothed in His righteousness alone,  
Redeemed to stand before His throne!  
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand.

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## **Sermon**

**Video:** “Promises”

## **Offering**

## **Prayer of the Church by Pastor Sonnenberg**



# ✠ SACRAMENT ✠

## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, King of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and have showed Your gracious power to us through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your sacred presence among us. Grant that we may receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood as we gather at His command.

**C** Amen.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Proclamation of Christ

**P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C** Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

# ✠ Lord's Prayer ✠

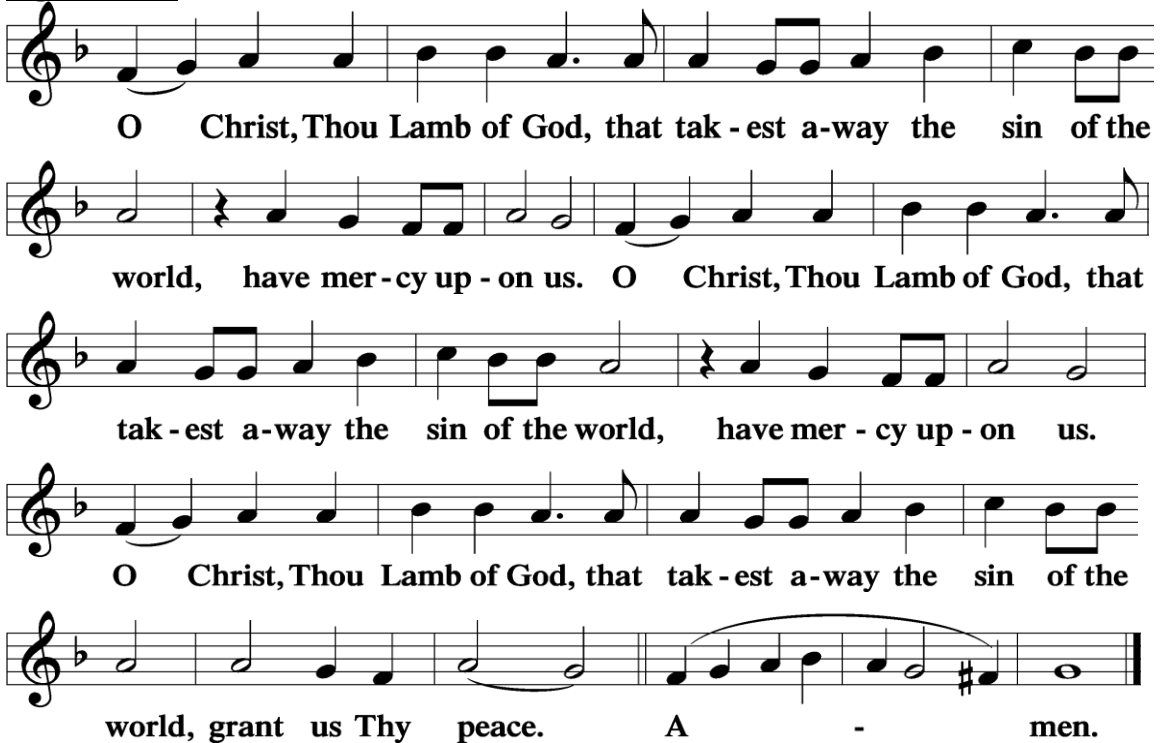
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;

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.

**Agnus Dei**

*LSB 198*



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that  
tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.  
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the  
world, grant us Thy peace. A - - men.

## ✠ Distribution Hymns ✠

### 638 Eat This Bread

**SOLOIST 1** This is His body given for you;  
this is His blood that was shed for you.

**ALL** Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

**SOLOIST 2** As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup,  
you show His death until He comes again.

**ALL** Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

**SOLOIST 3** Eat His flesh and drink His blood,  
and Christ will raise you up on the Last Day.

**ALL** Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

**SOLOIST 4** Anyone who eats this bread will live forever.

**ALL** Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in Him and you will not thirst.

**SOLOIST** 5 If we believe and eat this bread, we will have eternal life.

**ALL Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Come to Him and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread, drink this cup,  
Trust in Him and you will not thirst.**

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**717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save**

*sts. 1–4*

- 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.

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## **715 Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me**

- 1 Jesus, Savior, pilot me  
Over life's tempestuous sea;  
Unknown waves before me roll,  
Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.  
Chart and compass come from Thee.  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
  
- 2 As a mother stills her child,  
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
Boist'rous waves obey Thy will  
When Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"  
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea,  
Jesus, Savior, pilot me.
  
- 3 When at last I near the shore  
And the fearful breakers roar  
Twixt me and the peaceful rest,  
Then, while leaning on Thy breast,  
May I hear Thee say to me,  
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."

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## **802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

- 1 Immortal, invisible,  
God only wise,  
In light inaccessible  
hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious,  
Thy great name we praise.

2 Unresting, unhasting,  
and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting,  
Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains  
high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.

3 To all life Thou givest—  
to both great and small—  
In all life Thou livest,  
the true Life of all;  
We blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree  
And wither and perish—  
but naught changes Thee.

4 Great Father of glory,  
pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore Thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render:  
O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor  
of light that hides Thee.

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## **Post-Communion Thanksgiving**

**P** Let us pray.

Holy Father, we ask You now, by this blessed food and drink, to deliver Your church from every evil, to teach it to love You perfectly, and to make it truly one, even as this bread was made from many grains of

wheat to become the carrier of the body of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

**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 lift up his countenance on you and ✠ give you peace.

**C Amen.**

### **919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus**

1 Abide, O dearest Jesus,  
Among us with Your grace  
That Satan may not harm us  
Nor we to sin give place.

2 Abide, O dear Redeemer,  
Among us with Your Word,  
And thus now and hereafter  
True peace and joy afford.

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*Please join us downstairs for*

Please sign up for  
Coffee Hour  
Fellowship. The



*Coffee Fellowship*

signup sheet is downstairs in Fellowship Hall on the wall. We need 2 volunteers each week to help bring goodies to share after worship service.

**If you are able, think about donating to our Coffee Fellowship Hour to help with the operating costs. Donation jar on snack table.**





## OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO SERVE

<b>Pastor:</b>	Rev. Roger Sonnenberg
<b>Organist:</b>	Ken Young
<b>Choir Director:</b>	Rod Larson
<b>Sound Technician:</b>	Bob Hicks
<b>Video/PowerPoint Technician:</b>	Bob Edmunds/Kathy Smith
<b>Usher:</b>	Steve Schlaffman
<b>Elder Servers:</b>	Mike Ashton & Pete Pettit
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	
<b>Altar Flowers from:</b>	St Matthew Congregation
<b>Altar Guild for July:</b>	
Lillian Holttum & Marcy Hoglund	



Our Mission is to be the living evidence of the mercies of Christ  
John 13:34-35



### **Participation in Holy Communion**

With respect to the gravity of the benefits received with the bread and wine, and to your spiritual health (1 Cor 11:27-29) we invite to the Lord's Table those who make this confession:

- ❖ *I acknowledge that I am a sinner, and desire Christ's forgiveness.*
- ❖ *I believe that Jesus Christ is my only Lord and Savior from sin, Satan and death.*
- ❖ *I believe that the Risen Christ is truly present in the Sacrament - in, with, and under the bread and wine that I receive for the forgiveness of my sins. (Matthew 26:26-28)*
- ❖ *I do intend, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to turn from my sins.*
- ❖ *I resolve to dedicate myself to the service of my Lord in His Body, the Church, by regular worship, sacrificial giving and thankful living.*

Visitors who wish to commune at St Matthew are asked to speak with the pastor before doing so. Non-alcoholic wine is the light-colored wine offered in the center portion of the individual cup trays.

If you do not wish to participate in Communion, we invite you to spend the time in silent meditation or prayer. You may be interested in meditating on Psalm 6, 23, 32, 46, 51, or 90 which can be found in the either the Bibles or the Hymnals in the pew racks in front of you.

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