



# 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

## **Instructive Learning**

### **As We Gather**

A common focus for the month of September is education. In Great Britain, the school term for autumn traditionally begins on or near September 29, the day Christians traditionally celebrate St. Michael and All Angels. Our learning goes on throughout our lives. A Sunday School song by American hymnwriter Fanny J. Crosby, who lived from 1820 to 1915, begins, “Let me learn of Jesus; He is kind to me; once He died to save me, nailed upon the tree.” Learning the greatness of our God and growing in our understanding of the amazing plan for our salvation is our duty and delight in every season of our earthly life. And it does not stop then. The German hymnwriter Johann Mentzer, who lived in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, shares a special vision of heaven as he concludes the text of “Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices” with a view of eternal education, expressing the faithful hope one day that he will “learn with choirs of heaven to sing eternal anthems to my King” (*LSB* 811:5). May our learning and our singing both be blessed!

### **When Morning Gilds the Skies**

- 1 When morning gilds the sky, our hearts awaking cry:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! in all our work and prayer  
we ask his loving care: May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 2 To God, the Word on high, the hosts of angels cry:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let mortals too upraise  
their voices in hymns of praise: May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 3 Let earth's wide circle round in joyful notes resound:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky  
from depth to height reply: May Jesus Christ be praised!
- 4 Be this, when day is past, of all our thoughts the last:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! The night becomes as day  
when from the heart we say: May Jesus Christ be praised!

5 Then let us join to sing to Christ, our loving King:  
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song  
through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: Edward Caswell, 1854

### **Invocation**

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

### **Opening Sentences**

*Psalm 67:1–5, 7*

- P** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us,  
**C** that Your way may be known on earth, Your saving power among all nations.
- P** Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!  
**C** Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
- P** Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!  
**C** God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

### **Confession and Absolution**

- P** It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins and hear the words of absolution that assure us of God's forgiveness. The section on "Confession" in the Small Catechism written by Dr. Martin Luther instructs and directs us with these words:
- 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 a called and ordained servant of 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.

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely and may your lives reflect His forgiveness. Be at peace!

**C** Amen.

#### **467 Awake, My Heart, with Gladness**

4 Now hell, its prince, the devil,  
Of all their pow'r are shorn;  
Now I am safe from evil,  
And sin I laugh to scorn.  
Grim death with all its might  
Cannot my soul affright;  
It is a pow'rless form,  
Howe'er it rave and storm.

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# ✠ WORD ✠

## Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 55:6–9*

<sup>6</sup>“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to  
our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,  
declares the LORD.

<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than  
your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*Philippians 1:12–14, 19–30*

<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really  
served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout  
the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for  
Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by  
my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

<sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus  
Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation  
and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as  
always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. <sup>21</sup>For  
to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that  
means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am  
hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ,  
for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your  
account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with  
you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have  
ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

<sup>27</sup>Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that  
whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are

standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup>and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. <sup>29</sup>For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, <sup>30</sup>engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

**C** Thanks be to God.

### **Gradual and Verse**

*Psalm 34:9, 19 alt.; Ephesians 2:8*

**P** Fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing!

**C** Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

**P** Alleluia. By grace you have been saved through faith.

**C** And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God. Alleluia.



**C** Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

### **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, twentieth chapter.

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

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, <sup>4</sup>and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ <sup>5</sup>So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, ‘Why do

you stand here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' <sup>8</sup>And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' <sup>9</sup>And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. <sup>10</sup>Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. <sup>11</sup>And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius?' <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first last."

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

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

### **Children's Message**

### **Installation of Preschool Teachers**

#### **660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus**

- 1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross.  
Lift high His royal banner;  
It must not suffer loss.  
From vict'ry unto vict'ry  
His army He shall lead  
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,  
And Christ is Lord indeed.
- 2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
The trumpet call obey;



Stand forth in mighty conflict  
In this His glorious day.  
Let all His faithful serve Him  
Against unnumbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger  
And strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
Stand in His strength alone.  
The arm of flesh will fail you,  
Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the Gospel armor;  
Each piece put on with prayer.  
Where duty calls or danger,  
Be never wanting there.

4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the din of battle,  
The next the victor's song.  
The soldiers, overcoming,  
Their crown of life shall see  
And with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.

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## **Sermon**

## **Video** – “God’s Chisel”

## **Offering**

## **Prayer of the Church**

**P** Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** hear our prayer.

**P** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C** **hear our prayer.**

**P** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## ✠ Sacrament ✠

### Proper Preface

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, Lord our God, for You have graciously blessed us through the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who for our sake died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death. Confident of His compassion for us, faithfully and continually learning of Him, and rejoicing in the company of the saints on earth and those above, we laud and magnify Your holy name.

### 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.”

## ✠ Lord's Prayer ✠

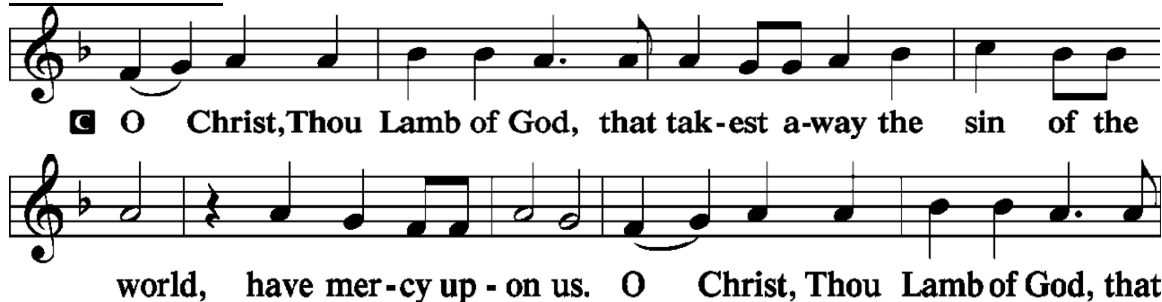
**C** Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.

### Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

### Lamb of God



**C** 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



## ✝ Distribution Hymns ✝

### The Old Rugged Cross

- 1 On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
the emblem of suffering and shame;  
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
for a world of lost sinners was slain.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

- 2 O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
has a wondrous attraction for me;  
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
to bear it to dark Calvary.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

- 3 In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
a wondrous beauty I see,  
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
to pardon and sanctify me.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

- 4 To that old rugged cross I will ever be true,  
its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
then he'll call me some day to my home far away,  
where his glory forever I'll share.

So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it some day for a crown.

Text: George Bennard (1873-1958)  
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### **803 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore Thee,  
God of glory, Lord of love!  
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,  
Praising Thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
Drive the gloom of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness,  
Fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

△3 Thou art giving and forgiving,  
Ever blessing, ever blest,  
Wellspring of the joy of living,  
Ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
Fountainhead of love divine:  
Joyful, we Thy heav'n inherit!  
Joyful, we by grace are Thine!

Text: Henry Van Dyke, 1852–1933, alt.  
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### **632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

- 1 O Jesus, blessèd 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 blessed am I! How good Thou art!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Arthur J. Mason, 1851–1928  
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### **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.

### **892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To Thy final harvest home;

Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified,  
In Thy garner to abide:  
Come with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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*Please join us downstairs for*



*Coffee Fellowship*

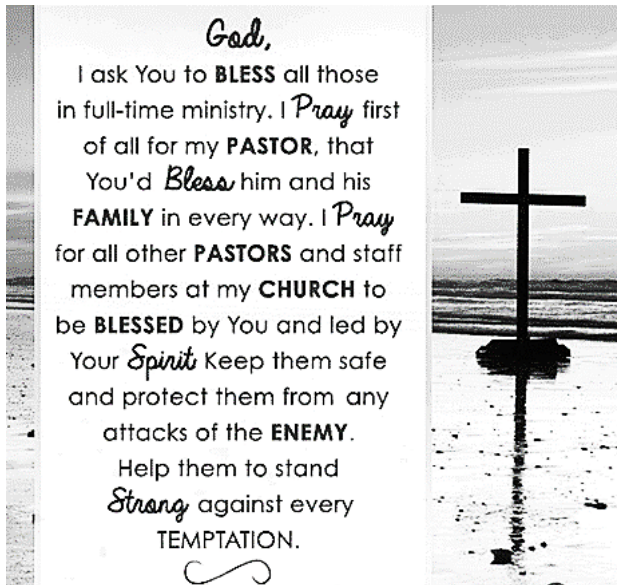
Please sign up for Coffee Hour Fellowship. We need 2 volunteers each week to help bring goodies to share after worship service.



## 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 Technician:</b>	Bob Edmunds
<b>Usher:</b>	Steve Schlaffman
<b>Elder Servers:</b>	Mike Ashton & Craig Smith
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	Cindy Schlaffman
<b>Altar Flowers from:</b>	St Matthew Congregation

**Altar Guild for September:**  
Sylvia Drake & Kathy Peterson





**We are starting up 2 Envelope Fundraisers and have boards in the Narthex. Each envelope has a dollar amount printed on it. Put either a check or cash of that amount into the envelope, include your offering # and place it in the offering plate on Sunday morning or turn it in to the church office.**

### **Fundraiser 1- Carpet/Flooring Fund**

**"We will not neglect the house of our God." Nehemiah 10:39**

**We are wanting to purchase new carpet in the Fellowship Hall and update the flooring under the pews in the Sanctuary.**

### **Fundraiser 2- Preschool Fund**

**Let the little children come to Me and do not hinder them for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Matthew 19:14**

**This money will help to fund the preschool and to help keep it operational.**

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 either the Bibles or the Hymnals in the pew racks in front of you.

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