

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Warrens, WI
6:30 PM Devotional Service via Facebook
Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

Pre-Service Music & Introduction

We Sing: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

**Crown him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon his throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love --
Behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wond'ring eye
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life,
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save.
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die.**

Opening Verses: (Psalm 118:24; Psalm 113:3)

This is the day which the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the Lord is to be praised.

Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
Teach me Your paths.

Sanctify us in Your truth.
Your Word is truth.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
The name of the Lord is to be praised.

**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.**

Opening Prayer:

O Lord, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come to worship You in spirit and in truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to hear and respond to Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear us for the sake of Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading: *Psalm 139:1-16, 23-24*

- ¹ O Lord, you have searched me and known me!
² You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
³ You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.
⁴ Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.
⁵ You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.
⁶ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.
⁷ Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
⁸ If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!
⁹ If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
¹⁰ even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,"
¹² even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.
¹³ For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb.
¹⁴ I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.
¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them ...
²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
²⁴ And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

New Testament Reading: *Philippians 2:1-13*

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

We Sing: “Jesus, Name Above All Names”

**Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Savior, glorious Lord –
Immanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, living Word.**

**Jesus, loving Shepherd,
Vine of the branches, Son of God –
Prince of peace, Wonderful Counselor,
Lord of the universe, Light of the world.**

**Jesus, way of salvation,
King of Kings, Lord of lords –
The Way, the Truth, and the Life,
Mighty Creator, my Savior and friend.**

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Devotion: “The Form of a Servant” (based on Phil. 2)

Prayers for our Neighbors & Ourselves

(Each prayer concludes, “let us pray to the Lord: Lord, have mercy.”)

The Lord’s Prayer:

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.

Closing Prayer:

Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are Yours, and to You the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their watching, faithfulness in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction:

The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you. **Amen.**

We Sing: "I Love to Tell the Story"

I love to tell the story, Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and His glory, Of Jesus and His love.
I love to tell the story, Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings, As nothing else would do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story, Of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story, Although it's sad to tell
Of how our Lord and Master, Faced pain and death and hell.
Dear Jesus, whipped and bleeding, Was hung upon the tree
And died on that Good Friday, To Save both you and me.

Refrain

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting, To hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory, I sing, the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story, That I have loved so long.

Refrain

Sending:

Go in peace to grow in Christ.
Thanks be to God!

Bible Study – Thursday, April 30 at 9:00 a.m.

*Please contact pastor by phone or email (608-378-3233 or
pastorkory.stmatthew@gmail.com) by 8:00 a.m. Thurs. (tomorrow) if you'd like to receive
the emailed link to participate. This Bible study will delve deeper into the message of
Philippians. Everyone is welcome to participate, but this Bible study is password
protected for a more secure connection online.*

Drive-In Service – Sunday, May 3 at 9:15 a.m.

*We will have a "trial run" drive-in service this Sunday in the church parking lot. We also
hope to live-stream the service to Facebook. Please join us either in-person or online!
Bible study this Sunday will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Facebook, focusing on God's
promises for our times of fear.*