

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Warrens, WI
Sunday, May 10, 2020 – The 5th Sunday of Easter
9:15 AM Drive-In Service + Facebook Live

Thank you for worshipping the Lord with us today! If you are attending the drive-in service, please remain in your vehicle and tune your radio to 93.5 FM to hear the pastor and the music. You can park anywhere in St. Matthew's lot. Due to anticipated weather conditions, the service will be led from the main entryway, facing the parking lot. May Christ's comforting Word be a blessing to you today!

Welcome & Introduction to Today's Service

We Greet One Another

We Sing: "From All that Dwell Below the Skies"

1 From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through ev'ry land, by ev'ry tongue.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
Eternal is your glorious Word.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession & Absolution:

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

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

P: Even as we glory in the gift of eternal life, in that hope we spend our days in joyful repentance and faith. Let us confess our sin, the sin that still so easily entangles us, and receive the full forgiveness our Lord daily provides for us.

C: **Lord God, though the strife is over, the battle done, and now is the victor's triumph won, sin still hangs on. We are Your baptized people. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us into our Easter joy.**

P: Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. And in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

Opening Reading: *Psalm 30:1-5; refrain, Psalm 149:1*

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!
I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.
For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
**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.**
Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!

We Sing: "Speak, O Lord"

**1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to You
To receive the food of Your holy word
Take Your truth plant it deep in us
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us
All Your purposes for Your glory**

**2 Teach us, Lord, full obedience
Holy reverence, true humility
Test our thoughts and our attitudes
In the radiance of Your purity
Cause our faith to rise
Cause our eyes to see
Your majestic love and authority
Words of power that can never fail
Let their truth prevail over unbelief**

**3 Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time
That will echo down through eternity
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory**

Prayer of the Day:

P: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Psalm of the Day: *Psalm 146*

¹Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
²I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.
³Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.
⁴When his breath departs he returns to the earth; on that very day his plans perish.
⁵Blessèd is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord his God,
⁶who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever;
⁷who executes justice for the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
⁸the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
⁹The Lord watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
¹⁰The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

New Testament Reading: *1 Peter 2:2-10*

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.
⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in Scripture:
“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”
⁷So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe,
“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone,”
⁸and
“A stone of stumbling,
and a rock of offense.”
They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel Reading: *John 14:1-14*

¹[Jesus said:] "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ²In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?" ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves.

¹²"Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."

We Sing: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

**1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand;
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
Through the storm, through the night,
Lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

**2 When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call;
Hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

**3 When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is almost gone,
At the river I stand;
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.**

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Sermon: "The Comforts of Home" (John 14:1-4)

- Comfort #1: Jesus' Word
- Comfort #2: Jesus' Home
- Comfort #3: Jesus' Resurrection
- Comfort #4: Jesus is the Way

We Confess the Christian Faith: *The Apostles' Creed*

C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.
And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From
thence 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.

Prayers for our Neighbors & Ourselves

The 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.

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 upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

Announcements (see next page)

We Sing: "The Church's One Foundation" (v. 1-2, 4-5)

1 The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav'n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.

2 Elect from ev'ry nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation:
One Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With ev'ry grace endued.

- 4 Through toil and tribulation
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious
Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious
Shall be the Church at rest.
- 5 Yet she on earth has union
With God, the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace
That we, like saints before us,
May see You face to face.

Offering (at the exits of the parking lot)

Thank you for worshipping with us today! Have a blessed Mother's Day!

Church Announcements

Upcoming Services & Bible Studies:

- Sunday, May 10 – 10:30 a.m. Bible Study on the Promises of God (Facebook)
- Wednesday, May 13 – 6:30 p.m. Devotional Service (Facebook)
- Wednesday, May 13 – 7:30 p.m. Ignite Youth Group (Zoom Meeting)
- Thursday, May 14 – 9:00 a.m. Bible Study on Philippians (Zoom Meeting)
- Thursday, May 14 – 6:30 p.m. Final Catechism Class for 2019-2020 (Zoom Meeting)
- Sunday, May 17 – 9:15 a.m. Worship Service (Facebook)

Confirmation Sunday: Next Sunday, May 17, will be Confirmation Sunday for our three 8th grade catechism students, Alauna, Caleb, & Anna. Due to social distancing, this will be a “unique” confirmation service, likely held in the parking lot (weather permitting) as part of our 9:15 a.m. service. Please watch for more details in the coming week and please remember our confirmands in your thoughts and prayers as they confirm their baptismal faith in Christ!

New Website: now available at our usual web address, stmatthewsonline.org. Please look through the many new resources on our website and let us know what else would be helpful!

Other Options for Offerings:

- **By Mail:** to send a check, please mail to St. Matthew's business address, P.O. Box 432, Tomah, WI 54660, or to our physical address, 4285 US Hwy 12, Warrens, WI 54666.
- **E-Giving:** now available on our new church website. Just click the “Giving” tab.
- **The Give Plus app:** Download the app and type in our zip code (54666) to get started.
- **Text Message:** simply text 833-853-4407 and follow the prompts.

Ministry by Mail: If you or a loved one would like to receive devotional resources in the mail, contact Pastor Kory. We have some great resources to share! Donations are welcome to help offset postage costs. Thank you!