

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Warrens, WI
Pre-Recorded Worship Service for
Sunday, July 5, 2020

Pre-Service Music & Introduction to Service

We Sing: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to Me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



Lay down, thou wea - ry one, lay down Thy head up - on My breast."
The liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, Stoop down and drink and live."
Look un - to Me; thy morn shall rise And all thy day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, So wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank Of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found In Him my star, my sun;



I found in Him a rest - ing place, And He has made me glad.
My thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, And now I live in Him.
And in that light of life I'll walk Till trav - ling days are done.

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Invocation and Opening Sentences: (*Matthew 28:19; Zechariah 9:9*)

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

P: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

C: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

P: Behold, your king is coming to you;

C: **righteous and having salvation is He.**

Confession and Absolution: (*Matthew 11:28; Romans 7:21, 24*)

P: By ourselves, we are not righteous and cannot free ourselves; our only hope is to be given Christ's righteousness and thereby be saved. Let us therefore confess our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

- P: Merciful God,
C: **I confess to You and in the presence of my brothers and sisters that I daily sin much and deserve nothing but punishment. Not only am I by nature sinful and unclean, but also with St. Paul, "I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"**
- P: Jesus said, "Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." He offers full and free pardon for all your sins and even your sinful condition. By His death and resurrection, He provides rest, not only from physical turmoil and emotional stress; in Him, we find rest for the soul! As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

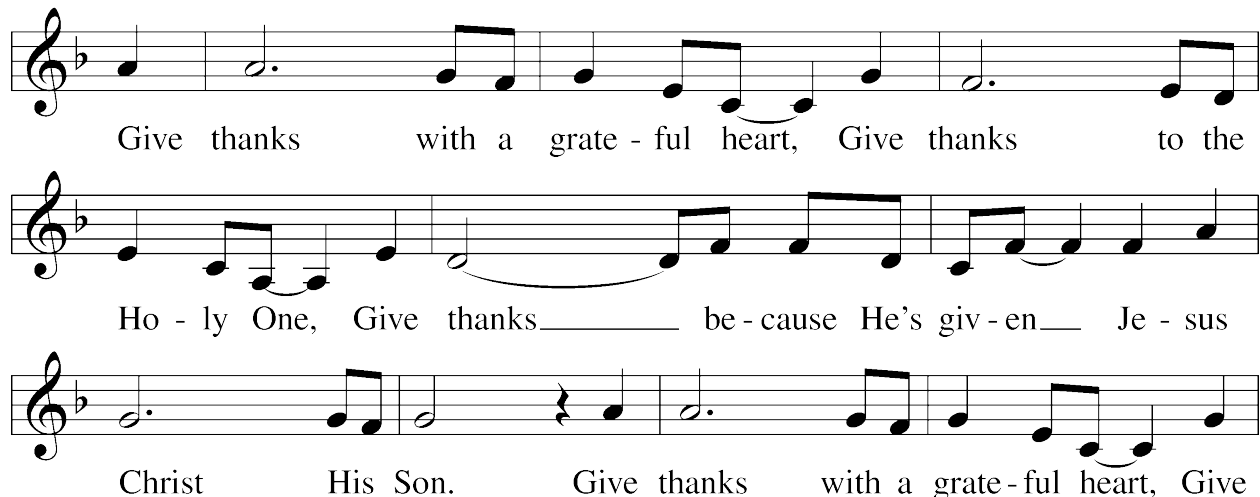
Kyrie: "Lord Have Mercy"

- P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day:

Lord Jesus, whose yoke is easy and burden light, who has promised that we will find rest for our souls, when we are weary, strengthen our resolve; when disheartened, lift our spirits; and when opposed on all sides, surround us with Your strong love, for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We Sing: "Give Thanks, with a Grateful Heart"



Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give thanks to the

Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be - cause He's giv - en _____ Je - sus

Christ His Son. Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, Give

thanks to the Ho - ly One, Give thanks _____ be-cause He's giv-en_

Je - sus Christ His Son. And now let the weak say "I am

strong," Let the poor say "I am rich," _____ Be-cause of

what the Lord has done for us. And now let the

weak say "I am strong," Let the poor say "I am

rich," _____ Be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, _____ give thanks. _____

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Old Testament Reading: *Zechariah 9:9-12*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
 Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
 behold, your king is coming to you;
 righteous and having salvation is he,
 humble and mounted on a donkey,
 on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
 I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
 and the war horse from Jerusalem;
 and the battle bow shall be cut off,
 and he shall speak peace to the nations;
 his rule shall be from sea to sea,
 and from the River to the ends of the earth.
 As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
 I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

New Testament Epistle: *Romans 7:14-25a*

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 11:25-30*

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

We Sing: "Your Grace is Enough"

**1. Great is Your faithfulness, O God.
You wrestle with the sinner's restless heart.
You lead us by still waters into mercy,
And nothing can keep us apart**

Chorus: **So remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.**

**Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.**

**2. Great is Your love and justice, God of Jacob.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation,
And all Your people sing along.**

**Chorus: So remember Your people,
Remember Your children,
Remember Your promise, O God.**

**Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough for me.**

**Ending: Your grace is enough,
Heaven reaches down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.**

**God, I see Your grace is enough,
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.**

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Sermon: "Tug of War" (Romans 7:14-25a)

- I. Does life feel like tug of war?
- II. St. Paul gets personal.
- III. "We're all hypocrites."
- IV. You are more than your struggles!
- V. "Come to Me ..."

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 of the Church

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.

Benediction:

**P: The Lord bless you with rest and keep you in His care.
The Lord make His face shine on you and invigorate you for service in His name.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace today and always. Amen.**

We Sing: "God Bless Our Native Land"

1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;

Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard-ing with

wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
watch-ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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Sending:

P: Go in peace to grow in Christ.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements:

- St. Matthew will not have Wednesday evening services during the month of July. Wednesday services will resume later this summer.
- Our next public service will be on Sunday, July 12, 2020 at 9:15 a.m., with Bible study at 10:30 a.m.

Options for Contributing 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:** Click the "Giving" tab on our website, stmatthewsonline.org.
- **The Give Plus app:** Download the app and type in our zip code (54666) to get started.
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Thank you for participating in this service and supporting the Lord's ministry at St. Matthew! The Lord be with you this week!

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