



St. Matthew

A Home for Every Heart

Sunday, August 30, 2020

Rev. Kory Janneke, Pastor

Welcome to St. Matthew Lutheran Church! Thank you for joining us for this morning's service. If you are attending in-person, please note that we continue to follow coronavirus health protocols for one another's safety. If you have any questions, prayer requests or other needs this morning, please speak with Pastor Kory.

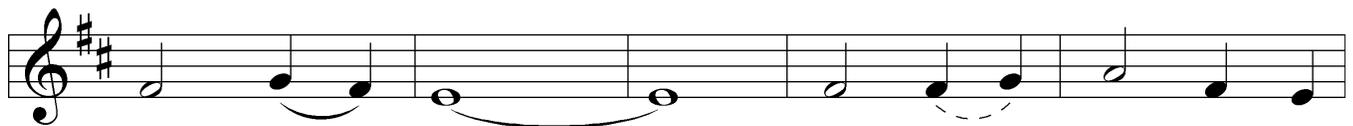
Our continued focus on the book of Romans brings us today to a passage describing Christ-like living, Romans 12:9-21. In a world marred by so much evil, revenge, and hatred, St. Paul tells us Christians to respond differently, even when we are hurt and sinned against. "Overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21).

Welcome & Introduction to Today's Service

We Sing: "Seek Ye First"



1 Seek ye first the king - dom of God, And His
2 Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
3 Man does not live by bread a - lone, But by



righ - teous - ness. And all these things shall be
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
ev - 'ry word That pro - ceeds from the



add - ed un - to you! Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
o - pened un - to you, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
mouth of the Lord, Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

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Invocation

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:8-9

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- P** Let us therefore come before His throne of grace with humble and sincere hearts to lay our burdens down.
- P** Gracious Lord,
- C** **we come before You, laying the burden of our sin at the foot of Your cross. We openly acknowledge our failure to follow Your plans for our lives. We have stumbled and fallen in our service to You. We have placed our agenda ahead of Yours. We have been shallow in our love toward You and toward those You have placed in our path. We cry out for mercy, trusting in Your promise to forgive us through the love of our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**
- P** God has heard your cry for mercy and fulfills His promise to save and deliver you! Lavishing His grace upon you in Jesus, He enables you to love and forgive as He has first loved and forgiven you. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Opening Psalm

Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4

- P** Delight yourself in the Lord,
- C** **and He will give you the desires of your heart.**
- P** Commit your way to the Lord;
- C** **trust in Him, and He will act.**
- P** He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
- C** **and your justice as the noonday.**
- P** Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him;
- C** **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!**

**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.**

- P** Delight yourself in the Lord,
- C** **and He will give you the desires of your heart.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Children's Message

We Sing: "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

- 1 Lord, the light of Your love is shining
In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.

Refrain: Shine on me, Shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory.
Blaze, Spirit, blaze! Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

2 Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance.
By the blood I may enter Your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Refrain

3 As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirrored here, may our lives tell Your story. Refrain

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Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21 (The Lord gives His precious words.)

¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.

¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.

¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;
I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
for you had filled me with indignation.

¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?
Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
“If you return, I will restore you,
and you shall stand before me.
If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall be as my mouth.

They shall turn to you,
but you shall not turn to them.

²⁰And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;
they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,
for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,
declares the LORD.

²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

Epistle Reading: Romans 12:9-21 (With genuine good, overcome evil with good.)

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." ²⁰To the contrary, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head." ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28 (Jesus calls His disciples to take up the cross and follow him.)

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." ²³But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

We Confess the Christian Faith: The Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

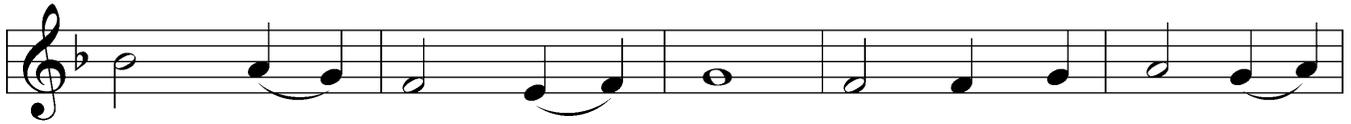
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God 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.**

We Sing: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a



Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Sermon: "Overcome Evil with Good" (Romans 12:9-21)

We Sing: "This 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.

Refrain: 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 someday for a crown.

2 Oh, 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. Refrain

3 In the 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 justify me. Refrain

4 To the old rugged cross, I will ever be true,
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;

Then he'll call me someday to my home far away,
Where his glory forever I'll share. Refrain

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Prayer for our Neighbors & Ourselves

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.

Closing Prayer

P Good Shepherd, thank You for gathering with Your flock as we worship You. Cause the good Word we have heard to take root in our hearts and bear fruit in our lives. Guide us in paths of righteousness, that our words and actions might lead others to glorify You.
C Amen.

Benediction

Romans 12:21; Numbers 6:24–26

P Do not be overcome by evil,
C but overcome evil with good.
P Go forth with the blessing of your good and gracious God:
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.
C Amen.

We Sing: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

sts. 1–2, 4



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, Fol - low His ex -
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus And with pa - tience
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en



am - ple pure, Through a world that would de - ceive us And to
bear our cross. Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; Where He
from the dead That to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus,



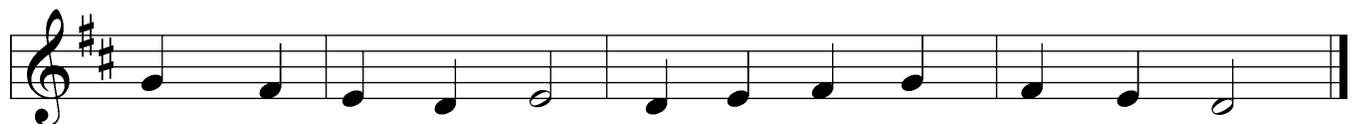
sin our spir - its lure. On - ward in His foot - steps tread - ing,
is, there is no loss. Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter,
You are now our head. We are Your own liv - ing mem - bers;



Pil - grims here, our home a - bove, Full of faith and
We shall reap ce - les - tial joy; All dis - com - forts
Where You live, there we shall be In Your pres - ence



hope and love, Let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful
that an - noy Shall give way to mirth here - af - ter. Je - sus,
con - stant - ly, Liv - ing there with You for - ev - er. Je - sus,



Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where You guide.
here I share Your woe; Help me there Your joy to know.
let me faith - ful be, Life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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Sending

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

Offering

(Offering baskets are placed at the back of the sanctuary. Please see the announcements for details about E-giving options as well. Thank you!)

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Announcements

Bible Class this Sunday

In a live-streamed Bible Study this Sunday at 10:30 a.m., Pastor Kory will lead another "Making Disciples for Life" Bible Study. This week's topic will be "Caring for Those with Depression."

Thursday Bible Study

On Thursday, September 10 at 9:00 a.m., Pastor Kory will resume our in-person Thursday Bible Study. We will spread out in the fellowship hall for one another's safety. Our tentative topic will be the Book of Acts. Please contact pastor with any questions.

Drive Your Tractor Sunday

On Sunday, September 13, we are planning to have our annual "Drive Your Tractor Sunday." We will have an outdoor worship service at 9:15 a.m. After the service, a simple meal will be provided, including individually wrapped sub sandwiches. We will also be opening the church's time capsule after the service. Drive your tractor, classic car, motorcycle, UTV, or whatever vehicle you choose as we come together to praise the Lord and enjoy fellowship on the 13th!

Sunday School this Fall

Beginning the week of Sun, Sept 20, we will provide a distance learning option for Sunday school this Fall using the Enduring Faith curriculum by mailing materials and providing accompanying videos for families to use at home. Additional details to follow. Also, monetary donations are welcome to help offset the cost of Sunday school and catechism class materials for this year. Please contact the church office with questions.

2020 – 2021 Catechism Class

7th and 8th grade catechism students, along with a parent, are asked to attend an opening 2020 – 2021 catechism class meeting on Weds, Sept. 2 at 7:15 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

Ignite

Please contact Matt Kortbein if you are interested in helping with Ignite by leading a Wednesday night meeting or hosting additional events such as a campfire, outdoor activity or other event.

Seeking Pianist

We are interested in adding an additional pianist at St. Matthew, especially to assist with Wednesday services. Pianists receive a stipend for each service. If you know of any potential pianists, please contact the church office.

"Walk through the Bible" Event

The Sparrows Nest at the Abbey (17304 Havenwood Rd. in Sparta) invites you to an event called "Walk through the Bible – New Testament" from 9am-3pm on Sat, Sept 19. Cost is \$25 and includes materials and a boxed lunch. Call 661-406-1721 for more info or to RSVP.

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.

Upcoming Ushers:

August 23	Renee Fletcher
August 30	Jeff Holthaus
Sept 6	Darrell Chambers
Sept 13	LaVern Schroeder

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Aug 30	9:15 am	Worship
Sunday, Aug 30	10:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, Aug 30	5:30 pm	Sober Eysers
Wed, Sept. 2	6:30 pm	Worship Service
Wed, Sept. 2	7:15 pm	Catechism Meeting
Wed, Sept. 2	7:15 pm	Ignite

We pray for:

- Those with health concerns: Dianne, Virginia, Duaine, Sharon, Tyler, Bob, Katie and Angel
- Nitu, a young girl in India now being sponsored by Ignite through Child Fund International
- Phillip Magness, our missionary to west and central Africa
- Rachel Krause, our missionary in Germany

(Please contact the church office to make updates to our prayer list.)

July Financial Update (Year To Date):

Income To Date:	\$158,256.49
Expenses To Date:	\$151,462.14
Current Mortgage Balance:	\$671,238.70