



Sunday, September 27, 2020

Rev. Kory Janneke, Pastor

Welcome to St. Matthew! Thank you for participating in this morning's worship service. If you will be listening from your vehicle, please tune your radio to 93.5 FM. If you have any questions, prayer requests or other needs this morning, please speak with Pastor Kory.

The Scripture readings for today include several calls to repentance – turning from our sins and returning to our gracious God. Today, we'll especially focus on God's Word for us in Psalm 25:1-10, David's expression of trust in the Lord and also of repentance.

Welcome & Introduction to Today's Service

We Sing: "10,000 Reasons"

Refrain: Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

The sun comes up it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes Refrain

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find Refrain

And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore Refrain

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Invocation

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

C **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

P The Lord lifts up the humble;

C **He casts the wicked to the ground.**

P Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love

C **for they have been from of old.**

P Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

C **according to Your steadfast love, remember me, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord!**

Confession and Absolution

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Absolution

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P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.**

Psalm of the Day: Psalm 25:1-10

¹To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.

²**O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies exult over me.**

³Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

⁴**Make me to know your ways, O LORD;
teach me your paths.**

⁵Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you I wait all the day long.

**⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.**

**⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
according to your steadfast love remember me,
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!**

**⁸Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

**⁹He leads the humble in what is right,
and teaches the humble his way.**

**¹⁰All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

Prayer of the Day

P O God of life and hope, You have given rescue to sinners in despair of their sins and to those marked for death. Turn our attention to Your mercy that we learn to rejoice in Your good will, that all would be saved and come to the knowledge of Christ our Savior; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

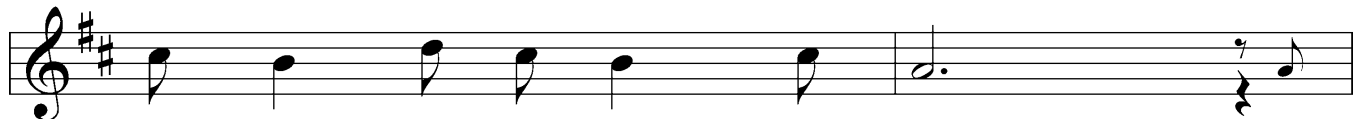
Children's Message

We Sing: "On Eagles' Wings"

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1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, Who a -
2 snare of the fowl - er will nev - er cap - ture you, And
4 For to His an - gels He's giv - en a com - mand To



bide in His shad - ow for life,
fam - ine will bring you no fear;
guard you in all of your ways; Up -



Say to the Lord: "My ___ ref - uge,
Un - der His wings your ___ ref - uge,
on their ___ hands they will bear you up, My ___
His ___
Lest you



rock _____ in whom _____ I _____ trust!"
faith - ful - ness _____ your _____ shield.
dash _____ your foot a - gainst a stone.

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Old Testament Reading: (The Lord takes no pleasure in the death of anyone)

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge’? ³As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet the house of Israel says, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰“Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live.”

Epistle Reading: (At the name of Jesus, Every knee shall bow.) *Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18*

¹If 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 rivalry 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. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Gospel Reading: (The Parable of the Two Sons.)

Matthew 21:23–27

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus answered them, “I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?” And they discussed it among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘From man,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”

We Sing: "I am Trusting You, Lord Jesus"

- 1 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus,
Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation,
Free and true.

- 2 I am trusting you for pardon;
At your feet I bow,
For your grace and tender mercy
Trusting now.

- 3 I am trusting you for cleansing
In the crimson flood,
Trusting you who made me holy
By your blood.

- 4 I am trusting you to guide me;
You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying
All my need.

- 5 I am trusting you for power;
You can never fail.
Words which you yourself shall give me
Must prevail.

- 6 I am trusting you, Lord Jesus;
Never let me fall.
I am trusting you forever
And for all.

Sermon: "Trusting God from A to Z" (Psalm 25:1-10)

We Sing: "Be Thou My Vision"

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night;
Waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.

- 2 Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Thou my whole armor and thou my true might;
Thou my soul's shelter and thou my strong tower.
Raise thou me heavenward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.

- 3 Riches I need not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always;
Thou and thou only the first in my heart;
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

- 4 High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's Sun.
Heart of my own heart, whatever be-fall.
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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.**

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.

C **Amen.**

We Sing: "He Will Hold Me Fast"

- 1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

- 2 Refrain: He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

- 3 Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. Refrain

- 4 For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last! Refrain

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Compassion International Presentation & Announcements

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

Weekly Bible Studies

Our Thursday 9:00 a.m. Bible Study is now meeting weekly. We are studying the Book of Acts. Please join us for this hour of Scripture and conversation in the Fellowship Hall. A new study has begun on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. On Sundays, we'll be focusing on the life and writings and the "wisdom and folly" of King Solomon. This study will be both in-person and live-streamed from 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.

Financial Reminder

As you may know, due to the cancellation of events such as CranFest, at which St. Matthew raised funds by parking cars, St. Matthew is experiencing a significant loss of funding for 2020. Your continued support of St. Matthew's ministry through your offerings is greatly appreciated at this time. Thank you.

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.

LWML Salad Luncheon

SEPTEMBER 26, 2020, IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL, ADAMS, WI

Bring your favorite salad to share along with the recipe, whether it's a fruit salad, vegetable salad, jell-o salad, pasta salad, or a mixture of items to make a salad that you love to share. Enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

LWML SWD Zone 14 Fall Rally

OCTOBER 10, 2020, GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, TOMAH, WI, Registration 8:30am, Program begins 9:00am, Bible Study - LWML-SWD President Cinda Poppe, Gifts of Love: Neighbor for Neighbor Food Pantry, Canned: fruits, vegetables, meats, Boxed: dinners, pasta, cake mixes, Personal hygiene items, diapers, wipes, Cleaning supplies, No lunch provided, Bring a bag lunch if you would like to Fellowship after program concludes

Upcoming Ushers:

Sept 27	Mitch Lyden
Oct 4	Mark Pingel
Oct 11	Devon Brenson
Oct 18	Harvey Foss

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Sept. 27	9:15 am	Worship
Sunday, Sept. 27	10:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, Sept. 27	5:30 pm	Sober Eysers
Wed, Sept. 30	6:30 pm	Worship Service
Wed, Sept. 30	7:15 pm	Catechism
Wed, Sept. 30	7:15 pm	Ignite

We pray for:

- Those with health concerns: Dianne, Virginia, Duaine, Joyce, Tyler, Bob, Katie, Angel, Steve, Linda and Frank.
- The family of Andrew Oswald who passed away Monday, September 21
- For those serving in the armed forces and for police and other first responders
- 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.)

August Financial Update (Year To Date):

Income To Date: \$172,668.77
Expenses To Date: \$167,802.75
Current Mortgage Balance: \$670,048.24