



St. Matthew

Experiencing Renewal in Jesus

Sunday, April 11, 2021
 Rev. Kory Janneke, Pastor

Welcome to St. Matthew! Thank you for joining us in the Lord's house this Sunday. The season of Easter continues as we hear about Jesus' resurrection appearances after the first Easter Sunday, especially His appearance to Thomas. Pastor's message is entitled "A Skeptic's Easter" and will focus on concrete reasons why we believe Jesus is risen from the dead.

A Few Notes to Assist You Today: Enjoy a cup of coffee in St. Matthew's entryway! A nursery/playroom is available for younger families in our education wing. Restrooms are available in the Fellowship Hall. Immediately following this service, Sunday school will meet in our education wing (for children in Pre-K – 6 th grade). Bible study will be offered at 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in possible membership at St. Matthew, or if you have questions or prayer requests today, please let Pastor Kory know. May God bless you this Easter season with hope in our Risen Savior!

We Sing: "He's Risen, He's Risen"



1 He's ris - en, He's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
 2 The foe was tri - um - phant when on Cal - va - ry
 3 But short was their tri - umph; the Sav - ior a - rose,
 4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
 △ 5 Then sing your ho - san - nas and raise your glad voice;



He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate, true Word.
 The Lord of cre - a - tion was nailed to the tree.
 And death, hell, and Sa - tan He van - quished, His foes.
 Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.
 Pro - claim the blest tid - ings that all may re - joice.



Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
 In Sa - tan's do - main did the hosts shout and jeer,
 The con - quer - ing Lord lifts His ban - ner on high;
 For all our trans - gres - sions His blood does a - tone;
 Laud, hon - or, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:



And earth, sea, and moun - tain their prais - es pro - long.
 For Je - sus was slain, whom the e - vil ones fear.
 He lives, yes, He lives, and will nev - er - more die.
 Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are His own.
 With Fa - ther and Spir - it He ev - er shall reign.

Invocation

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

C Amen.

Easter Acclamation

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Confession and Absolution

1 John 1:6–10

P If we say we have fellowship with Him while we walk in darkness,

C we lie and do not practice the truth.

P But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

C If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P If we say we have not sinned,

C we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

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.

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.

P May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 105:1-5,8; refrain: 1 Peter 2:2-3

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him, sing praises to him;

tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

Seek the LORD and his strength;

seek his presence continually!

**Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

He remembers his covenant forever,
the word that he commanded, for a thousand generations.

**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.**

**Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may
grow up to salvation—
if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.**

Children's Message

We Sing: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

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Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, grant that we who have celebrated the Lord's resurrection may by Your grace confess in our life and conversation that Jesus is Lord and God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Epistle Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2 (What we have seen and heard we proclaim to you.)

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Holy Gospel: John 20:19-31 (Jesus appears to Thomas and the disciples.)

¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld.”

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.”

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

We Confess our 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: "O Sons and Daughters of the King"

sts. 1, 5-9



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, Whom heav'n - ly
 5 When Thom - as first the tid - ings heard That they had
 6 "My pierc - ed side, O Thom - as, see, And look up -
 7 No long - er Thom - as then de - nied; He saw the



hosts in glo - ry sing, To - day the grave has lost its sting!
 seen the ris - en Lord, He doubt - ed the dis - ci - ples' word.
 on My hands, My feet; Not faith - less but be - liev - ing be."
 feet, the hands, the side; "You are my Lord and God!" he cried.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

8 How blest are they who have not seen
 And yet whose faith has constant been,
 For they eternal life shall win.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

9 On this most holy day of days
 Be laud and jubilee and praise:
 To God your hearts and voices raise.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon: "A Skeptic's Easter" (John 20:19-31)

We Sing: "When Peace, like a River"



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The

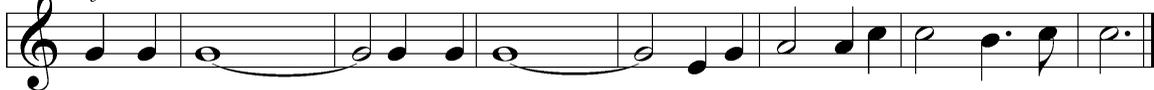


sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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Prayer of the Church

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: "Blessed Assurance"

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

- 2 Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

- 3 Joyful confession, I am his own!
Following Jesus, I'm never alone.
Born of his Spirit, I am restored,
Strengthened to serve my Savior and Lord. Refrain

- 4 Loving submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, kept in his love. Refrain

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Announcements

Sending:

- P** Alleluia! Christ is risen!
- C** He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Sunday School

(Offered in the education wing for children in Pre-K through 6 th grade. Parents, please accompany your children to Sunday school for this first day.)

Offering

(Offering baskets are placed at the back of the sanctuary. You also have the option of giving through ACH or through E-giving – please see our church website “Giving” tab for details. Thank you for supporting the Lord’s ministry at St. Matthew!)

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Announcements
"Spring SING!" Event

On Saturday, April 17, both church members and community members of all ages are invited to St. Matthew for a time of fellowship, singing some contemporary Christian songs, and a light meal. The event will begin at 3:30pm. Please contact Mary Jo Hill with questions.

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: available on our new church website. Just click the "Giving" tab.

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.

ACH Transfer to Bank First: Contact the church office if you have any questions.

***Please note that the fees through E-giving are less if you enter your account information and routing number instead of using you Credit Card or Debit Card.**

Upcoming Ushers:

Apr 11	Mitch Lyden
Apr 18	Devon Brenson
Apr 25	Lynn Martalock
May 1	Dave Kuehl

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, Apr 11	9:15 am	Worship Service
Sunday, Apr 11	10:15 am	Sunday School
Sunday, Apr 11	10:30 am	Bible Study
Sunday, Apr 11	5:30 pm	Sober Eyes
Sunday, Apr 11	6:00 pm	Ignite Youth Group
Tues, Apr 13	6:30 pm	Elders Meeting
Wed, Apr 14	6:30 pm	Wednesday Service
Wed, Apr 14	7:15 pm	Catechism
Thurs, Apr 15	9:00 am	Bible Study

We pray for:

- Those with health concerns: Dianne, Jarrid, Virginia, Amy, Alan, Tyler, Dennis, Jason, Katelyn, Lisa and Angel
- For those serving in the armed forces and for police and other responders
- 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.)