Neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39
OUR MISSION
As a Lutheran community of faith, we continue our history of proclaiming Christ crucified through Word and Sacrament in joyful service to God and our neighbor.

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW’S LUTHERAN CHURCH
We welcome all who worship with us today. We gather as the Body of Christ to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to God. Ushers are available to answer any of your questions. The church is equipped with a hearing impaired system. If you need a listening device, it may be obtained from an usher. In the minutes prior to the beginning of each service, the doors to the nave are closed, and quiet is encouraged. Music is offered which prepares worshipers to receive God’s gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Celebrating Holy Communion: We believe, teach, and confess Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians, who share this belief, are invited to receive Jesus as He comes in the Holy Communion to forgive the sins of the penitent. Children and others who are not yet receiving the sacrament, or who choose not to commune with us, are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest.

During this Covid-19 season, specific instructions for communion will be given by the Pastor. Please receive the host in your flattened palm. If you cannot receive alcohol, please inform the Pastor before the host is dipped in the chalice.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God, and given by Butch and Karen Ruefle, and by Carol Comeskey in honor of the birthdays of Harry Comeskey and Clare Zumwalt.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS! On this Feast of St. James the Elder, we mark the martyrdom of the brother of St. John the Apostle and Evangelist. As reported in Acts 12:2, St. James was martyred on this day in 44 A.D. by order of King Agrippa I as part of the persecution of the early Church. St. James, one of the sons of thunder, was, with St. Peter and St. James' brother, part of the small inner circle of the twelve who were present at the Transfiguration and witnessed the raising of Jairus' daughter. According to Spanish tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, where his shrine attracts Christian pilgrims from all over the world. In today's epistle lesson from Romans 8, St. Paul reminds us that by our Baptism into the Lord Jesus' death and resurrection we have the bedrock assurance that nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love in Christ.

I will strive to ……
- Pray daily
- Worship weekly
- Read the Bible
- Serve at and beyond St. Matthew’s
- Be in Relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others
- Give of my time, talents and resources

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Silence for Meditation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the Son +, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
                     (We are silent for a time of self-examination.)
Pastor: Holy and gracious God,
Congregation: I confess that I have sinned against you. Some of my sin I know -- the thoughts and words
             and deeds of which I am ashamed -- but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus
             Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may be at peace.
Pastor: 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. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

Once to Every Man and Nation

1. Once to ev - ery man and na - tion Comes the mo - ment to de - cide,
2. Then to side with truth is no - ble, When we share her wretch - ed crust,
3. By the light of burn - ing mar - tyr's, Christ, your bleed - ing feet we track,
4. Though the cause of e - vil pros - per, Yet 'tis truth a - lone is strong;

In the strife of truth with false - hood, For the good or e - vil side;
Bec - her cause bring fame and prof - it, And 'tis pros - perous to be just;
Though her por - tion be the scarf - fold, And up - on the throne be wrong.

Some great cause, God's new Mes - si - ah, Of - fering each the bloom or blight,
Then it is the brave man choos - es While the cow - ard stands a - side,
New oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties, Time makes an - cient good un - couth;
Yet that scarf - fold sways the fu - ture, And, be - hind the dim un - known,

And the choice goes by for - ev - er "Twixt that dark - ness and that light.
Till the mul - ti - tude make vir - true Of the faith they had de - nied.
They must up - ward still and on - ward, Who would keep a - breast of truth.
Stands our God with - in the shadow Keep - ing watch a - bove his own. A - men.

James Russell Lowell, 1845; alt.
Thomas John Williams, 1890
* THE GREETING
Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Congregation: And also with you.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY
Pastor: O Lord, you received your apostle James to glory when he was made to drink the cup you drank, having been a prince of your people. Thereby you made bold those who first believed and preached your resurrection. By our memory of your sacrifice and those who followed you, make us ready to endure what will bring glory to your cause. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Congregation: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Acts 11:27-12:5
27 Now in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and foretold by the Spirit that there would be a great famine over all the world (this took place in the days of Claudius). 29 So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea. 30 And they did so, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul. 12 About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. 2 He killed James the brother of John with the sword, and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread. 4 And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. 5 So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 7:1-10
O Lord my God, in you do I take refuge; save me from all my pursuers and deliver me, lest like a lion they tear my soul apart, rending it in pieces, with none to deliver.
O Lord my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands, if I have repaid my friend with evil or plundered my enemy without cause, let the enemy pursue my soul and overtake it, and let him trample my life to the ground and lay my glory in the dust.
Arise, O Lord, in your anger; lift yourself up against the fury of my enemies; awake for me; you have appointed a judgment.
Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered about you; over it return on high.
The Lord judges the peoples; judge me, O Lord, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me.
Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and may you establish the righteous you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God!
My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart.
Glory 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.
SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:28-39

28 And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. 30 And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? 32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” 37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

THE VERSE

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Pastor: The HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.
Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” 36 And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you?” 37 And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” 38 Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” 39 And they said to him, “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized, 40 but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. 42 And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 43 But it shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.
* THE HYMN OF THE DAY

**Children of the Heavenly Father**  
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1. Children of the heavenly Father, safely in his bosom gather;  
2. God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish.  
3. Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
4. Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children never forsaketh;

From all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.  
Unto them his grace he sheweth, and their sorrow all he knoweth.  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958  
Music: TRYGGEN/KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

* THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy.  
Congregation: Hear our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* SHARING THE PEACE

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
Congregation: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

**There’s Something About That Name**  
Jan Betts

arr. Lloyd Larson
**THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,*

*give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.*

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*give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son.*

*And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!*

Text: Henry Smith  
Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: God our Father,

Congregation: in memory of James, the blessed faithful apostle of Jesus your Son, we offer ourselves with these gifts as our sign, confessing faith in the merit of our Savior; and as it pleases you, use us as well to add to the glory of our Lord, living always in concert with the eternal melody of your saving grace. Amen.
* COMMUNION
Pastor: The Lord be with you.  People: And also with you.
Pastor: Lift up your hearts.  People: We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.
Pastor: It is indeed right...thanks and praise.

* THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER
Pastor: You are indeed holy...now and forever.  Congregation: Amen.

* 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION SONG  I’d Rather Have Jesus  (page 10)

* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER
Assisting Minister: We look to you, O Lord, because you were able to refuse the evil and choose the good. By your Spirit you make your disciples faithful to your Word. Continue this communion with us through this week that by the strength of your victory we may dare to serve you without fear. You are the Lord forevermore.

Congregation: Amen.
Congregation: I will strive to pray daily, worship weekly, read the Bible, serve at and beyond St. Matthew’s, be in relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others, and give of my time, talents, and resources.

* THE BENEDICTION
* CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Loves Me

At this time anyone desiring prayer for healing is invited to approach the altar rail.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1888

* THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:
Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 145:10-21; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:22-35
I'd Rather Have Jesus

I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold,
I'd rather have Jesus than your applause,
He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom,

I'd rather be his than have riches untold;
I'd rather be faithful to his dear cause;
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;

I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I'd rather hide Jesus than world-wide fame,
He's all that my hungering spirit needs,

I'd rather be led by his nail-pierced hand;
I'd rather be true to his holy name;
I'd rather have Jesus and let him lead;

Than to be the king of a vast domain,
Or be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords to-day.
The Word of God: Holds Us

Praying

“O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.” (The Daily Prayer of the Church, 618).

Listening

Romans 8:28 “...for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

St. John Chrysostom [Late 4th – early 5th century Patriarch of Constantinople, Turkey]: “For if tribulation, or poverty, or imprisonment, or famines, or deaths or anything else should come upon us, God can change them into the opposite. For this is one instance of his ineffable power, that he can make painful things appear light to us and turn them into things which can be helpful… Even opposition and disappointment are turned into good…” (Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: Romans, 233-234).

Romans 8:31 “If God is for us, who can be against us?”

Origen [Late 2nd – early 3rd century Bible scholar in Alexandria, Egypt]: “It is because the Spirit of God dwells in us and because the Spirit of Christ, or Christ himself, is in us… because we act in the power of God’s Spirit, because we have received the Spirit of adoption, because we are children of God, heirs and fellow heirs of Christ” (237).

Romans 8:37 “No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.”

St. Basil the Great [4th century Bishop of Caesarea, Turkey]: “He conquers who does not yield to those who lead on by force, but he is more than conqueror who voluntarily invites sorrows for a demonstration of his endurance” (242).

Romans 8:38 “For I am sure that neither death nor life...”

Origen of Alexandria: “… he who believes in Christ shall live even if he dies… because Christ gives us eternal life” (242).

Romans 8:39 “… nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

St. Caesarius [6th century Bishop of Arles, France]: “Spiritual souls are not separated from Christ by torments, but carnal souls are sometimes separated by idle gossip. The cruel sword cannot separate the former, but carnal affections remove the latter. Nothing hard breaks down spiritual men, but even flattering words corrupt the carnal” (243).

Reflecting

1. Does my Lord’s resurrection, to which I am joined in Baptism, sustain me in times of fear?
Learning

Christian Questions with Their Answers

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord’s Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

9. What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?

He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. Did the Father also die for you?

He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. How do you know this?

From the Holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

Doing

1. Pray for every unbaptized child you know and for the child’s parents, too.

2. Pray for your unchurched loved ones and friends. Invite one or more of them to worship.

3. Invite someone you know to attend the New Disciples Class on August 15 at 9 a.m.

4. Discuss with your spouse, your family, or a friend the importance of and great need for self-examination before receiving the Sacrament of the Altar. If you have never considered making a private confession before a pastor, please do so… not for the pastor’s sake but for yours.

5. Set aside time daily, preferably first thing, but when you are able to focus, to hear the Word of God, to reflect upon that Word, and to ask the Holy Spirit to grant you grace to be shaped by and conformed to that Word. Daily Bible readings may be found at www.stmatthewsch.org. Daily lectionary readings are on p.183 in the front of the Lutheran Book of Worship (Year One, Week of 9 Pentecost). New Portals of Prayer devotional booklets are available in the narthex.

For Husbands and Wives

Repeat daily: “I (name) take you (name) to be my wedded wife (husband), to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish until death do us part, according to God’s holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge you my faith.”
MEMBERS
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Tracy Boandl  Doris Isaacs  David Schwartz

REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:
Elsie Cates  Margaret French  Jim Harshbarger
Frank Fauser  Ruthann Getsinger  Jane McDougald

Operating Fund: June 2021

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Offerings Received through July 18

- Projected July receipts: 31,889.00
- Received to date: 20,200.94
- Expected additional receipts: 11,688.06

Expenses

- Budgeted expenses for July: 40,703.00
- Bills paid to date: 10,678.28
- Bills yet to be paid: 30,024.72
**Weekly Worship Schedule**

Saturday - Eucharist, 6 p.m.       Sunday - Traditional Eucharist. 8:30 and 11 a.m.   Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays - Contemporary Eucharist, 8:30 a.m.   Monday - Evening Prayer and Bible Study, 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 p.m.

A nursery is provided for all Sunday Services and during the Sunday School hour.

**First Time Visitors** - Please stop by our Welcome Center to sign our guest book and get information about St. Matthew’s.

- Baby changing tables are available in the two restrooms across from the church offices and in the nursery.

**This Week at St. Matthew’s**

**Sunday, July 25 The Feast of St. James**
- 8:30 Contemporary Eucharist
- 9:45 Denomination Affiliation Forum - McCombs
- 11:00 Traditional Eucharist
- 12:00 Reception for Jan Betts
- 5:00 Young Adults Group Movie Night - McSwain

**Monday, July 26**
- 9:00 Counting Team - Finance Office
- 12:00 Conversations
- 6:00 Evening Prayers
- 7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs
- 7:00 Harbour Towne Band rehearsal - Choir Room

**Tuesday, July 27**
- 10:00 Staff Meeting - Rm. 117
- 10:00 Prayer Group - Library

**Wednesday, July 28**
- 8:30 Men’s Breakfast Bible Study - McCombs
- 12:00 Healing Eucharist

**Thursday, July 29**
- 7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs

**Friday, July 30**
- 6:00 Eucharist

**Saturday, July 31**
- 6:00 Eucharist

**Sunday, August 1 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**
- 8:30 Traditional Eucharist
- 11:00 Traditional Eucharist

**Infant Baptisms** for the children of St. Matthew’s members will be scheduled upon request. Baptisms of the children of those joining in December will be scheduled for the day their parents are received into membership or on a day after the parents have joined. Please call or email Pastor Zumwalt at 910-791-4582 x200 or szumwalt@bellsouth.net.

**Christian marriage** is between one biological man and one biological woman according to the Lord Jesus (Matthew 19:4-6). Those preparing for Christian marriage at St. Matthew’s are members of the parish, take the Prepare inventory, and meet with Pastor Zumwalt a minimum of four sessions several months prior to their wedding date. A wedding booklet with additional details about the worship service for the marriage of Christians will be given to the couple at the beginning of the pre-marriage preparation process.

**The Special Congregation Meeting** to vote on ELCA disaffiliation and selection of a new Lutheran denomination has been postponed. Council will announce a date when the meeting will take place. Remember, in order to qualify to vote you must be confirmed, have commended, and made a contribution of record in 2020 or 2021.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For those who may have missed the June 13 Council forum on “Where We Are Regarding Denominational Affiliation”, there will be a repeat session today at 9:45 a.m. in McCombs Fellowship Hall. Handouts from the June forum are available in the Commons.

**Regarding New Member Classes:** Our next New Disciples Class for adults new to the Lutheran church is on Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to noon. Those, who have never been baptized with water in the name of the Triune God, will also be prepared for Holy Baptism. The New Member Orientation for confirmed Lutheran transfers and those who previously attended the New Disciples Class will be on Saturday, December 4, from 9 - 11:30 a.m. We will next receive new members on the weekend of December 4-5, 2021. To express your interest in joining St. Matthew’s, please email Donna Capozio, Administrative Assistant, at dcapozio@stmatthewsch.org.

**Christkindlmarkt** has a good start regarding Sponsorships but we need more. You can pick up a Sponsorship form in the Commons. Also read about our Help a Neighbor initiative and consider purchasing a “Special Tee”.

**Congratulations to Elaine Mathe**, the winner of the CKM 50/50 raffle for July!

**For those who may have missed the Stephen Ministry information meeting on June 6 and desire more information about the Ministry, please contact Ana Maria Jackson (910-599-5622), Jon Lindsay (770-356-5093), or Terry Miller (910-619-3742). We will be glad to discuss the possibility of you becoming a Stephen Minister, or perhaps you or somebody you know may benefit from a Stephen Ministry caring relationship.**

**The Church Office is in need of volunteers to answer the phones** when Donna Capozio is out of the office. If you would be willing to help out, please contact Donna at 791-4582 or dcapozio@stmatthewsch.org.

**Making an extra special donation?** Help cover the day-to-day expenses during the summer. These expenses continue even if we travel. Mark checks "use where needed". Thank you.

**Finance is in need of Couriers** for the next several months. The time commitment is minimal on Monday mornings, and you can even stay in your car by using the drive through lane. Please sign-up on the big board in the Commons.

**Second Sunday Forum on Sunday, August 8, at 9:45 a.m.** in McCombs Fellowship Hall. Presentation on the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod by the Rev’d. Dr. John Denninger, President of the Southeastern District, LCMS. Pr. Denninger is our guest preacher that weekend.

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