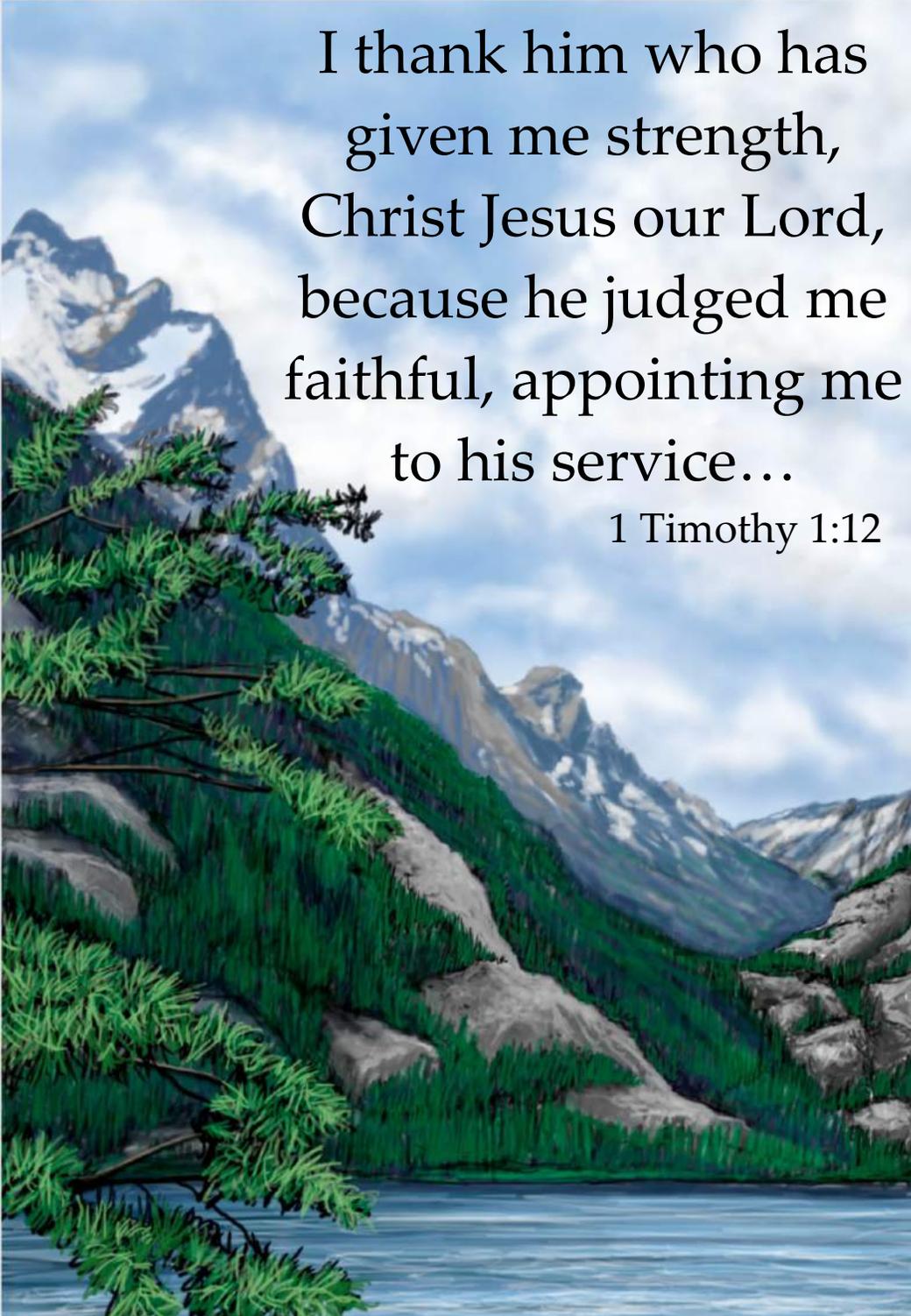


*St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church*

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 11, 2022

8:30 AM



I thank him who has  
given me strength,  
Christ Jesus our Lord,  
because he judged me  
faithful, appointing me  
to his service...

1 Timothy 1:12

## 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 worshippers 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.

As we continue our return to our pre-Covid practice, ushers will direct you to the altar where you may kneel or stand. Please continue to receive the host in your flattened palm. If you cannot receive alcohol, please inform the pastor before the host is dipped in the chalice. If you need a gluten free host, please ask before the host is dipped in the chalice. Once you have communed, please return to your seat. If you need to be communed at your seat, please inform an usher. The pastor(s) will come to you.

**The Altar Flowers** are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by Harry and Tanya Puckett, and by Beth Hales in honor of Craig Hales' birthday.

**Sunday School** is sponsored by Lynette Farmer in honor of her parents who always took her to Sunday School.

**WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS!** On this 14th Sunday after Pentecost, we listen to an excerpt from the first chapter of St. Paul's First Letter to Timothy. The apostle describes what the grace and mercy of God in Jesus Christ has done in his life. A despised persecutor of Christ's Church, a trained Pharisaic rabbi, Paul becomes the apostle to the Gentiles, who travels far and wide to spread the Good News of forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in Jesus' name. If the Holy Spirit can so greatly change Paul's heart and mind, we ought never to despair of God's ability to save us and those for whom we have the greatest concern. Never stop praying. Never give up on yourself or on anyone as long as he or she has life and breath.

I 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**



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(\* 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  $\dagger$ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Congregation: who made heaven and earth.**

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**Congregation: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**Congregation: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

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  $\dagger$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

#### \* THE SONG OF PREPERATION

#### *You Servants of God*



1 You ser - vants of God, your mas - ter pro - claim, and pub - lish a -  
2 Our God rules on high, al - might - y to save; and still he is  
3 Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -  
4 Then let us a - dore and give him his right, all glo - ry and



broad his won - der - ful name; the name, all - vic - to - rious, of  
nigh, his pres - ence we have. The great con - gre - ga - tion his  
loud and hon - or the Son. The prais - es of Je - sus the  
pow'r and wis - dom and might, all hon - or and bless - ing, with



Je - sus ex - tol; his king - dom is glo - rious and rules o - ver all!  
tri - umph shall sing, as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our king!  
an - gels pro - claim, fall down on their fac - es, and wor - ship the Lamb.  
an - gels a - bove, and thanks nev - er ceas - ing, and in - fin - ite love!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.  
Music: LYONS, Johann M, Haydn, 1737–1806, adapt.

#### \* 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, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one and with pure hearts to follow you our only Lord. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**FIRST LESSON: Exodus 32:7-14**

<sup>7</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. <sup>8</sup> They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup> And the LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. <sup>10</sup> Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you." <sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, 'I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.'" <sup>14</sup> And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 51:1-10**

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!**

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.**

Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

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: 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service, <sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup> But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup> To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**THE VERSE**

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954  
Arr. © 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

**\* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Pastor:** The HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Luke, the fifteenth chapter.

**Congregation:** Glory to you, O Lord.

**HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-10**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**THE SERMON**

**Holy Baptism: Strengthens**

**Pr. Zumwalt**

**\* THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

*There's A Wideness in God's Mercy*



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and a prom-ised grace made good;  
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sures of our mind;  
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je-sus; it is some-thing more than all:



there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is mer - cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in his blood.  
and the heart of the e - ter-nal is most won-der - ful - ly kind.  
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heav'n.  
There is grace e - nough for thou-sands of new worlds as great as this;  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;  
If our love were but more sim-ple, we should take him at his word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment giv'n.  
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.  
there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor - rows of the head.  
and our lives would be all sun-shine in the sweet-ness of our Lord.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863  
Music: BEECHER, John Zundel, 1815-1882

**\* THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**\* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**\* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

**THE OFFERING**

*May You Run and Not Be Weary*  
**Joyful Noise**

**Henry Wiens**

**\* THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

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!

Text: Henry Smith  
 Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

**\* THE OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Eternal Father,

**Congregation:** your Son brought nothing into this world giving us an opportunity to serve you. Show us the needs he still has among us that we may prove our love and our hope in you. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

**People:** Amen.

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might:  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est.  
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-san-na in the high-est.

Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune  
 Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

**\* THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: You are indeed holy...now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

**\* THE LORDS 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 Am Jesus' Little Lamb*



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb, Ev - er glad at  
2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
3 Who so hap - py as I am, E - ven now the



heart I am; For my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



Knows my need and well pro - vides me, Loves me ev - 'ry  
In - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; When I thirst, He  
By His an - gel host at - tend - ed, He shall fold me



day the same, E - ven calls me by my name.  
bids me go Where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
to His breast, There with - in His arms to rest.

Text: Henrietta L. von Hayn, 1724-82; tr. *The Lutheran Hymnal*, 1941  
Tune: *Choral-buch...Brüder-Gemeinen*, Leipzig, 1784; setting: Ewald Weiss, 1906-98

**\* THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Lord, we have eaten the food you gave as a sign of forgiveness and life. Use it to strengthen our resolve to forgive each other. We bless you now and evermore.

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**

**\* THE HYMN OF PRAISE**

***God of Our Fathers***

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



1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand  
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;  
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,  
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;



leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
in this free land by you our lot is cast;  
make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.  
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:  
oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

Text: Daniel C. Roberts, 1841–1907, alt.  
Music: NATIONAL HYMN, George W. Warren, 1828–1902

**\* THE DISMISSAL**

**POSTLUDE**

**LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:**

Ezekiel 2:8–3:11; Psalm 119:33-40; Ephesians 2:4-10; Matthew 9:9-13

## Holy Baptism: Strengthens

### Praying

“O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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*, 620-621).

### Listening

*1 Timothy 1:12* “I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord...”

St. John Chrysostom [Late 4th – early 5th century Patriarch of Constantinople, Turkey]: “... When you see what he came to be out of what he was, then you will commend him the more. So if you have greatly sinned, you yourself upon being changed will hope all the more by seeing him. Such an example comforts those who are in despair and causes them again to stand tall” (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: 1 Timothy*, 141).

*1 Timothy 1:13* “...But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,”

St. John Chrysostom: “Why then did other Jews not obtain mercy? Because what they did, they did not ignorantly but willfully, well knowing what they did... Paul did not act... from the love of power, but from zeal... It is for this he confesses his ignorance, which was a consequence of disbelief” (143).

*1 Timothy 1:14* “and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus”

St. Cyril [4<sup>th</sup> century Patriarch of Jerusalem, Israel]: “... I acted ignorantly. For I considered the preaching of Christ to be the destruction of the law, for I did not know that he came to fulfill the law, not to destroy it. But the grace of our Lord has abounded beyond measure in me” (143).

*1 Timothy 1:15* “... Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.”

St. Augustine [Late 4<sup>th</sup> – early 5<sup>th</sup> century Bishop of Hippo Regius, Algeria]: “There was no reason for Christ the Lord to come, except to save sinners. Eliminate diseases, eliminate wounds, and there is no call for medicine. If a great doctor has come down from heaven, a great invalid must have been lying very sick throughout the whole world. The invalid is the whole human race” (144).

*1 Timothy 1:16* “Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe...”

St. Augustine: “... ‘If Paul was cured, why should I despair? If such a desperately sick man was cured by such a great physician, who am I, not to fit those hands to my wounds, not to hasten to the cure of those hands?’ That people might be able to say that sort of thing, that’s why Saul was made an apostle out of a persecutor. When a doctor comes to a new place, he looks for someone there who’s been despaired of and cures him, even if he finds he’s very poor, provided he finds him a desperate case. He is not looking for a fee but displaying his skill” (146).

### Reflecting

1. Do I ever despair of God’s grace and mercy in Christ? If not for me, then for someone else?

## Learning

### The Ten Commandments

AS THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD SHOULD TEACH THEM IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD.

### The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

*What does this mean?*

“We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks” (*Luther’s Small Catechism*).

### Doing

- Pray for every unbaptized child you know and for the child’s parents, too.
- Pray for your unchurched loved ones and friends. Invite one or more of them to worship.
- Commit yourself to the study of God’s Word at St. Matthew’s. New Sunday School classes for all ages began last Sunday. The Crossways Bible Study continues this week with Unit 25 (of 60) on Wednesday at 6 p.m. and Thursday at 10 a.m. Newcomers and visitors welcome.
- Practice every day saying the second commandment and its explanation. Rehearse it with others in your household or with a Christian friend over the phone. Break down what God wants.
- 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 lectionary readings are on p.190 in the front of the Lutheran Book of Worship (Year Two, Week of 14 Pentecost).
- Read next week’s preaching text (Ephesians 2:4-10). Reflect on how God’s grace and mercy in Jesus Christ sets you free to do the good works for which He has created you.

### 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.”

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

*Cindy Harms, Jan Magnus, Barbara Brennaman, Sharon Hatcher, Lloyd Moore, Corrie Formica, Jim Villa, Peggy Barr, Sheila Leach, Jennifer Stirrat, Mary McSwain, David Case, Nancy Miller, Alex Schwartz, Kathryn Webster, Heidi Baldwin, Ashley Lawson, David Searle, Dylan Wrench*

**MEMBERS**

Regina Ryder	Leslie Long	Tina Medlin
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Liz Newbery	Daniel Sparks	Joel Peterson
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Helen Knoll	John Tullous	Ken Manning
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Amie Knauer	Jo Beth Brinkley	Megan McKinney
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Jerry Knoll	Eileen Carzon	Pr. Rob Moore
Journey Heyer	Bill and Dot Pearson	Eleanor Eisenman
Richard Truax	Hudson Dingfelder	Debbie Clary
Tracy Boandl	Jeff James	Edward Morrison
Barbara Colton	Laurena Sundberg	Ron Bloom
August Hopper	Josiah Heyer	Robert Shaffer
Kattie Duff	Holly, Brett, and Lala Limmer	Wilhelmina Stanland
David Schwartz	Peter Thomas	Carla Ramm
John Tullous, Jr.	Alex and family	Bobby Roberts
Cannon Helms	Rufus Horne	Lori Aquirre
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David Hunsberger	Alice Copeland	Mary Miller
Sally Przybranowski	Hardin Hosford Croom	

**REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:**

Elsie Cates	Margaret French	Laura Gray
Nancy Fauser	Ruthann Getsinger	Jane McDougald

<b><u>Operating Fund: August 2022</u></b>		
	<b>Month</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	40,217.35	332,413.24
<b>Expenses:</b>	<u>42,745.25</u>	<u>335,357.94</u>
<b>Income/ (Loss)</b>	(2,527.90)	(2,944.70)

<b><u>Offerings Received through September 4</u></b>	
<b>Projected receipts:</b>	35,986.68
<b>Received to date for Sept:</b>	<u>7,506.00</u>
<b>Add'l expected:</b>	28,480.68

<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	
<b>Anticipated expenses for Sept:</b>	46,070.35
<b>Bills paid to date:</b>	<u>-</u>
<b>Anticipated remaining:</b>	46,070.35

### 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, 5 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, September 11 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

8:30 Contemporary Eucharist  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Eucharist  
12:30 Grief Support Group - Library

#### **Monday, September 12**

9:00 Counting Team  
12:00 Conversations  
6:00 Evening Prayer  
7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs  
7:00 Harbour Towne Band - Choir Room

#### **Tuesday, September 13**

10:00 Prayer Group - Library  
10:00 Staff Meeting - Rm. 117  
10:00 Faith Circle  
5:15 Girls Choir of Wilmington - Choir Room  
6:00 Girl Scouts 354 - McCombs

#### **Wednesday, September 14**

8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study - McCombs  
12:00 Healing Eucharist  
6:00 Handbells  
6:00 Crossways - McCombs  
7:00 Adult Choir  
7:00 Confirmation

#### **Thursday, September 15**

10:00 Crossways - McCombs  
10:00 Quilt Ministry - Rm. 117  
7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs

#### **Friday, September 16**

#### **Saturday, September 17 The Feast of St. Matthew**

9:00 New Member Orientation - Library  
6:00 Eucharist; New members received

#### **Sunday, September 18 The Feast of St. Matthew**

8:30 Traditional Eucharist; new members received  
9:45 Sunday School  
11:00 Traditional Eucharist; new members received  
4:00 Organ Concert - Monte Maxwell; reception to follow

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Member Orientation is September 17<sup>th</sup> at 9am.** This class is for transferring Lutherans or those who attended the New Disciples class. New members will be received September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. If you're interested in attending, contact Donna Capozio at 791-4582 or [dcazio@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:dcazio@stmatthewsch.org).

**Monte Maxwell, US Naval Academy Organist, will be in concert at 4 p.m. next Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.** Tickets are still available for members (4 free tickets per household) and the general public at \$10 each. Members may reserve tickets by contacting Joan at [finance@stmatthewsch.org](mailto:finance@stmatthewsch.org). The public may order tickets online at [www.stmatthewsch.org](http://www.stmatthewsch.org). Tickets can be picked up at "will call" table on the day of the concert. Some tickets may be available at the door on September 18 at \$10 each.

**The OWL's Luncheon will be Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 11:30 a.m. in McCombs Hall, catered by Middle of the Island. The menu is roast beef, country style steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, broccoli salad, rolls, apple crisp with ice cream, tea, and coffee. Cost is \$15 per person, and the sign-up sheet is on the big board in the Commons.

**We are starting Supper Clubs** as a new way to fellowship at St. Matthew's. This is a great way to meet people, make new friends across the generations, and have some fun. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Karen Schmoke at [swids73@hotmail.com](mailto:swids73@hotmail.com).

**The Fall Sunday School Sponsorship sign-up** is posted on the board in the Commons. Sponsorships are \$40.

**School supplies are being collected** for College Park Elementary School. Please see the list of items needed in the Commons.

**Offering counters and couriers are needed** October - December. Please see the sign-up sheet on the board in the Commons.

**Altar flowers are still needed for October 9, October 30, and November 20.** See the chart in the Commons and **please fill out the yellow information form when you sign up.**



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