

Compelled by the love of Christ, St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School seek to reach out to our families, community and world, using Law and Gospel to make disciples, growing and nurturing them in their Christian faith and life.

*Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
New Member Welcome
February 7 & 8, 2010*

We Welcome You! — To our friends who know us, we renew our welcome. To first time visitors, we extend our sincere greeting and to those who seek a church home, we offer fellowship with the living Savior. Please introduce yourself to Pastor Schultz, Pastor Schmidt and to others. We ask that everyone here today would sign our attendance record found in each pew during the offering. Please take a moment to greet one another and worship with us again soon.

Focus of Worship — Muhammad, the founder of the religion of Islam, is regarded by Muslims as THE messenger and prophet of God. In the early 1990's, David Koresh claimed that "he was now head of the biblical House of David." Jesus says that he is the fulfillment of the Old Testament Scriptures about the coming Messiah. What is your reaction to the words of Jesus?

Our Order of Worship — "Hymn Response"

Opening Hymn #544 "Preach You the Word"

Pastor: In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: (sings) Amen.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us. Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.

C: And You forgave the guilt of my sin.

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess to You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You by thought, word, and deed. But we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ALL: **O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us. Have mercy on us, and for His sake forgive all our sins. By Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You, so that by Your grace, we may come to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy on us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe in His name He gives the right to become children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this Lord, to us all. Amen.

Hymn of Praise #369 v. 1 & 4 "Beautiful Savior"

Prayer for the Day (Spoken by the Pastor)

C: (sings) Amen.

The First Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10

The word of the LORD came to me, saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations." "Ah, Sovereign LORD," I said, "I do not know how to speak; I am only a child." But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a child.' You must go to everyone I send you to and say whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you and will rescue you," declares the LORD. Then the LORD reached out his hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "Now, I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant." NIV

Psalm of the Day Psalm 85 (Page 97, front of Hymnal)

The Second Lesson

1 Corinthians 14:12-20

Since you are eager to have spiritual gifts, try to excel in gifts that build up the church. For this reason anyone who speaks in a tongue should pray that he may interpret what he says. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my mind is unfruitful. So what shall I do? I will pray with my spirit, but I will also pray with my mind; I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind. If you are praising God with your spirit, how can one who finds himself among those who do not understand say "Amen" to your thanksgiving, since he does not know what you are saying? You may be giving thanks well enough, but the other man is not edified. I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you. But in the church I would rather speak five intelligible words to instruct others than ten thousand words in a tongue. Brothers, stop thinking like children. In regard to evil be infants, but in your thinking be adults. NIV

The Verse of the Day: Sung by the Members of St. Matthew's Church Choir (8:00 a.m.)

The Gospel

Luke 4:20-32

The Responses:

Congregation sings after the Gospel is announced:

"Glory be to you, O Lord!"

Congregation sings after the Gospel is read:

"Praise be to you, O Christ!"

Then [Jesus] rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.' " "I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian." All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out

of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way. Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority. NIV

Anthem "Your Servant I Will Be" St. Matthew's Church Choir (8:00 a.m.)

Hymn of the Day #395 "Seek Where You May to Find a Way"

Message from God's Word: Luke 4:20-32

"What is Your Reaction to the Words of Jesus?"

We Confess Our Faith The Apostles' Creed (Page 19, front of Hymnal)

The Offering & Friendship Registers

New Member Welcome We welcome the following new members who were received in the last quarter: Brian Hall (Nicholas & Zoe); Susan Marshall; Justin & Kristal Widmar.

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer (Sung by the Congregation)

**Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

The Blessing

C: (sings) Amen, Amen, Amen.

Closing Hymn #436 "Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep" (Sung by Choir in 8:00 service.)

WELS Connection video update from our synod will be shown after worship today.

In Our Prayers: Members and friends of St. Matthew's who need our prayers: Rollie Lauterbach who will be undergoing heart surgery on February 9th.

Serving God and Us Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan Schultz

Preacher: Pastor Daniel Schmidt

Organist: Beth Ziel

Usher Captains: (8:00 a.m.) Harold Redfield (10:30 a.m.) Chad Lauersdorf
(Monday) Jerry Wendt

Greeters: (8:00 a.m.) Richard, Connie, River and Ezra Abram
(10:30a.m.) Mark and Addie Thurow

Worship Music: (8:00 a.m.) Church Choir directed by Joy Elowski
(10:30 a.m.) Ring Praise directed by Deb Schramm

Upcoming Usher Teams:

Sunday, February 14, 2010 (8:00a.m.) Joel Watson (10:30a.m.) Eric Ziel

Monday, February 15, 2010 (7:00p.m.) Rick Jorgenson

Upcoming Singing Groups

Sunday, February 14, 2010 – Grade 2 of St. Matthew's School

Next Week's Message: Do you remember John Lennon's mockery, "Imagine there is no heaven." Well, how do you know there is a heaven? How can you know the way? Join us next week on "Transfiguration Sunday," the last Sunday before Lent. We'll catch a glimpse of Christ's heavenly glory and the Holy Spirit will reaffirm our faith He is the way! We'll also celebrate the Lord's Supper. Members, prepare yourselves to receive the blessings of the Sacrament.

Updated St. Matthew's Directory is available this morning in the narthex Feel free to pick up a copy of the directory. If you need assistance please ask an usher.

Meditation Booklets are available this morning in the back of church to your left. Pick up your copy today. The daily readings follow the second lesson read in our worship services, applying the letters from Christ's apostles to our faith and our life. What a wonderful blessing when we're all growing in grace and knowledge and praying for similar things day-by-day. Although we may be apart during the week, our fellowship in Christ continues! Large print copies are also available. Please take one and give it to a friend or family member.

Sunday Childcare

Childcare for parents attending Bible Study is available in the preschool classroom. There is no charge for this service.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Bible Study 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.

Adult and Teen Study – Fellowship Center: Do you worry? Do you wish you were more content and thankful? Join us today as we continue our study of God's Record of Beginnings by pausing to consider how graciously God preserves us. We'll also learn what the Lord's Word reveals about the spirit world – angels and demons.

Bible Information Class begins TODAY, February 7th. We'll meet in one of the classrooms on the 2nd floor of our school.

Sunday Bible School (ages 3-year-olds through 7th Grade) 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. We'll meet in the school gym for an opening devotion and then go to our classrooms for our study of God's Word.

Monday Bible Study is offered on Mondays, 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. for those who are unable to attend on Sundays. We'll repeat the study from Sunday morning.

Tuesday Morning Bible Study meets in the Fireside Room at 6:30 a.m. Come and join us!

Women in the Word Bible Study continues this Wednesday at 8:00 a.m. We invite all our women to join us for spiritual growth, fellowship, and a time of intercessory prayer.

Men's Bible Study Saturday February 13th Breakfast served from 7:45 to 8:15 – New Time Bible Study & Fellowship from 8:15 to 9:30 How do *real men* show *love* for their neighbor? Or is that just for *wimps*? Let's explore what our Lord and Savior would say to *real men* about how to *love your neighbor as yourself*. Clue: be ready to meditate.....

Bible Information Class

Members – this is a great chance to review the main teachings of God's Word (and invite an unchurched friend to learn with you so they too understand the reason for your joy and hope in Christ).

Guests or Inquirers – it's a great chance to learn the truths God revealed through His sacred writers – and ultimately revealed through His Son Jesus, without obligation to join

our congregation, but with the opportunity to become a communing member when the classes are finished. Whether learning for the first time or reviewing for the 100th, we're always blessed when we study, discuss, and apply these core foundational teachings to our faith and life.

Saturday Bible Information Class meets 10:00a.m. – Noon for 8 sessions. This week's topic - "The Blessings of the Holy Spirit." Join us to learn who Jesus is and what He has done to make sure we have eternal life.

Answers Magazine is on the slanted library shelf right above the book drop. It will help you see God's creative power and answer the evolutionist. It is ready to check out. Please fill out the library card on the back cover. More magazines are on the shelf underneath.

Easter for Kids – March 20th – 9:30-11:30 a.m. Following the program there will be a lunch offered for the students and their families. Children 3 years old thru 4th grade are welcome to come. Ask your neighbors, family and friends children to come and hear about the story of Easter. We will have a Bible study, games, craft and an egg hunt for all the kids. There are several volunteers needed – adults to help with registration, parking lot attendants, craft helpers, people to help with the egg filling and hunt. We are also in need of casseroles and desserts. There is a signup sheet in the Fireplace room. Egg Hunt – we are looking for donations of the plastic eggs and any little thing that we would be able to put inside the eggs – like stickers, tattoos, etc. There will be a box labeled EGG HUNT for you to place your donations in.

Doorhanging party for Easter for Kids -Sunday, March 7th from 1-4 p.m. We will meet in the Fireside room to get your area of distribution, when you are done return to church and there will be a pizza party. Adults and kids are welcome especially if you are 5th grade to college age! A sign-up sheet is posted for this with the Easter for Kids opportunities.

Our Sister Dorothy Bartlein is in her heavenly home A former member of St. Matthew's, Dorothy Bartlein died Friday evening, January 29, 2010 at Laurel Grove. Private family funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 2nd at Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Manitowoc. Officiating at the service was the Rev. Paul Heidrich. Dorothy was laid to rest at Highland Memorial Cemetery in New Berlin, WI. The Pfeffer Funeral Home, Manitowoc assisted the family with funeral arrangements.



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