

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 of Easter
New Member Welcome
May 2 & May 3, 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 — What do we all need throughout our lives? Love. But isn't human love often self-centered? Isn't that why we fall in and out of love? We usually love those who are lovable or valuable to us. We will learn a lesson on true love, eternal love, God's love. His love moves us to follow Christ's "new command" – to love one another.

Luther Prep Brass – We welcome Prof. Nathan Kieselhorst and the Luther Prep brass, who are with us today to accompany our opening hymn and offer several other selections. Luther Prep is our ministerial training high school in Watertown. Please note the display in the Fireside Room for further information about this school and our Wisconsin Synod efforts to train future pastors, teachers, and staff ministers through it.

Our Order of Worship — “Service of the Word” on Page 38

Opening Hymn 234 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Accompanied by brass)

Confession and Absolution (Page 38, front of Hymnal)

Prayer and Praise Hymn 492 “Son of God, Eternal Savior”

Prayer of the Day Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (sings) Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 13:44-52

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying. Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.'" When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. But the Jews incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. NIV

Psalm 145 (Page 119, front of Hymnal)

The Second Lesson

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. NIV

The Gospel

John 13:31-35

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." NIV

Response: "Praise be to you, O Christ!"

8:00 Worship: St. Matthew School, Grade Four "They'll Know We Are Christians"

Hymn of the Day 491 "O Master of the Loving Heart"

Message from God's Word: John 13:31-35
Christ's New Command – Love One Another!

1) New in Power – as Christ loves you.

- a. Christ demonstrates His love – by dying for our sins.
- b. Love as Christ has loved you.

We could never find the power to love in this world, for love by this world's definition focuses on self. Remember what Jesus has done for you – and His love will overflow in your life.

2) New in Purpose – to show you are Christ's disciple.

- a. Faith makes us children of God. Love proves it.
- b. Love – in church family; in other relationships

"Give yourself, then as a sort of Christ to your neighbor" (Luther).

We Confess Our Faith The Apostles' Creed (Page 41, front of Hymnal)

The Offering & Friendship Registers

The Prayer of the Church and Lord's Prayer (Pages 42 and 43, front of Hymnal)

New Member Welcome We welcome the following new members: Tom and Mary Thiele, Brian and Shelley Tinsley (Sarah), Emily Howard, Krista D'Amore (Samuel). May God bless them as they receive the gospel in Word and Sacrament with us, grow in Christ's grace and knowledge, and serve our Lord in His gospel work among us. Welcome!

Blessing (Page 44, front of Hymnal)

Closing Hymn 494 "Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

In Our Prayers: Members and friends of St. Matthew's who ask for our prayers: Our youth confirmands who will confess their faith and receive the Lord's Supper for the first time in our 1:30 p.m. service.

Serving God and Us Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Daniel Schmidt

Sermon: Pastor Jonathan Schultz

Organist: Char Bouche'

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

Greeters: (8:00a.m.) Ralph and Ruth Christian
(10:30a.m.) Curtis and Lila Weide

Worship Music: (8:00a.m.) Grade 4 directed by Joy Elowski

Upcoming Usher Teams:

Sunday, May 2, 2010 (1:30p.m.) Harold Redfield

Monday, May 3, 2010 (7:00p.m.) Jerry Wendt

Sunday, May 9, 2010 (8:00 a.m.) Joel Watson (10:30 a.m.) Eric Ziel

Monday, May 10, 2010 (7:00 p.m.) Rick Jorgenson

Next Week's Message: Do you ever wonder what Jesus said to the despairing disciples on the way to Emmaus on Easter Sunday? Join us next week as we view a video titled, "The Road to Emmaus." We'll review all the truths of Scripture Jesus fulfilled and conclude with the disciples, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" Bring a friend – this will be an excellent opportunity to introduce Jesus to those who need to hear His precious truth! DVD's will be available to use as personal witnessing tools, at a very special price of \$2.00, in the Fellowship Center.

Congratulations to the following young adults who will be confirmed today at our 1:30 p.m. Confirmation Service: Dylan Baldassari, Barton Cox, Angie Goessner, Carson Henley, Nicole Italiano, Amanda Johnson, Mason Kellner, Emily Mamerow, Jenna Marti, Kaylee McDonald, Megan McGarvey, Hailey Niedfeldt, Joshua Pagel, Ryan Porter, Kirsten Ruffert, Robert Seaman, Emily Schmidt, Scott Sievert, Garrett Stocker, Luke Thiele, Mitchell Worm and Anna Ziel. May God bless you on this very special day!

Ascension Service Our brothers and sisters in Christ from the days of the early church, who faced so many dangers as they believed in Christ and witnessed Him in their world, planned important celebrations to keep them focused on the joy of salvation and the security that Jesus gives. One such celebration is Ascension Day Festival. Jesus returned visibly to the glory of heaven on the 40th day after the Resurrection. This year we celebrate that great event on **Thursday, May 13th**. We're planning two services, 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. to celebrate. Our Youth Praise choir will sing in the 4:00 p.m. service and our Church Choir and Handbells will edify our 7:00 p.m. service. Can we remain faithful to Christ while we await our union with Him in heaven? It requires faith, believing without seeing. So we'll come to the Lord's table and have communion with Him at our Ascension Festival. **We'll celebrate the Lord's Supper in both services** with holy communion at the altar rail. See you in God's house the 13th of May!

Bible Hour Helpers Each Bible Hour Helper is asked to bring 5 dozen cookies and one gallon of juice. These items should be dropped off in the church kitchenette upstairs before 7:30 a.m. Sunday morning. Bible Hour Helpers are not responsible for making the coffee, serving or clean up. We have various groups scheduled to serve throughout the year. A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of coffee, plates, napkins and cups. If you would like to provide refreshments please stop in the church office to sign-up. Thank you to everyone who has so *graciously* supplied us with refreshments and to the groups that serve during fellowship hour. If you have any questions please contact Amy Bence at abence@smls.org or 262-567-2418, ext. 32.

Bible Hour Helpers

May

May 9, 2010 – Janet Sandvold, Liz Schmidt, Deb Schramm
May 16, 2010 – Laura Lai, Amy Bence, Shelley Myers
May 23, 2010 – Betty Reul, Scott Surges, Amber Terry
May 30, 2010 – Mary Thiele, Connie Hanson, Cheryl Schultz

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Bible Study 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Adult Study – Fellowship Center: We'll study "The Genesis Flood," this morning. We will learn how God's just anger at sin and His amazing grace continued to the human race during the time of the flood. We'll also answer the question, "How did Noah get that many animals on the ark?" The New Testament uses the flood as a symbol of baptism and a reminder of God's warning about the final Judgment Day. The flood also accounts undoubtedly for many of the geological formations that evolutionists attribute to "millions of years."

Teen Study – Join the adult study in the fellowship center. We appreciate your comments and application of God's Word!

Sunday Bible School: is at 9:15 a.m. for children ages 3 through grade 7. Meet in the gymnasium for our opening prayer. This year will be the completion of the three year plan to cover the key areas of the catechism. We will be learning about the Petitions of the Lord's Prayer, the Sacrament of the Altar, and Baptism.

Childcare for Bible Study: Free childcare is available for parents attending Bible Study between services.

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 on Genesis.

Tuesday Bible Study: meets in the Fireside Room at 6:30 a.m. *Please come and join us!*

Women in the Word Bible Study meets on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 a.m. We're studying the glory of Christ's resurrection and it's meaning for our faith and life.

Eastern Religions Bible Study Eastern Religions is entering its final phase as we study The New Age Movement. Perhaps in no greater way, has Eastern religions permeated our culture than through the New Age Movement...rather it be in our schools, business conferences, or relaxation techniques. Christ called Satan a deceiver and Satan would like for nothing better than for people to wonder, "What's the harm?" as he gets his foothold in their hearts and minds. Defend yourself and witness to others of the only way to transform a life and that is through Christ Jesus and the transformation powers of the Holy Spirit. Join us at 6:30 p.m. this Tuesday!

Men's Bible Study meets on the second Saturday of each month. Breakfast served from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. On May 8th guest speaker Rev. Joel Gerlach will discuss "Facing Life's Issues with a Biblical Perspective". Come, start your weekend with good food for both body and soul. We're looking forward to an excellent study by pastor Gerlach. In the past he has served congregations in California and Wisconsin. He has also served as professor at our Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary.

Vacation Bible School/Soccer Camp Meeting Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10th at 7:00pm, in the fellowship center. Please plan on attending this important planning meeting to offer your service to our Lord through our soccer camp.

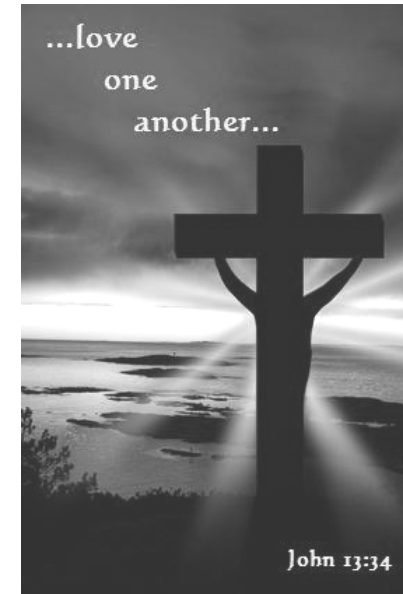
May Senior Ministry Events

May 5th – Regular Scheduled Meeting

May 19th – All Seniors are invited to join us for lunch at the Berres Brothers Cafe and a tour of the Berres Brothers Coffee production facility in Watertown. We will meet to carpool in our parking lot at 12 Noon. We may order lunch upon arrival and at 1:30 p.m. a tour lasting approximately 20 – 30 minutes will begin. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the Fireside Room by the Senior Ministry display.

A Reminder that beginning May 30th, Memorial Day weekend, our late service starts at 10:00 a.m. instead of 10:30am. This will continue through Labor Day weekend, September 5th. Bible study will be offered for all ages from 9:15 -9:45 a.m. All family members are invited to come together to the Fellowship Center for a time of study and discussion of God's Word. Beginning Sunday, June 20th, while the adults and teens continue to meet together, we will conduct a special study for our young people Age 3 through Grade 7. The format for these classes will be the same as during the past couple of years: a Scripture Lesson one week and a craft the next.

Meditation Booklets are available this morning in the back of church. Pick up your copy today. The daily readings follow gospel lessons, relating the life, ministry, and teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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! Our cost of the booklets is \$2.85. There is a free will offering slot that is located by the meditations to help us cover the cost of the booklets.



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