

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.

*Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9 and May 10, 2010*

We Welcome You! — 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 please 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.

Please note that crying children can be quieted in the Fireside Room, where you can observe the service on our TV monitor or in the Parents Room located in the church basement.



We celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper today. In his Word, God makes it clear that Holy Communion is to be shared by people of a common proclamation of faith (1 Corinthians 11:26; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17). So without judging anyone's hearts, we invite those who share in our confession by their membership in our congregation or another congregation of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or the Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) and who are properly prepared (1 Corinthians 11:27-29) to receive the Sacrament. See the front of the Hymnal, page 156, for a guide for preparation.

Guests, we would love to have you attend. Please speak with one of the pastors about instruction in our Christian faith and this Sacrament so you will be ready to partake of this wonderful meal in full unity with us after that instruction. Thank you for respecting the way we celebrate the Lord's Supper in our congregations.

Distribution As we receive the Sacrament today we'll stand in front of the pews with 7 on a side. We'll begin with the center aisle at the usher's direction. Communicants proceed to the front down the center aisle and turn towards the side aisle to stand in groups of 7 and return to their pew down the side aisle. After the first several groups have communed, at the usher's direction, the choir loft goes to the back of church and up the left side of the center aisle. Balcony communicants go up the left of the center aisle. South pews go to the back of church and up the right side of the center aisle. Non-alcoholic wine, light in color, is in the center of the tray. Please reserve it for those who will be using it for health reasons.

Our Order of Worship – The Common Service on Page 15

Opening Hymn #154 v.1 – 3 “Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks”

Confession and Absolution

P: Since today we as a nation are celebrating Mothers' Day, and we thank the Lord for His blessing through our families, it is fitting for us to offer words of encouragement from the Holy Word of our God and include in our confession and absolution those sins that affect our relationships with one another in our Christian families:

Do you today confess that you have failed, at times, to love your parents, your spouse, and your children as Christ's love compels us? If so, then answer: I do so confess.

C: **I do so confess.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ, in great undeserved love for you, lived, suffered and died as the payment price for this sin as well as for all your sins? If so, then answer: I do believe.

C: **I do believe.**

P: Do you believe that our Savior's glorious resurrection gives to you the promise of everlasting life at His side in heaven? If so, then answer: I do.

C: **I do.**

P: Do you believe that each day your Risen and Ascended Lord Jesus is watching over you, guarding and protecting you and your family? If so, then answer: I do

C: **I do.**

P: Parents and Grandparents, do you this day recommit yourself to the promise that you made to bring up your children and grandchildren in the training and instruction of our Lord, Jesus Christ? If so, then answer: I do so intend, with the help of God.

C: **I do so intend, with the help of God.**

P: May the Good News of our Savior's life, death, Resurrection and Ascension fill your hearts with joy and peace. As you reflect in your life the love of our Savior, Jesus Christ, gladly and willingly make use of every opportunity He gives to share with your family the Holy Word of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer and Praise (front of Hymnal, page 16)

The Prayer of the Day

The Gospel: John 14:23 – 29

Jesus tells his disciples that he will leave them and return to the Father. He promises to send the Holy Spirit into our hearts to teach us all things. He tells us not to worry for he leaves us his peace which lasts forever.

Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. "All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. "You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.' If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe. (NIV)

The Confession of Faith (The Nicene Creed; front of Hymnal, page 18)

Hymn of the Day #154 v.4 – 5 **"Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks"**

Video – "Road to Emmaus"

The Offering & Friendship Registers

The Prayer of the Church and The Lord's Prayer

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (front of Hymnal, page 21)

Distribution Hymns #377 **"Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"**
#312 **"Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared"**

The Song of Simeon (front of Hymnal, page 24)

The Closing Prayer

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #318 **"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

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In Our Prayers: Members and friends of St. Matthew's who ask for our prayers: Henry Beaster, who was hospitalized this past week.

Video Available: "The Road to Emmaus." DVD's are available to use as personal witnessing tools, at a very special price of \$2.00 each, in the Fellowship Center. This is an excellent resource to introduce Jesus to those who need to hear His precious truth!

Serving God and Us Today

Worship Leaders: Pastor Jonathan Schultz and Pastor Daniel Schmidt

Organist: Beth Ziel

Communion Assistants: We thank our teams for serving us today.

Usher Captains: (8:00a.m.) Joel Watson (10:30a.m.) Eric Ziel
(Monday) Rick Jorgenson

Greeters: (8:00a.m.) Charles and Pat Porter
(10:30a.m.) Tom and Sandy Haack

Upcoming Usher Teams:

Thursday, May 13, 2010 (4:00 p.m.) Chad Lauersdorf (7:00 p.m.) Joel Watson
Sunday, May 16, 2010 (8:00 a.m.) Michael Bouche' (10:30 a.m.) James Bence
Monday, May 17, 2010 (7:00 p.m.) Rick Jorgenson

Upcoming Singing Groups:

Thursday, May 13, 2010 (4:00 p.m.) YOUth Praise
Sunday, May 16, 2010 (8:00 a.m.) Sunday School

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 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

Next Week's Message: Mindful and appreciating all the ways the Lord blesses us through all our Christian Education Ministries, we'll especially highlight the blessing of our St. Matthew's Lutheran Elementary school next weekend. Guest speaker Pastor Rik Krahn II, a son of our congregation, will be with us for our services. He currently serves as pastor at Martin Luther Lutheran, Neenah.

Potluck Luncheon—May 16th Join us for a fellowship meal as we rejoice together in God's blessings to us through our school. Please bring a main dish and perhaps salad or dessert to pass. During the potluck Pastor Krahn will give a presentation on his recent trip to Israel. Join us to remember the blessings of our ministry of Christian education through our Lutheran school, to be moved by the Holy Spirit to carry on His work through us to the next generation, and to learn more of the history of Scripture as we see the land where Jesus walked.

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!

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.

VBS/Soccer Camp Meeting

We are now 36 days till the opening of soccer camp. We have 28 students registered. The deadline is May 22. The reason for the deadline is we need to have the order in for shirts and awards by May 24. If you are interested in helping at camp please sign up in the fireside room or contact Dennis Fletcher or Matt Miller at 567-4525. Our second planning meeting is being held tomorrow night May 10th at 7:00pm. Please plan on attending if you are interested in helping with the camp. May the Lord bless our efforts in spreading the Word to our members and your neighbors. Please invite them to come to camp. Sign-up sheets are in the fireside room or on-line at www.smls.org.

May Senior Ministry Event

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.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Bible Study 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Adult and Teen Study – Fellowship Center:

We'll continue our study of "The Genesis Flood," this morning. Join us to learn God's power and grace demonstrated in Genesis 7-9. We'll also view a power point presentation based on a book titled, "The Young Earth." It refutes evolutionary theory by demonstrating the effects the global flood would have had on the earth's surface and fossil evidence. New Testament uses the flood as a symbol of baptism and a reminder of God's warning about the final Judgment Day.

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.

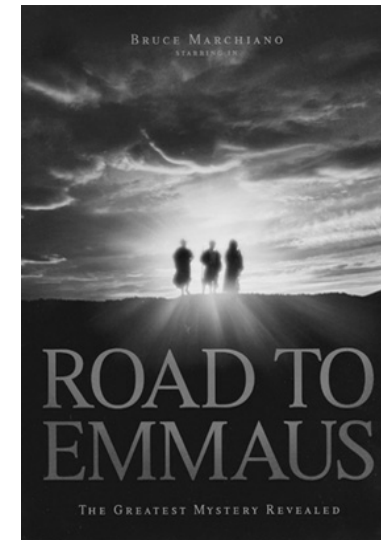
Monday Bible Study is offered on Mondays, 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. for those who are unable to attend on Sundays. We'll repeat the study from Sunday morning on Genesis.

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!

Meditation Booklets are available this morning in the back of church. Pick up your copy today. The new quarter begins May 30th. Our cost of the booklets is \$2.94. 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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