

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.

*Seventh Sunday of Easter
Christian Education Sunday
May 16 & May 17, 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.

Focus of Worship — Mindful and appreciating all the ways the Lord blesses us through all our Christian Education Ministries, we especially highlight the blessing of our St. Matthew's Lutheran Elementary school in our focus today. We welcome guest speaker Pastor Rik Krahn II, a son of our congregation. He currently serves as pastor at Martin Luther Lutheran, Neenah.

Our Order of Worship — “Hymn Response”

Call to Worship 8:00 - St. Matthew's School 3K and 4K - “Jesus Loves Me”

Opening Hymn 509 “How Shall the Young Secure Their Hearts”

Opening Worship (Spoken Responsively)

Pastor: In the Name of Jesus our Lord and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we call on You, dear heavenly Father;

Congregation: Hear us for Your Name's sake.

P: Deeply conscious of our guilt and trusting solely in the merits of Jesus Christ for forgiveness, let us now confess our sins.

ALL: O Almighty God, merciful Father, I a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You, of Your boundless mercy,

and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

P: Upon this, your confession, I as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to you. In the place and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, which He gave on the first Easter Sunday, I forgive you all your sins in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

P: We now approach You confidently this hour, heavenly Father, for we rely on Jesus, our Redeemer, for the full forgiveness of sins.

C: Receive our thankful worship for His sake.

P: By the Holy Spirit increase our knowledge of You and of Your will for our lives. Fill our hearts with joy and peace into eternity:

C: In You, O Lord, have we taken refuge; never let us be ashamed.

P: O Lord, our Rock and our Fortress, assure us that because You live, we shall live also:

C: In You we hope, our praise is for You.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

All - Hymn of Praise 512 “Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds”

Prayer for the Day (Spoken by the Pastor)

C: (sings) Amen.

The First Lesson

Acts 16:6-10

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. NIV

Psalm of the Day Psalm 8 (Page 67, front of Hymnal)

The Second Lesson

Revelation 22:12-17,20

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practice magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practices falsehood. "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let him who hears say, "Come!" Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. NIV

The Gospel

John 17:20-26

"My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one: I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me. I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." NIV

Anthem: 8:00 St. Matthew's School 3K and 4K – "I Am Jesus' Little Lamb"
10:30 St. Matthew's Choir – "This I Know"

Hymn 516 "You Parents, Hear What Jesus Taught"

Sermon Message from God's Word

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

The Offering & Friendship Registers

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 293 "God's Word Is Our Great Heritage"

10:30 Worship St. Matthew's Choir – "A Blessing"

In Our Prayers: Members and friends of St. Matthew's who ask for our prayers: Dick and June Abendroth celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary on May 18th. God be with them in the future, as He has blessed them in the past.

Serving God and Us Today

Worship Leaders: Pastor Jonathan Schultz

Preacher: Pastor Rik Krahn II

Organist: Deb Schramm

Usher Captains: (8:00a.m.) Michael Bouche' (10:30a.m.) James Bence
(Monday) Larry Johnson

Greeters: David and Betty Reul

School Open House takes the place of our regular adult and teen Bible studies today. Tour our school classrooms and get a taste of the ministry that goes on every school day. You'll have time to go to three of the five 15-minute segments, including a Grade 3-4 level hymn sing, a grade 7-8 Bible study, an Early Childhood Bible lesson, a middle grade Jeopardy, and a Question and Answer session with our principal. All locations are clearly marked in the school. Our Sunday Bible School classes are also be in session during this time.

Special Fellowship Potluck Luncheon and Presentation on the Holy Land Today Join us for a fellowship meal in the downstairs Fellowship Center immediately following our 10:30 worship today. 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.*** As we thank God for his blessings on our Christian Education Sunday, what a blessing to learn more of the history of Scripture as we see the land where Jesus walked.

Upcoming Usher Teams:

Sunday, May 23, 2010 (8:00 a.m.) Greg Thurow (10:30 a.m.) Jon McGarvey
Monday, May 24, 2010 (7:00 p.m.) Jerry Wendt

Upcoming Singing Groups:

Sunday, May 23, 2010 (8:00 a.m.) Sunday School

Bible Hour Helpers

If you would like to provide fellowship refreshments please stop in the church office to sign-up. If you have any questions please contact Amy Bence at abence@smls.org or 262-567-2418, ext. 32. Our May Bible Hour Helpers are:

May 23, 2010 – Betty Reul, Scott Surges, Amber Terry

May 30, 2010 – Mary Thiele, Connie Hanson, Cheryl Schultz

Next Week's Message: On the 50th day after the resurrection, Pentecost, our ascended Lord poured out the Holy Spirit to equip His apostles and inspire their message. He comes to us now through the gospel in Word and Sacrament. In our 8:00 worship our Sunday Bible School children participate in Word and Song in a review of the Ten Commandments, God's inspired Law that serves us as a mirror, to show our sin and need of the Savior, as a curb, to restrain sin from breaking out, and as a guide for us as God's forgiven children to live to His glory.

Bible Study Opportunities

Next Week Adult and Teen Sunday Bible Study 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. We'll continue our study of "The Genesis Flood." 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. How else can we apply the lesson from the great Flood? Jesus in the New Testament uses the flood as a warning about the final Judgment Day, and the apostle Peter compares the flood waters to the waters of our baptism. How? Join us to find out!

Sunday Bible School is at 9:15 a.m. for children ages 3 through grade 7. Meet in the gymnasium for our opening prayer. We'll then go to the church sanctuary to practice music for our service next Sunday before returning to our classrooms for our Bible study.

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.

A Reminder that beginning May 30th, Memorial Day weekend, our late service starts at 10:00 a.m. instead of 10:30 a.m. 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.

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!

VBS/Soccer Camp

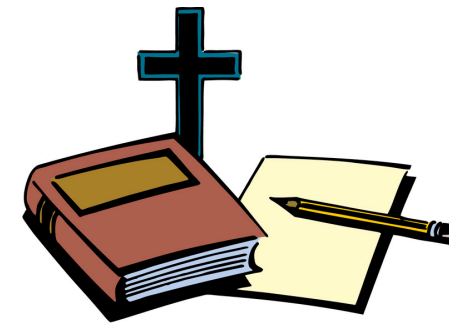
If you are interested in helping at camp please sign up in the fireside room or contact Dennis Fletcher or Matt Miller at 567-4525. May the Lord bless our efforts in spreading the Word to our members and your neighbors. Please invite them to come to camp. Sign-up sheets are in the fireside room or on-line at www.smls.org.

May Senior Ministry Event

This Wednesday, 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.

Sunday Vacation Bible School

Beginning Sunday, June 20th, we would like to offer an opportunity for our young people to stay in the Word during the summer months. Classes for those entering PreK4 – Grade 6 this fall would be held between services Sunday Mornings from 9:15 AM to 9:45 AM (the same time as Adult Bible Study). Those entering grades 7 & 8 may serve as childcare providers, helpers in the classrooms or attend our Adult Bible Study. Plans are to alternate weeks between a Bible Lesson one week and a craft the next week. If you can teach or help with crafts and already know your vacation plans, please indicate below as well. To register complete the blue registration form inserted in this bulletin.



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