

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.

*The Coming of the Holy Spirit
The Day of Pentecost
May 23 & May 24, 2010*

The Prayer Before Worship — *Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts, the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith, we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

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.

Musical Prelude — As we prepare to worship, the prelude helps us direct our thoughts to God and makes the sanctuary a place of meditation and prayer.

Our Order of Service

Sunday Morning: **Morning Praise** (Front of the Hymnal, page 45)

Monday Evening: **Evening Prayer** (Front of the Hymnal, page 54)

Call to Worship: "Forever" (*sung by Rejoice!*)

The Confession of Sins and Announcement of Forgiveness & Peace
(*front of the hymnal, page 154*)

Opening Hymn: #181 "Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit"

The Psalm of the Day: **Psalm 51b** (*front of the hymnal, page 87*)

The First Lesson:

Genesis 11:1 – 9

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the men were building. The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel —because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth. NIV

The Second Lesson:

Acts 2:1 – 21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: "'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" NIV

The Gospel:

John 15:26,27

"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning." NIV

Anthem: "Jesus, Messiah" (*sung by Rejoice!*)

Hymn of the Day: #177 "Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest"

Message from God's Word — John 15:26,27

"Who is the Holy Spirit?"

The Offering & Friendship Registers

Responsive Prayer of the Church for Pentecost Sunday

P: O Holy Spirit, we worship and glorify you as the Lord and the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to shed life on all created things, as you gave a new life of understanding to the disciples in your Pentecost baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word, you have made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. In thanksgiving for your gifts to us, we confess:

C: **I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

P: Holy Spirit, all-seeing Counselor and fountain of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful flesh. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus, where there is forgiveness for all.

C: **In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

P: Holy Spirit, highest comfort in every need, in these gray and last days of the world, strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, encourage our fearful hearts. Remind us of your Word and promises: "Be strong; do not fear. Your Lord will come again. He will come to save you." And in your final, mighty, creative act, O Holy Spirit, raise up our bodies so that we, together with all the saints, may lift up our heads and with glorified eyes see our Savior drawing near.

C: **On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy and The Lord's Prayer (*front of the hymnal, page 50*)

Blessing

Closing Hymn: #182 "Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

In Our Prayers Today: Delores Boehme undergoes surgery this Wednesday. May the Lord grant His healing. The Lord blessed Justin and Kristal Widmar with the gift of a son, Jacob. We thank the Lord for His gift of life.

WELS Connection monthly video highlighting our mission together as members of our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod will be shown after worship today.

Serving God and Us Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan Schultz

Sermon: Pastor Daniel Schmidt

Organist: Joy Elowski

Usher Captains: (8:00a.m.) Greg Thurow (10:30a.m.) Jon McGarvey
(Monday) Jerry Wendt

Greeters: (8:00a.m.) Charles and Delores Boehme
(10:30a.m.) David and Shirley Schmeling

Worship Music: Rejoice! directed by Char Bouche'

Upcoming Usher Teams:

Thursday, May 27, 2010 **Graduation/Closing Service** (7:00 p.m.) Eric Ziel

Sunday, May 30, 2010 (8:00a.m.) Harold Redfield (10:30a.m.) Chad Lauersdorf

Monday, May 31, 2010 **Memorial Day** No Worship Service or Bible Study

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 (7:00 p.m.) Rick Jorgenson

Upcoming Singing Groups:

Thursday, May 27, 2010 **Graduation/Closing Service** (7:00 p.m.) Gr. 8/YOUth Praise/K-8

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 for May 30th are Mary Thiele, Connie Hanson and Cheryl Schultz.

Next Week's Message: It's 10:00 Saturday morning, the start of another weekend. The doorbell rings. Two well-dressed people invite you to study the Bible with them. They claim your church's doctrine of the Trinity has led you to believe in a false god. Is it possible we have unknowingly accepted an idol as our God? How do you respond? Join us next week for the Trinity Festival Celebration. Jesus teaches us from John 16:12-15 that the one true God exists in three distinct persons. We'll praise the triune God, the God who alone gives us eternal life.

A Reminder that **next Sunday**, 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. Our evening holiday weekend worship will be Tuesday, June 1st, 7:00 rather than on the holiday Monday.

Bible Study Opportunities

Today: Teen and adult class meets in the Fellowship center to finish our segment from the book of Genesis, God's record of beginnings. We'll view a slide presentation showing the fossil and geological evidence supports the biblical record of the flood, rather than the millions of years evolutionary theory suggests. The information is from the Creation Research Institute text titled, "The Young Earth." We'll also learn God's remarkable grace and man's remarkable impudence in the post-flood world as seen in the rainbow and a tower (Genesis 9-11). **Childcare for Bible Study:** Free childcare is available for parents attending Bible Study between services.

Next Week Sunday Bible Study 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. During our summer studies we'll examine the Old Testament lesson from the Sunday worship service. What a blessing to learn from the whole revelation of God as our sermons will be based on the gospel, our *Meditations* home devotions explore the 2nd lesson, and our Summer Sunday Bible Study will further explain and apply the Old Testament lesson to our faith and life. Summer is a great time for vacations – but let's never take a vacation from God's Word!

Summer Sunday Vacation Bible School

Beginning Sunday, June 20th, we 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 will

be 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. We'll alternate weeks between a Bible Lesson and a craft. If you can teach or help with crafts or to register complete the blue registration form on the news table.

Memorial Day Weekend Monday Worship is moved to Tuesday, June 1st, 7:00pm to give weekend travelers the opportunity to worship on the day after the holiday.

Monday Bible Study 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. repeats 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 Our final spring study is this Wed., 8:00 a.m.

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. We will meet on Saturday, June 12th. All confirmed men of the congregation are invited to join together to enjoy good food for both body and soul, and also good fellowship with their Christian brothers.

Meditation Booklets daily devotions are available in the back of church. ***The new quarter begins next Sunday!*** The lessons explain and apply the 2nd lesson we read in our worship services. Our cost of the booklets is \$2.94. There is a free will offering slot that is located by the meditations display to help us cover the cost of the booklets.

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.



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