

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.

*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18 & July 19, 2010*

The Prayer Before Worship — Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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 — “Why should I trust in the Lord?” Has anyone ever asked you this question? Have you ever been tempted to ask this question yourself? We will answer this question from God's Word during our worship services this weekend.

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

Call to Worship: (*sung by Rejoice!*) “I Will Offer Up My Life”

Confession of Sins and Announcement of Forgiveness
Private Confession (Front of Hymnal, page 154)

Sunday Morning – Order of Morning Praise (Front of Hymnal, page 45)

Monday Evening – Order of Evening Prayer (Front of Hymnal, page 54)

The Scripture Lessons

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 25 (Front of the Hymnal, page 74)

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your fathers, if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. NIV

The Second Lesson

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To the holy and faithful brothers in Christ at Colosse: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints— the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. NIV

The Gospel

Luke 10:25-37

On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?" He answered: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" "You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live." But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he fell into the hands of robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.' "Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?" The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise." NIV

Anthem: (*sung by Rejoice!*) "Every Promise"

Hymn of the Day: 449 "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Message from God's Word:
Psalm 25 (*verses found on page 74 in CW*)

"Trust the LORD..."

- 1. To Take Care of You Spiritually**
- 2. To Take of You Physically**

The Offering & Friendship Registers

The Prayer of the Church

Lord, Have Mercy and The Lord's Prayer (Front of Hymnal, page 50)

Blessing

Closing Hymn: 327 "God Be with You till We Meet Again"

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

In Our Prayers: May the Lord bless Jeff and Tammy Bloedorn and their children as they move to Tennessee. What a blessing to know our fellowship in Christ will continue as they receive the Word and Sacrament in a new WELS church home.

Serving God and Us Today

Worship Leader: Pastor Jonathan Schultz

Preacher: Pastor Daniel Schmidt

Organist: Beth Ziel

Usher Captains: (8:00a.m.) Greg Thurow (10:00a.m.) Todd Helwig
(Monday) Larry Johnson

Greeters: (8:00am) Dennis and Joan Fletcher
(10:00am) Mark and Peggy Audley

Worship Music: (8:00 & 10:00 a.m.) Rejoice! directed by Char Bouche'

Upcoming Usher Teams:

Sunday, July 25, 2010 (8:00 a.m.) Harold Redfield (10:00 a.m.) Chad Lauersdorf

Monday, July 26, 2010 (7:00 p.m.) Jerry Wendt

Bible Hour Helpers

During the summer months we will have two Bible Hour Helpers. Each Bible Hour Helper is asked to bring 5 dozen cookies or bars and one gallon juice. Our July Bible Hour Helpers are: July 25, 2010 Beth Preuss

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.

Next Week's Message: Are you confused about the purpose for your life? Do you wonder at times whether life is even worth living? Join us next week as we find the one thing necessary for life, real life now and forever as we learn from our Lord Jesus in Luke 10:38-42.

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Bible Study 9:15 – 9:45 a.m.

Can you honestly say, "I love the Law of my God?" Yet any parent would want a child to love the values the parents hold dear and live to please the parent. Why do we have such a hard time loving God's law and living to please Him? Join us today for our Bible study, based on our Old Testament lesson. We'll learn that Jesus, who loves us and has saved us from our sins, will enable us to love the Law! We meet in the downstairs Fellowship Center for spiritual growth and Christian fellowship.

Summer Sunday Vacation Bible School

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 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. (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.

Monday Bible Study 8:00 – 8:30 p.m. repeats the study from Sunday morning.

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

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!

Summer Play Group and Bible Stories in the Park

Here is a great way to keep our children in God's Word over the summer. Join us this summer for fun, fellowship, and God's Word in the park. During the month of July we will meet on Friday mornings at the Imagination Station playground at 9:00 a.m. Bible stories and a craft will begin at 9:45 a.m. No RSVP is necessary. Bring your friends and neighbors and enjoy the mornings at the park! Contact Laura Lai at llai@smls.org with any questions.

Pontoon Rides on Lac LaBelle for St. Matthew's Seniors

Wednesday July 21st 1:30 p.m.
Meet in the Fireside room at 1:15 PM. An ice cream social and devotion will follow the ride. Sign up in the Fireside Room! Maximum of 24 people!



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