

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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10:30 AM

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

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“The deceit, the lie of the Devil consists of this, that he wishes to make man believe that he can live without God's Word.” - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Opening Song

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Your great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, You rule in great might;
Your justice like mountains high soaring above
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life You provide for both great and small
In all life You exist, the true Life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish, but nothing changes You.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Your angels adore You, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would give You: O help us to see
That only the splendor of light which hides You.

Invocation & Prayer

Confession & Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, all hearts and desires are known to You. No secrets are ever hidden from You. We ask You now to come to us and help us so that we might turn away from our rebellion against Your will and live according to Your will alone. Send to us Your Holy Spirit so that we may hear Your Word with our hearts and follow it as we -- confess our sins -- receive Your forgiveness -- and mature into the full likeness of Jesus, Who is our Lord and Redeemer.

ALL: Almighty and merciful Father, I am a deeply troubled and sorrowful sinner. I come to You confessing all that I have said and done that is not in accord with Your Word and will. I know that I have disrespected and ignored You and deserve nothing from You but punishment. I beg in the name of Jesus that You would give me Your underserved mercy and forgive my sinful disobedience. May Your Holy Spirit dwell in my heart and help me to respect You and be obedient to You in all things, and through the sacrifice of Jesus bring me to eternal life in Your presence. Amen.

P: As the called servant of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you that God forgives all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Exodus 3:1-15

II Thessalonians 2:1-8 & 13-17

Luke 20:27-40

Thanks be to God

Thanks be to God

Glory to You, O Lord

Praise to You, O Christ

We Declare Our Faith

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hades. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will return to judge both the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church – the fellowship of saints – the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song **“From God Can Nothing Move Me”**

From God can nothing move me; He will not step aside
But gently will reprove me And be my constant guide.
He stretch-es out His hand In eve-ning and in morning,
My life with grace a-dorn-ing Whe-rev-er I may stand

When those whom I re-gard-ed As trust-wor-thy and sure
Have long from me de-parted, God’s grace shall still en-dure.
He res-cues me from sin And breaks the chains that bind me.
I leave death’s fear be-hind me; His peace I have with-in.

The Lord my life ar-rang-es; Who can His work de-story?
In His good time He chang-es All sor-row in-to joy.
So let me then be still: My bod-y, soul, and spirit
His ten-der care in-her-it Ac-cord-ing to His will.

Each day at His good plea-sure God’s gra-cious will is done.
He sent His great-est trea-sure In Je-sus Christ, His Son.
He ev-‘ry gift imparts. The bread of earth and heav-en
Are by His kind-nes giv-en. Praise Him with thank-ful hearts!

Message “Is There Life after Death?” Luke 20:27-40

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings (We rise to sing the Doxology)

Prayers & Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Father Who is in heaven, holy be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. **And forgive our sins as we forgive the sins of others.** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Jesus

Sharing the Sacrament

We believe that in, with, and under the simple elements of bread and wine we truly receive the body and blood of Jesus and His forgiveness. If you have questions, please speak to the Pastor.

Prayer & Blessing

Song **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”**

Joyful, joyful we adore You, God of Glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, Praising You their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Your works with joy surround You, Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in You.

You are giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountain-head of love divine:
Joyful, we Your heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Yours.

Video

Discover the power and beauty of living as a citizen of God's Kingdom. This video encourages hearts to seek first His Kingdom and live in alignment with His truth and love. With joy, faith, and boldness, we reflect the reign of Jesus in our daily lives. Experience the transformation that comes when we embrace the unseen but unstoppable Kingdom of God. Be inspired to live with purpose, love, and heavenly identity.

Announcements:

Cookies for Living Nativity
Mitten Tree

Christmas decorating on November 23

Doing the Works of God:

Pasta; pasta sauce (marinara, alfredo); pizza crust; pizza sauce;
cling wrap