

COME MEET JESUS

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

WELCOME

Welcome in the name of Christ Jesus. As we worship, we pray that you will open your heart in preparation as our Savior comes to us through the Word. If you are a guest, please sign your name, address and most importantly your phone number in our Guest Book in the entrance and come and worship with us again. If we can be of assistance to you in your spiritual walk through life please let us know. We invite you to join us again on Sunday at 10:30 AM.



THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Addressing a broad Christian audience of Jewish and Gentile worshiping communities in Syria and Palestine during the middle of the first century AD, Matthew the apostle extended the Scriptures of Israel by authoritatively narrating how the end-time reign of God had broken into the world through the historical deeds and the words of Jesus of Nazareth, God's Son and God's Christ. The former tax gatherer's narrative reflected the common apostolic proclamation about Jesus' ministry, culminating in his vicarious death and resurrection. At the same time, Matthew of Capernaum independently portrayed with special emphasis that (1) Jesus, Son of David and true King of Israel, fulfilled God's dealings with his people in the OT, and that (2) this Jesus is the Mighty Judge whose return on the Last Day will usher in both final salvation for all God's people and final judgement for all God's enemies, and that (3) until the age's consummation, the disciples of the Son of God are to occupy themselves with extending Jesus' own mission to save both Jew and Gentile. This mission takes place by telling the Good News of Jesus' reign-of-God- ministry among human beings (Mt 26:13), by baptizing in the triune name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit (28:19), and by instructing Jesus' disciples in the whole revelation of God, especially that revealed in Jesus' own teaching (28:20).

Matthew 1:1-11:1 – J.A. Gibbs - Concordia Publishing House - 2006

CAUTION

It is prudent and wise to let our church family know you have broken people sitting around you; this is a place for the broken as Jesus describes in the gospels. We have/may have folks in the congregation that have been alcoholics, drug abusers, spousal abusers, formerly violent and even sexual offenders. This is a house for the broken. We certainly understand that this is a Lamb of God Lutheran Church Ministry and have taken diligent steps to create a safe environment for all who would like to worship our Father.

+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

INVOCATION

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8–9

- P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

CONFESSION OF SINS

- P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GRACE

John 1:12; Philippians 1:6

- P** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.
C Amen.



+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

Psalm 100; antiphon: Psalm 101:1

P I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O Lord, I will make music.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

P I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to you, O LORD, I will make music.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

P In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C **Amen.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 7:10–17

P The Old Testament Reading is from Isaiah, chapter 7.

¹⁰Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, ¹¹“Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven.” ¹²But Ahaz said, “I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test.” ¹³And he said, “Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel. ¹⁵He shall eat curds and honey when he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the boy knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land whose two kings you dread will be deserted. ¹⁷The LORD will bring upon you and upon your people and upon your father’s house such days as have not come since the day that Ephraim departed from Judah—the king of Assyria.”

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM

Psalm 68:1–10; antiphon: v. 32

¹God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;
and those who hate him shall flee before him!
²As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;
as wax melts before fire,
so the wicked shall perish before God!
³But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;
they shall be jubilant with joy!
⁴Sing to God, sing praises to his name;
lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;
his name is the Lord; exult before him!
⁵Father of the fatherless and protector of widows
is God in his holy habitation.
⁶God settles the solitary in a home;
he leads out the prisoners to prosperity,
but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
⁷O God, when you went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
⁸the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.
⁹Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad;
you restored your inheritance as it languished;
¹⁰your flock found a dwelling in it;
in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

EPISTLE

1 Peter 4:12–19; 5:6–11

P The Epistle is from 1 Peter, chapter 4.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. ¹⁵But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. ¹⁶Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. ¹⁷For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? ¹⁸And

*"If the righteous is scarcely saved,
what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?"*

¹⁹Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. . . .

⁶Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ⁸Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ¹⁰And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Alleluia, Lord
to whom shall we go?

🕒 ALLELUIA AND VERSE

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C Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!

MATTHEW 1:18–25

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P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to divorce her quietly. ²⁰But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” ²²All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

²³*“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall call his name Immanuel”*

(which means, God with us). ²⁴When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, ²⁵but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

C 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 hell.
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 thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P In peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the Church of God, that she would be protected from every attack of the prowling lion, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For protection against Satan's seductions and terrors, that no false doctrine or ungodly living would gain a foothold among us, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For endurance and patience, that where the devil incites enemies against God's Word and Church, the saints may rejoice to share in Christ's sufferings, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the work of our missionaries, that the seeds they sow would bring forth the harvest of our Lord Jesus; that they would endure fiery trials for Christ's name; that they would shine the light of His Gospel into the hostile darkness; and that they would rejoice in tribulation to share the sufferings of the Lord who suffered for us all, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our nation and all people of the world, that peace and justice would overcome war and violence, liberty reign over oppression, and that the holy angels would guard those who defend us in the armed forces or protect us in our communities, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For the sick and the distressed, those whose hearts are heavy, those whose lives are burdened, those who mourn, and all who are in need, that they would be granted healing and given God's peace which passes all understanding, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

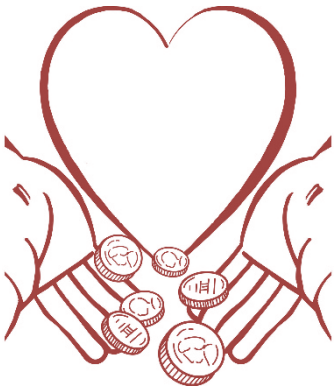
P Heavenly Father, as the first Christians devoted themselves to prayer and worship following Christ's glorious ascension, preserve us in the same until we are raised with all the saints to Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**



OFFERING

Offering Plates are in the Fellowship Hall



LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father who 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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24–26

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!**