

COME MEET JESUS

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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

📖 In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

🗣 Amen.

EXHORTATION

1 John 1:8–9

📖 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

🗣 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

📖 Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

🗣 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.

ABSOLUTION

[John 20:19–23]

📖 Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

🗣 Amen.



+ SERVICE OF THE WORD +

INTROIT

1 Samuel 2:1–2, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 1:46b–47

L My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in the LORD.
My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in your salvation.
There is none holy like the LORD; there is none besides you;
there is no rock like our God.
The LORD makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low and he exalts.
He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap
to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor.
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,
and on them he has set the world.

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.**

L My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

KYRIE

Mark 10:47

L In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

L 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.**

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

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C **Amen.**



SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY

L The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

L Let us pray: Almighty God, You chose the virgin Mary to be the mother of Your Son and made known through her Your gracious regard for the poor and lowly and despised. Grant that we may receive Your Word in humility and faith, and so be made one with Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 5:1–5

L The Old Testament Reading is from Micah, beginning with the fifth chapter.

¹Now muster your troops, O daughter of troops;
siege is laid against us;
with a rod they strike the judge of Israel
on the cheek.

²But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah,
who are too little to be among the clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to be ruler in Israel,
whose coming forth is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labor has given birth;
then the rest of his brothers shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth.

⁵And he shall be their peace.
When the Assyrian comes into our land
and treads in our palaces,
then we will raise against him seven shepherds
and eight princes of men;

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 138; antiphon: v. 8a

- ¹I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
before the gods I sing your praise;
- ²I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,
for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.
- ³On the day I called, you answered me;
my strength of soul you increased.
- ⁴All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD,
for they have heard the words of your mouth,
- ⁵and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,
for great is the glory of the LORD.
- ⁶For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he knows from afar.
- ⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
and your right hand delivers me.
- ⁸The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

EPISTLE

Romans 12:9–16

L The Epistle is from Romans, beginning with the twelfth chapter.

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

☪ ALLELUIA AND VERSE

LSB 156

C Alleluia! Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia!

HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 2:1 – 12*

L The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹Now after Jesus had been born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, look, Magi from the east appeared in Jerusalem ²and said, “Where is the King of the Jews who has been born? For we saw his star in its rising, and we have come to show reverence to him.” ³But when King Herod had heard, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴and when he had gathered together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he began to inquire from them, “Where will the Christ be born?” ⁵And they said to him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it stands written through the prophet:

⁶”*And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,
By no means are you least among the rulers of Judah,
For from you will come forth a Ruler
Who indeed will shepherd my people, Israel.*”

⁷Then Herod secretly called the Magi and ascertained from them the time when the star began to appear, ⁸and he sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and inquire accurately about the child, and as soon as you find [him], report to me in order that I also may come and show reverence to him.” ⁹After they had heard the king they went and—look—the star, which they had seen in its rising, began to lead the way for them until it came and stood above where the child was. ¹⁰When they had seen the star they rejoiced with extremely strong joy. ¹¹And they went into the house, and they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and showed reverence to him; they opened their treasures and offered to him gifts—gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And because they had been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own land by another route.

*Source: Concordia Commentary (Matthew 1:1 – 11:1) by Jeffrey A Gibbs

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON



📌 CREED

Apostles' Creed LSB p.159

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

L Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.

God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil's kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

L Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

- L** Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** **hear our prayer.**
- L** We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

OFFERING

Offering Plates are in the Fellowship Hall

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9–13

- L** 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

- L** 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

- L** Go in peace as you serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Amen!**