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Undivided Attention on the Privilege and Purpose of Prayer

In a sense, prayer comes naturally to us. We want so we ask. We hurt so we cry out. We are frustrated so we vent. We are blessed so we give thanks. Natural! What does not come naturally, however, is a proper understanding of the privilege of prayer. Prayer is a privilege, based entirely on the unique and unearned relationship we have with God, our Father. And the purpose of prayer is really not to tell God what we want, but to claim that which God wants for us. Prayer provides the opportunity to bring our will into conformity with God's will, not the other way around. This week, we give our undivided attention to what God says about this access we call prayer. Along with Jesus' disciples we say, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1).

Welcome to our Guests.

Thanks for joining us! We are gathered here to be strengthened in the faith through the Word of Jesus, the Son of God who has come to save us. If there is anything that we can do to serve you, please let us know.

BIBLE BASICS!

What is the Bible all about? What does a WELS church teach that is different from other churches? What do I/or a friend need to know to be a member of St. Matthew's? If you or someone you know has these questions we have the answer. We are having a Bible Study on the basics of God's Word Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church in Wilson MN, led by Pastor Jason Threlkeld. The class will be an hour long and will be once a week. We will start this class August 5th. Come and bring a Friend! This is a great way to review and to bring Jesus to friends and family!

OUR MISSION

The mission of every Christian and this congregation is to serve all people in God's world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.

OUR FACILITIES

A restroom is located in the Mother's Room at the back of church and also in the church basement. There is also a handicapped accessible restroom in the back of church. Ask an usher for help and directions. The members of St. Matthew's believe that families should be allowed to worship together. If the need arises, we have an audio-equipped children's room just outside of the church doors to your left. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

Out of courtesy for your fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.

Greet one another and introduce yourself to a new face.

Opening Hymn

719 Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CW 719



- 1 Lord, teach us how to pray as once the Twelve you taught,
- 2 Lord, teach us how to pray when cares dis - tract the mind.
- 3 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - kin - dle faith's bright flame,
- 4 Lord, teach us how to pray; re - mind us day by day



for we can nev - er find the words to praise you as we ought.
Help us to wait in qui - et - ness, a calm - er spir - it find.
un - til our faith leaps up a - gain to speak and praise your name.
that you wait ea - ger - ly to hear be - fore we think to pray.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle, Jr., 1923–2007

Tune: Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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Stand

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Confession

CW 172

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

In the peace of forgiveness, let us sing to the Lord

Glory to God in the Highest

CW 176

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the melody. The second staff begins with the lyrics 'Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his'. The third staff continues with 'peo - ple on earth. Lord God,'. The fourth staff has 'heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we'. The fifth staff reads 'wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your'. The sixth staff contains 'glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and'. The seventh and final staff concludes with 'peace to his peo - ple on earth.'.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his

peo - ple on earth. Lord God,

heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we

wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his



peo - ple on earth. For you a -



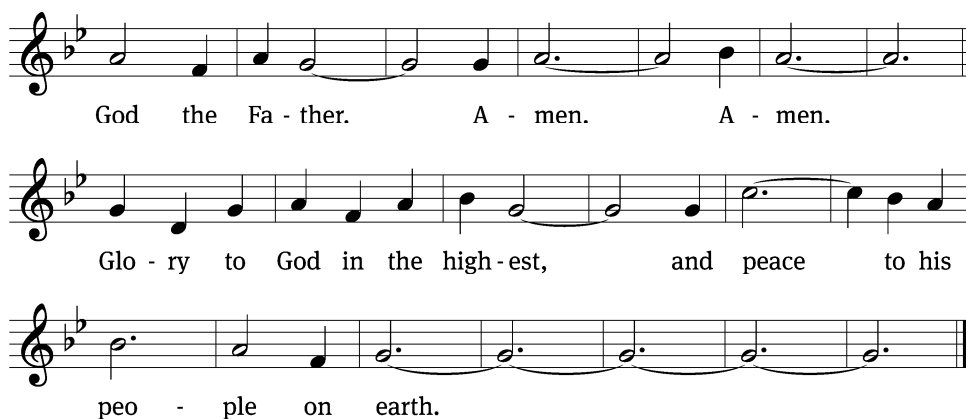
lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,



with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of



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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Genesis 18:20–32

Abraham prays on the basis of what he knows about the LORD: that the LORD is a just judge, that the LORD shows mercy, and that the LORD invites us to be bold in our prayers.

²⁰Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous ²¹that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

²²The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

²⁶The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

²⁷Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, ²⁸what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

²⁹Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

³⁰Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

³¹Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

³²Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

722 In Holy Conversation

Soloist will sing verse 1, please join on v.2-3



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,
 2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;
 3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,
 and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.
 we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.
 in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.
 We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;
 With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,
 So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears
 and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.
 then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.
 with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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Tune: Swedish

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Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Paul teaches us that the ultimate purpose for everything we ask is that God's will would be done..

¹I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—²for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 11:9

Alleluia. Ask and I will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

Jesus teaches us how to pray and how our Father will answer.

¹One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” ²He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“ ‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread. ⁴Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

⁵Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ ⁷And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

⁹“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

¹¹“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? ¹²Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

725 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

CW 725



1 Hear us, Fa - ther, when we pray, through your Son and
2 When we know not what to say, and our wound - ed
3 Je - sus, ad - vo - cate on high, sac - ri - ficed on
4 By your Spir - it now at - tend to our prayers and

in your Spir - it. By your Spir - it's Word con - vey
souls are plead - ing, may your Spir - it, night and day,
Cal - v'ry's al - tar, through your priest - ly blood we cry:
sup - pli - ca - tions, as like in - cense they as - cend

all that we through Christ in - her - it,
groan with - in us in - ter - ced - ing;
hear our prayers, though they may fal - ter;
to your heav'n - ly hab - i - ta - tions.

that as bap - tized heirs we may tru - ly pray.
by his sighs, too deep for words, we are heard.
place them on your Fa - ther's throne as your own.
May their fra - grance waft a - bove, God of love.

Text: Chad L. Bird, b. 1970

Tune: Geist-reiches Gesang-Buch, Halle, 1704, ed. Johann A. Freylinghausen

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Sermon

Luke 11:1-13

LORD IMPROVE MY PRAYING

1. To pray for all things
2. To pray with persistence
3. To pray with confidence

Stand

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Be seated

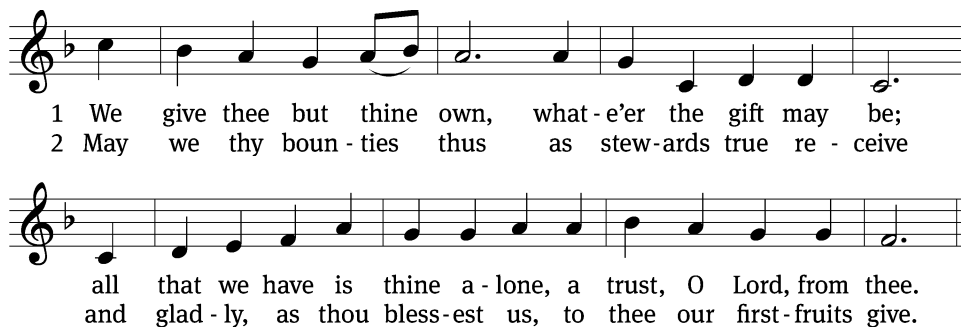
Thank Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Our offerings will be collected today at the church entrance and brought forward during the offering hymn. To give by phone send a text message to 844-703-3129 with the amount you would like to contribute and you will be sent further instructions.

750 We Give Thee but Thine Own

CW 750



1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew-ards true re - ceive

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, abr.

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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Prayer of the Church

Heavenly Father, You hear the prayers of Your dear children and care for all their needs of body and soul. As we come before You with our petitions, unburden our hearts from the weight of our sins and troubles, and give us faith to live in light of Your promises. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, You have bestowed a high honor and duty upon Your Church by teaching her to pray and promising to hear her. Bless our pastors in their prayers for Your people, and hear us all as we offer our petitions in the name of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Everlasting God, You have called the hearts of fathers to their children by bringing Your Son into our world. Nurture the life of prayer in the homes of Your people, that we all would know the full blessing of Your fatherly care. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, You have ordered the nations that men would seek after You. Curb the wickedness of this world, embolden the witness of the righteous, and make our nation a repentant and faithful place where Your gracious presence is welcomed with thanksgiving. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Righteous Lord, You do not wink at wickedness, and You promise that Your patience with evil will not last forever. As You punished Sodom and rescued Lot in days of old, save Your people today and vanquish our enemies. Give us prayerful hearts to leave all vengeance in Your hands. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You promise to hear our prayers and, through them, to involve us in Your divine plan. As You heard and considered the prayers of faithful Abraham, hear our prayers on behalf of [_____ and] all who suffer. Spare their lives, and through all things draw them ever closer to You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, give us a child's confidence as we come to Your table this day, that we might approach it in sure and certain faith so that, in the gifts of Christ's body and blood, the forgiveness we ask for will be given and the life we seek we will find. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we ask Your blessing and look to You as the Giver of all good gifts. Make us ever eager to come to You in prayer and thanksgiving, as Your Son has taught us. By Your Holy Spirit, bring us to behold in Christ the fulfillment of those things for which we pray — Your holy name, Your coming kingdom, daily bread, forgiveness, shelter in temptation and deliverance from every evil; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 183

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day kept his promise and poured out the Holy Spirit to empower his Church to proclaim the gospel in all the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

CW 184

The musical score is written on seven staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!' The score ends with a double bar line.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might. Heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

Lord God, you are worthy to receive thanks and praise from all people. You created the world and all who live in it, and in your mercy, you saved us. We give thanks to you for the grace of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Though in very nature God, he took the nature of a servant and became obedient to death, even death on a cross. He offered himself as a sacrifice for sin and redeemed us from its

curse and penalty. He rescued us from the terrors of death and restored eternal life with you. He conquered our enemies and gained for us the kingdom of grace and glory.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood, and lead us to remember his suffering, death, and resurrection. Forgive our sins and fill us with the hope of new life in heaven. Hear our praise and receive our thanks as we worship you—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my T body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

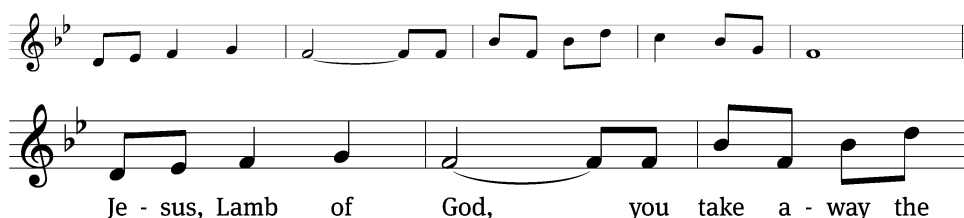
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my T blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.

Jesus, Lamb of God

CW 186



sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace.

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Be seated

OUR COMMUNION PRACTICE

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church observes the biblical practice of *close communion*. If you are not currently a member of our congregation or a sister WELS/ELS congregation, you may come forward for a blessing (indicated by placing your hand on your heart) but we would kindly ask that you understand that we are not able to give you communion. If you would like to commune with us in the future, please speak with the pastor.

We look forward to talking about this very important issue with you.

Distribution Hymns:

721 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CW 721



- 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
- 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where?
- 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?



What a priv-i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
We should nev-er be dis-cour-aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav-ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

Additional phrase:

**Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear;
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

Text: Joseph M. Scriven, 1819–1886, alt.
Tune: Charles C. Converse, 1832–1918
Text and tune: Public domain

931 Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise

CW 931



1 Sav - ior, a - gain to thy dear name we raise
 2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home-ward way;
 3 Grant us thy peace, Lord, through the com - ing night;
 4 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life,



with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise.
 with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day.
 turn thou for us its dark - ness in - to light.
 our balm in sor - row and our stay in strife.



Once more we bless thee ere our wor - ship cease,
 Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,
 From harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,
 Then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,



then, low - ly bend - ing, wait thy word of peace.
 that in this house have called up - on thy name.
 for dark and light are both a - like to thee.
 call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

Text: John Ellerton, 1826–1893, abr.
 Tune: Edward J. Hopkins, 1818–1901
 Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet you have given us in this Sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.



St. Matthew's is hosting a free viewing of the movie **ONE BY ONE** produced by Salty Earth Pictures and directed by Steve Zambo. This will take place on **Saturday, August 2nd** at the Winona 7 Theater, 70 West 2nd Street, Winona MN. Doors open at 9:00am and the film begins at 9:30am.

One by One follows David Rosenau's journey from funeral director to prison guard, undercover detective, and homicide investigator. After a life-threatening injury, he answered the call to become a pastor and is now impacting lives for eternity.

Please use the attached QR code with your Smart device to reserve your seat or click the link provided. [One by One Sign-up](#) Additional ways to sign-up would be to contact Dean Rupprecht @ 507-730-8854 or email deanrupprecht@gmail.com



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Announcements

July 26 & 27, 2025



Worship Leader – Winfried Schroeder

Organist – Tamara Koenig

Councilmen on Duty this Weekend

Saturday 5PM – Bob Brommerich

Sunday 9AM – Neil Gerdes

Altar Committee – Andrea Frick & Savannah Kubis

Ushers on Duty this Weekend

Saturday 5PM – Matt Rupprecht

Sunday 9AM – Dave Gerdes group

Last Week Attendance: Saturday – 44; Sunday – 122

This Week – July 27-August 3

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion
	10:15 AM	Bible Class
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
Monday		Finance #4
Tuesday		
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on HBC Channel 20
Thursday	11:30 AM	Women's Bible Study @ Beno's
Friday		
Next Saturday	5:00 PM	Worship
Next Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Bible Class
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM

Financial News

Weekly Budget for Envelope Offerings: \$8,173.08

Offerings received July 19 & 20: \$5,078.00

Boiler Fund Goal: \$722,225

Boiler Fund Total Received: \$617,448

Boiler Fund Pledges Outstanding: \$14,050

Boiler Payment #2: \$275,153 now due July 30 (was June 30)

Boiler Fund Contributions: Please either write separate checks for the boiler fund or clearly mark on your envelope how much is to be contributed to the Boiler Fund.

Church Announcements:

Pastoral Call: We have called Rev. Andrew G. Ewald who is currently serving at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mosinee WI. Please keep Rev. Ewald and his family in your prayers. His contact information: pastor.andrew.ewald@gmail.com 715-693-2910 (work number)

From Church Council: Your Church Council members and their emails-

Shannon Bohme- President- chinasrb@gmail.com

Devin Ellinghuysen- Discipleship-super88d@gmail.com

Dale Crist- Secretary- cristdale@msn.com

Ryan Brink- School Board- ryanbrink24@gmail.com

Dean Rupprecht- Elders- deanrupprecht@gmail.com

Bob Mueller- Treasurer- rwmueller1952@gmail.com

Neil Gerdes- Assistant Treasurer- cindylgerdes@gmail.com

Doug Benter- Interim Building and Grounds- douglas.benter@gmail.com

There is a new mini **outreach group** that you may contact if there is someone you are wanting to invite to church or would like to give a bible presentation to. These men are willing to meet with you and that person at a place of your choosing to talk with, listen to and share with them.

Shannon Bohme- 651-324-4218

Dean Rupprecht- 507-730-8854

Jeff Sell- 801-895-9910

Women's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at Beno's at 11:30am. All are welcome!

Ways to Serve

Altar committee is in need of volunteers Due to some volunteers leaving, the Altar Committee is searching for people to fill their spots. Volunteers are paired up to serve for 2 weeks in a row and just 2 times in a 6-month period. If you are interested in serving, please call Andrea Frick at (507)459-4349 or talk to her after church. She will gladly answer any questions or concerns. The altar committee is a great way to serve the church and our Lord. We hope to hear from you!

If you would like to sponsor a Radio broadcast, similar to a bulletin sponsorship, the cost is \$100.00. Please contact Lindsey by email: smoffice@stmatthewswinona.org or by phone: 507-454-3083. If you would like to donate to the Radio Broadcast fund, please use your designated offering envelope.

Bulletin Sponsorship Upcoming bulletins available for sponsorship: **Aug 24, 31.** The cost is \$30.00. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, you may email the information to Tamara Koenig tkoenig@stmatthewswinona.org or contact Lindsey in the office @507-454-3083.

School News

St. Matthew's School is seeking a qualified classroom assistant to work in the 5-day Pre-K classroom for the 2025-26 school year. The hours are 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. The 5-Day Pre-K classroom assistant is responsible for assisting the classroom teacher with managing the 5-Day Pre-K classroom and meeting the needs of the students.

Qualifications:

- ♦ Preferred WELS (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod) or ELS (Evangelical Lutheran Synod) member in good standing
- ♦ Must have a minimum of a high school diploma, college degree preferred
- ♦ Must have one year of experience in the childcare field, satisfactory completion of coursework in the childcare field, or other experience or education that meets the approval of the BOCE. (Board of Christian Education)
- ♦ Must pass a background check
- ♦ Must have good oral and written communication skills

Interested individuals may contact Mrs. Joanne Dobberstein by email (jdobberstein@stmatthewswinona.org) or phone (414-539-2237). Position open until filled.

Women's Fellowship News:

Upcoming dates to remember:

- August – Planning meeting (date to be determined)
- October 18 – Fall Rally hosted by St. Matthew's, Winona

WELS News

To help celebrate the 175 Anniversary of your WELS synod, a special thank offering opportunity is presented in a black and gold brochure that you will find in the church entrance.

Registration is now open for the WELS Flourish Women's Retreat which will be held on Saturday, Oct. 4th at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lewiston MN. For more information visit flourishretreat.lewistonlutherans.org.

Travel with WELS Groups Interested in traveling with members of our faith family where WELS worship and Christian fellowship are integral parts of the itinerary? The OWLS (WELS Seniors) is

partnering with Father's World Tours to offer trips every which way across the USA. Upcoming options include a Labor Day weekend show trip to the Ozarks (8/29-9/1), wildlife and waterfall viewing on Minnesota's North Shore (9/2-5), a comprehensive New England autumn immersion (9/22-10/4), or a Southern California/Mexican coastal cruise combo (12/31-1/13). Trips are open to WELS/ELS members of all ages. Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact Steve Balza (steve@fathersworldtours.com or 507-217-1731) to learn more.

Trip summaries:

Weekend in the Ozarks swings south to KS, MO, and AR to see Sight & Sound's David along with *The Great Passion Play* and WELS worship in the woods. Aug 29-Sep 1

Minnesota Wildlife and Waterfalls heads north to the stunning Superior shore to explore the national forest's fabulous flora and fauna...wolves and bears, oh my! Sep 2-5

Autumn in New England flies east to Boston to kickoff a 6-state adventure including Acadia Park, Fenway Park, and the region's renowned fall foliage. Sep 22-Oct 4

California Cruisin' flies west to Joshua Tree NP, Palm Springs, the Reagan Library, the Rose Parade, and a Princess cruise along Mexico's coast. Dec 31-Jan 13



PRE-K FAMILY PLAY DAY

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Come and go as fits your schedule!!

St. Matthew's School Playground

If rainy → St. Matthew's School Gym

PRE-K OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Come and go as fits your schedule!!

Pre – K classrooms –

Come to see your room!!

Kindergarten → Grade 8 classrooms – Come to see your school!!



A photographer will be onsite to take school year student pictures!



top of each hour → in church – short family devotion presentation

PRE-K PARENT MEETING

Wed., August 27, 2025 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

We will meet in St. Matthew's Church.

Childcare will be available.

Please make every effort to attend!!

FIRST DAYS OF PRE-K

5 Day Pre-K and 2 Day Pre-K = Tues, September 2nd

3 Day Pre-K = Wed., September 3rd

Questions contact: **Mrs. Karen Rossin** – krossin@stmatthewswinona.org

Mrs. Joanne Dobberstein – jdobberstein@stmatthewswinona.org



The Youth Discipleship Committee relaunched Campus Ministry and we have had great success teaming up with area congregations. Pastor Garrett from Goodview-Trinity has taken the lead on this and has hosted several Bible Class and gatherings. Again this year we are planning to assemble “Dorm Warming Bags” to welcome the college students back!

If you would like to help with this area of ministry, here is what we are in need of:

- Food: Power bars, dried fruit, mixed nuts or trail mix, gum, coffee, water bottle, beef jerky, homemade treats, peanut butter and crackers, chips and salty snacks, fruit snacks Microwaveable items such as: popcorn, oatmeal, ramen noodles, mac and cheese cups
- Cleaning Supplies: Laundry detergent, dryer sheets or wool dryer ball, extra hangers, antibacterial all-purpose cleaning wipes, paper towels, microfiber cloths, room freshener spray, stain remover pen
- Personal Care Items: Soap, shampoo, conditioner, lip balm, toothbrush, toothpaste, mouthwash, dental floss, deodorant, Q-tips
- First Aid: Band-Aids, hand sanitizer, cough drops, tissues, microwaveable soup, tea bags, powdered Gatorade, tweezers, thermometer

With your help, we are hoping to create 30 of these bags for our incoming students. For your convenience, there is a tote in the back of the church to drop off any donations you have. Please have your gifts to church no later than Sunday, August 10th. We thank you for your generosity towards our college students and this very important part of ministry outreach!