

St. Matthew's Lutheran

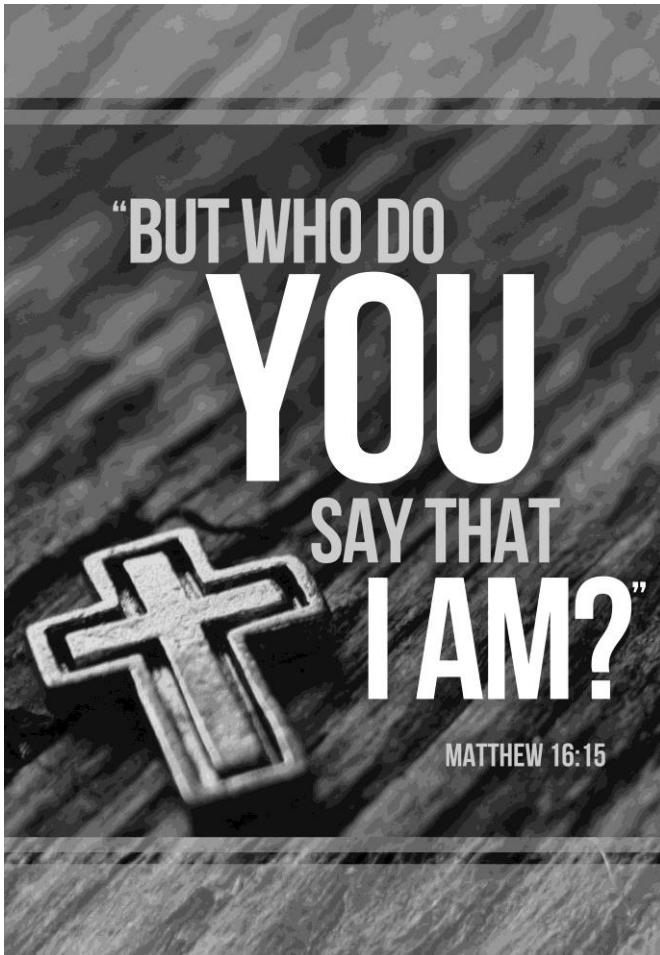
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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 26 & 27, 2023

The Church God Wants

A Church That Really Knows Jesus

Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?” Make no mistake. That is the most important question in the world. And it is a question every human must answer. A complimentary answer can still be dead wrong. Some in Jesus’ day thought he was John the Baptist or the prophet Elijah come back from the dead. Complimentary, but dead wrong. Today plenty of people believe Jesus existed. They believe he was a wise teacher or a role model for love. Complimentary, but dead wrong if missing the main point.

Jesus is both Lord and Savior, the Messiah, the Son of the living God. This truth is the core of saving faith. It is the central message God has called our church to proclaim. What does God want in a church? He wants a church that really knows Jesus.

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.

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, we would kindly ask that you not come forward for communion today. 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.

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

Opening Hymn

869 Onward, Christian Soldiers

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 154

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.

Silence for meditation and reflection

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.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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.



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



Lord, have mer - cy.

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



A - men.

Glory Be to God on High

CW 157



Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



We praise you, we bless you, we worship you, we glorify you,



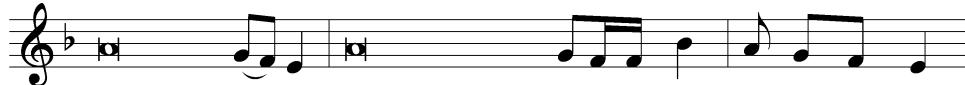
we give thanks to you, for your great glory, O Lord God, heav'n-ly King,



God the Fa-ther Al - mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;



O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world;



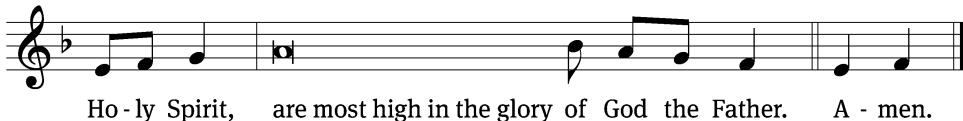
have mercy on us. You take away the sin of the world; re-ceive our prayer.



You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.



For you on-ly are holy; you on-ly are the Lord. You only, O Christ, with the



The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, whom to know is everlasting life, grant us to know your Son, Jesus, to be the way, the truth, and the life that we may boldly confess him to be the Christ and steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal; 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

Exodus 34:5–9

⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and stood there with him and proclaimed his name, the LORD. ⁶And he passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”

⁸Moses bowed to the ground at once and worshiped. ⁹“Lord,” he said, “if I have found favor in your eyes, then let the Lord go with us. Although this is a stiff-necked people, forgive our wickedness and our sin, and take us as your inheritance.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

138C Forever and Ever, O LORD

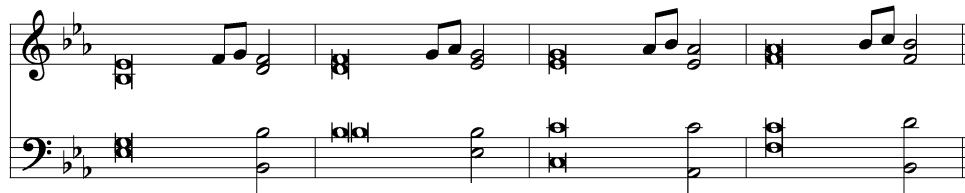
Psalm 138C

Refrain



For - ev - er and ev - er, O LORD, your
love en - dures for - ev - er.

Tone



I will / praise you, LORD,

with / all my heart;

I will bow down toward your holy temple and will / praise your name
for your unfailing love and your / faithfulness.

When I called, you / answered me;

you greatly em- / boldened me.

Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the / lowly;
though lofty, he sees them / from afar. *Refrain*

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you pre- / serve my life;

with your right hand you / save me.

The LORD will vindi- / cate me;
your love, LORD, endures for- / ever.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.** *Refrain*

Second Reading

Romans 10:5-13

⁵Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: “The person who does these things will live by them.” ⁶But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’ ” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: ⁹If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. ¹¹As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

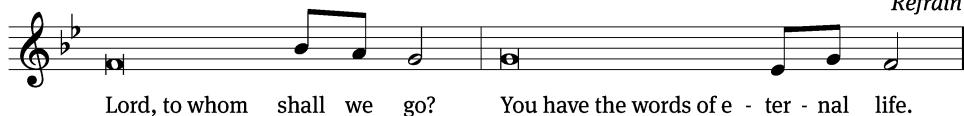
John 6:68



Refrain

Al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - - le - lu - ia.

Tone



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Gospel

Matthew 16:13–20

¹³When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

¹⁵“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”

¹⁶Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

¹⁷Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Hymn of the Day

The Law Commands and Makes Us Know

(tune: Old Hundredth)

1. The law commands and makes us know
What duties to our God we owe,
But 'tis the gospel must reveal
Where lies our strength to do his will.
2. The law uncovers guilt and sin
And shows how vile our hearts have been;
The gospel only can express
Forgiving love and cleansing grace.
3. What curses does the law pronounce
Against the one who fails but once!
But in the gospel Christ appears,
Pard'ning the guilt of num'rous years.
4. My soul, no more attempt to draw
Your life and comfort from the law.
Flee to the hope the gospel gives;
The one who trusts the promise lives.

Sermon

THE SERMON ON THE NAME OF THE LORD

Exodus 34:5-9

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.

695 Take My Life and Let It Be

CW 695 sts. 1, 4, 6



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;
6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its trea - sure store;



take my mo-ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.
take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879

Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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Prayer of the Church

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, from You and through You and to You are all things. You have built Your Church on the confession of the Gospel and have promised that the gates of hell will not overcome it. To Your Church throughout the world grant the faith and courage to confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God Almighty, You transform Your Church by the Holy Spirit so that she does not conform to the world. Draw forth from Your people their proclamation of thanksgiving, that they may tell of all Your wondrous deeds.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, grant that the Office of the Keys may be honored among us, in order that we may confess our sin and be absolved in the name of Christ. As You have so graciously forgiven us, grant that we may extend this grace by forgiving others.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, care for all families, children, single adults and youth, that they might steadfastly walk in the way that leads to life eternal. Grant an increase in wisdom and grace to all who teach and learn.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, grant that all nations and leaders might act for peace; promote godliness; and protect all who live under violence, oppression, injustice and fear, that all people might extol You.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, care for all victims of disaster, for those stricken by illness or infirmity, for the aged and infirm, for the grieving and for those near death. *[Especially show Your steadfast love to _____.]*

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, lead us to repentance and faith, that we may not think more highly of ourselves than is right, but that we would set our hearts and minds on the things of God. Prepare us to receive the blessed gifts of our Lord's table, that this food may keep us holy and blameless in Christ now and when He comes again.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

From You and through You and to You are all things! To You, O Father, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, be glory now and forever. **Amen.**

The Sacrament

Stand

Preface

CW 165

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. 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 167

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en-ly hosts:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,
bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and

strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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 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 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.

O Christ, Lamb of God

CW 169



The musical notation consists of a single line of music in G clef, 2/4 time. The melody is primarily eighth notes, with some sixteenth-note patterns. The lyrics are written below the notes, corresponding to the melody.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;

have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
 O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
 grant us your peace. A - men.

Be seated

Distribution Hymns:

675 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

856 Built on the Rock

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 thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, 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.

Closing Hymn

697 May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Announcements

August 26 & 27, 2023

Organist – Carol Schroeder

Councilmen on Duty this Weekend

Saturday 6PM- Dean Rupprecht

Group

Sunday 9AM – Neil Gerdes

Ushers on Duty this Weekend

Saturday 6PM – Dean Rupprecht

Sunday 9AM – Steve Erickson Group

Altar Committee – Carol Gerdes & Brenda Cross

Last Week Attendance: Saturday – 56; Sunday - 137

This Week

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship/Communion
	10:15 AM	Bible Class



**ST. MATTHEW'S
CHURCH**

	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
Monday		
Tuesday	3:32 PM	Finance #4 NO SR. CHOIR
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Pre-K Parent Meeting
	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on HBC Channel 20
Thursday	11:30 AM	Women's Bible Study at Benos
Friday		
Saturday	6:00 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

Envelope offerings received August 19 & 20: \$4,504.00

Church Announcements:

FROM THE CHURCH COUNCIL: An Open Forum has been scheduled for Monday, September 11 at 7:00 PM to discuss our failing heating system boiler. It is CRITICALLY IMPORTANT that our members attend this meeting. Please make every effort to do so. Thank you.

Church Council is looking for people who would like to be on a committee that will help with fundraising ideas for our new boiler replacement project. If interested in being on that committee, please let Jim Mendell or Doug Benter know.

Choir will begin rehearsals for the 23-24 season on Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 7:00pm in the church. We look forward to welcoming returning and **new singers!** Come for fellowship and to make a joyful noise to the Lord! If you have questions, please call or text Tamara Koenig at 507.429.3887 or email tkoenig@stmatthewswinona.org.

Women of the congregation: Please join Women's Fellowship (every woman of the congregation is already a member) for our first get together of the year on Monday, September 18th at 6:00 P.M. at Perkins Restaurant. We will order off the menu and then share the activities planned and serving group information for the year. A free-will mission offering will also be received. We will have to make a reservation, so there is a sign-up sheet at the back of church. If you have questions, please call or text - Sue Berg 507-454-5265.

A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement is the new play being presented by the Church Basement Ladies. Women's Fellowship is organizing a trip to the Oct. 21st performance at the Ames Center in Burnsville, MN. Tickets are 37.50 each – 20 tickets have been reserved. We will plan to car-pool again this year and leave from church at 12:00 noon to arrive for the 3:00pm matinee performance. We will plan to stop for dinner on our way home from Burnsville, restaurant to be determined later. Reservations are due Sept. 22nd and payment for your ticket will be due Sept. 24th. A sign-up sheet is located in the back of church.

Women's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 11:30AM at Beno's Deli in the meeting room at 78 East 4th Street. We are continuing our studies on the book "Women of the Bible". All women are welcomed. (920-988-4493)

School Announcements:

Thank you! Sarah and I thank you for the way you have made us feel like family since arriving at St. Matthew's. From helping us unpack our moving truck, greeting us at worship with a smile, generously giving of gifts for our welcome, volunteering to help, and your countless prayers, you have displayed great love and support. We will hold you, our new family, in our prayer as we serve along with you to tell the next generations of the great things God has done! Jeff and Sarah Sell

Important Upcoming Dates:

September 4: NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
September 20: Family Fun Day
September 29: NO SCHOOL

Ways to Serve

Bulletin Sponsorship is welcomed and needed throughout the year. Upcoming bulletins available for sponsorship: **Sept. 10, 17, Nov 12, 19, 26.** The cost is \$30.00 which covers both

weekend services. 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-

Share the Harvest Adult Discipleship is sponsoring a Share the Harvest again this season. Any fruits or vegetables or plants you want to share with St. Matthews congregation please bring in to the 7th street entrance. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

WELS News

**Today's bulletin is given by Linda Berg
in memory of Edward & Adela Berg**

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Jump In!!!

Kids for Christ is hosting summer seminars for our teaching team! Join us on either:
Sunday, August 27 10:15-11:15 a.m. or Monday, August 28 6:00-7:00 p.m.

We will help you discover your teaching confidence and creativity! We will share with you:

*Storytelling tips *How to engage learners *Creativity across the ages

We will meet in the Kids for Christ room (lower level school).

Please use the Wabasha St. door for entrance. Childcare will be provided.

To register for a session or if you have any questions contact Marion Erickson at

507.429.2036 or marion.erickson26@gmail.com



PRE-K PARENT MEETING

Wednesday, August 30, 2023 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 = Tuesday, September 5th

3 Day Pre-K = Wednesday, September 6th