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Closer to Jesus, Closer Together



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The Sundays after Pentecost

October 25 & 26, 2025

GOD SO LOVED!

The students at St. Matthew's are focusing on the Fruits of the Spirit this school year and the fruit for September is LOVE. To fully understand how to show love to each other, it is necessary to know where love comes from. 1 John 4:19 tells us "We love because he first loved us." God's love for humanity is the source and initiator of our ability to love Him and others. His preemptive, sacrificial love, shown through the gift of Jesus, transforms us and enables us to experience and express genuine love in return. This initial love from God provides the foundation for our faith, our capacity for love, and our moral imperative to love others, as this love is meant to be reflected through our actions.

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.

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.

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Opening Hymn of Praise - 599 Come, Christians Join to Sing

- 1 Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!
loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;
praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!
- 2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He who made all things well formed us His praise to tell.
Hear now the anthem swell. Alleluia! Amen!

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Stand

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

Confession

CW 173

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father,

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
Amen.

With joy in our hearts, let us praise the Lord!

Responsive Song of Praise - 599 Come, Christians Join to Sing

3. O sing this salvation song: Alleluia! Amen!
Christ on the cross has won. Alleluia! Amen!
Praise we the risen Lord; come, run through mercy's door
loved, rescued and restored. Alleluia! Amen!
4. Lift high the Savior's name, Alleluia! Amen!
'Til all the earth proclaims, "Alleluia! Amen!"
Let now the gospel ring; Christ for the world we sing;
The world to Christ we bring. Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, A - men!

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The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life. Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; 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

Luke 1:41-45

⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴²In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear!" ⁴³But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Luke 2:8-11

⁸And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand

Saturday - Gospel Acclamation

John 20:31



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sunday – Song by Children – I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy

Gospel

Matthew 28:5-9

⁵The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. ⁶He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. ⁷Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.” ⁸So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. ⁹Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Sunday - Song by School Children

O-O-O-Obedient

Children’s Message

Sat. only - Hymn of the Day – 611 Joyously I’ll Praise My Savior



- 1 Joy - ous - ly I'll praise my Sav - ior; for my God I'll
- 2 God, with firm and clear con - vic - tion, gave for me his
- 3 God had seen my sad con - di - tion, gave me sight when
- 4 Since your love is nev - er - end - ing, far be - yond what



glad - ly sing, as I see his lov - ing fa - vor ev - i -
pre - cious Son, by whose blood - y cru - ci - fix - ion I from
I was blind; he will be my great phy - si - cian, heal - ing
words can say, up to you my hands ex - tend - ing, Fa - ther,



dent in ev - 'ry - thing. In his faith - ful heart is beat - ing
hell have now been won. O you spring of love pre - vail - ing,
bod - y, soul, and mind. When it seems it's not worth try - ing—
as your child, I pray: Let your grace to me be giv - en



love that's pure and wide and long, love that makes his
depth of which I'll nev - er know, cur - rent which will
all my skill gets noth - ing done— Je - sus helps me
that I may with all my might cling to you both



ser - vants strong. All I see on earth is fleet - ing; God's a -
ev - er flow. All I see on earth is fail - ing; God's a -
car - ry on. All I see on earth is dy - ing; God's a -
day and night till I see your face in heav - en where my



maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.
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maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.
praise and love will be yours for all e - ter - ni - ty.

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Sunday only – Song by Children (Congregation welcome to join in)

Can't Steal My Joy

1. In the valley of the shadow, I got a feeling it's a season that'll make me grow.
I'm still breathing, I got praise in my lungs and a choir in my soul.

CHORUS

Can't steal my joy._____ Can't steal my joy._____

What the world couldn't give, no it can't take away.

Sorrow may come, but it can't steal my joy._____ Can't steal my joy.

2. In the high highs, in the low lows, You fill my cup. You fill it up until it over flows.

I remember, I'll keep holding on to hope 'cause You're the King of rolling stones.

CHORUS

Can't steal my joy._____ Can't steal my joy._____

What the world couldn't give, no it can't take away.

Sorrow may come, but it can't steal my joy._____

CHORUS 2

Can't steal my joy. Woh, oh, oh, woh, oh, oh, woh, oh, oh. Can't steal my joy.

Woh, oh, oh, woh, oh, oh, woh, oh, oh. Can't steal my joy, joy, joy, down in my heart, down in my soul, deep in my bones. I got the joy, joy, joy. I can't contain. Nothing can quiet my praise.

Can't steal my joy._____ Can't steal my joy._____

CHORUS

Can't steal my joy._____ Can't steal my joy._____

What the world couldn't give, no it can't take away.

Sorrow may come, but it can't steal my joy._____

CHORUS 3

Can't steal my joy. Woh, oh, oh, woh, oh, oh, woh, oh, oh. Can't steal my joy.

Woh, oh, oh, woh, oh, oh, woh, oh, oh. Can't steal my joy!

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Sermon

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there 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.

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.

Offering Hymn Stanza - 752 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings

1 Gra - cious God, you send great bless - ings new each

morn - ing all our days. For your mer - cies

nev - er end - ing, for your love we of - fer praise.

Refrain

Lord, we pray that we, your peo - ple who your



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Prayer of the Church

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.

Sunday – The Lord's Prayer will be sung responsively

SERMON HYMN: “Always Prepared”

No longer fearful, weighed down by guilt and shame;
Christ made my rescue, my hope and soul reclaimed!
He paid the wage—the wage was death—and death was overcome,
His death and life became my own, eternity is won.

Refrain:

May I always be prepared to give an answer for this hope I have.
May I always be prepared to give an answer for this hope I have in Christ.

No longer selfish, engaged in boastful deed;
Christ gave me purpose, equipped to serve and lead.
With skills and gifts he makes my life a living sacrifice,
His will and Word remain my guide, and show the world his light.

Refrain:

May I always be prepared to give an answer for this hope I have.

May I always be prepared to give an answer for this hope I have in Christ.

No longer silent, restrained by deed alone;

“Christ is my Savior,” I speak in daring tone.

With gentleness, with kind intent, his story is my song,

My conscience clear, my words set free, in Christ my voice is strong!

Refrain:

May I always be prepared to give an answer for this hope I have.

May I always be prepared to give an answer for this hope I have in Christ.

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through 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 – 617 - Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heav’nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

(Sunday – extended phrases)

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost,

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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Announcements

October 25 & 26

Worship Leader – Jason Threlkeld

Musicians – Sarah Sell, Jeff & Michael Sell, Tom Frisk, Nate Miller,

Aaron Bode, Andrea Frick, Amanda Wenzel, Tamara Koenig

Councilmen on Duty this Weekend

Saturday 5PM – Bob Mueller

Sunday 9AM – Neil Gerdes

Altar Committee – Rose Drazkowski & Sue Gannaway

Last Week Attendance: Saturday – 45; Sunday – 127



**ST. MATTHEW'S
CHURCH**

Ushers on Duty this Weekend

Saturday 5PM-Tom & Rose Drazkowski

Sunday 9AM – Wayne Abts group

This Week – Oct. 26 – Nov. 2

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Voter's Meeting/Thailand Mission Presentation/Kids for Christ
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
	11:45 AM	Lunch & Cards
	12:00 PM	Public School Catechism (at Trinity, Wilson)
Monday		Finance #3
	6:30 PM	Women's Fellowship Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Worship Committee
	1:30 PM	Sugar Loaf Manor Service
	6:30 PM	Bible Basics Class @ Trinity, Wilson
Wednesday	6:00 PM	Bible Study
	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on HBC Channel 20
Thursday	7:00 AM	Men's Bible Study @ Perkins
	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	Pancake Breakfast
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
	6:00 PM	Public School Catechism (at Trinity, Wilson)

Financial News

Weekly Budget for Envelope Offerings: \$8,173.08

Offerings received October 11 & 12: \$5,291.91

Boiler Fund Goal: \$734,985

Boiler Fund Total Received: \$708,047

Boiler Fund Pledges Outstanding: \$1,677

Boiler Payment final: \$35,205 due Dec 1

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:

- **Communion Schedule Change:** Communion will not be offered on Oct. 25 -26 due to pastoral scheduling changes. Family Worship and Pancake Breakfast is taking place on Sunday, Oct. 26th.
- **Our next Call Meeting** is scheduled for November 5th @ 7:00 pm in the church fellowship hall.
- **Yard Clean Up!** Club 3:16 is offering their services to clean up yards this fall. This may include raking, pulling weeds, bagging leaves, etc. There is no minimum fee for this service, however, we do encourage a free-will donation. This donation will be directly put towards our funds needed to attend the Youth Rally coming up in July 2026. If you are in need of some yard clean up this fall, please reach out to Kris Anderson @ 507.459.0044 or at club316@stmatthewswinona.org.
- **All are women are welcome to Beno's for Bible study.** We will be using Taboo by Pastor Novotny from now until our December Break. Please bring a Bible. Thursdays, 11:30AM.

Ways to Serve

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: **Nov. 2, 23, Thanksgiving, 30.** 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.

Women's Fellowship News:

Save the Date: The Advent Tea will be held on Nov. **Upcoming dates to remember:**

- November 17 - Monthly Meeting – 6:30pm

School News

- **Oct. 25** **Trunk or Treat at Winona Main Street Event 12pm-3pm**
- **Oct. 31** **End of 1st Quarter**

Trunk or Treat New this year – We will be doing a “booth” at the Winona Main Street Trunk or Treat. We plan to hand out candy and cups with St. Matthew's logo on them. **We are looking for candy donations or monetary donations.** The monetary donations will go toward the purchase of the cups and more candy! Closer to the day we will also be looking for volunteers to help man the booth! This event is huge, so we are hoping to make great connections with families in our community.



BIBLE CLASS

For People With Special Needs

Sunday, November 9
2-3:30 PM

Join us as we learn more about
God's love for all people.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
766 W. Wabasha St. - Winona

(Use accessible entrance to
church off of High Street)

WELS News

Martin Luther College Choir Concert : Join us on Sunday, October 26 @7:00pm at First Lutheran, LaCrosse WI as the Martin Luther College choir, under the direction of Prof. Adrian Smith, presents a choral concert titled “We Believe/The Nicene Creed in Song”. The program will include settings of familiar hymns, as well as selections by choral music composers representing a variety of musical styles.

Martin Luther College is part of the synod’s worker training program. The college prepares teachers and staff ministers who are ready to accept positions in our congregations. It also prepares men to enter Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary to complete their training to serve as pastors. A free-will offering will be taken to support the training of future gospel servants at MLC. Come and meet some of our future workers and enjoy the music they bring.



On Sunday, November 2nd at 2pm, there will be **an area worship service at Luther High School** recognizing God's grace and faithfulness in blessing us with the Reformation and with 175 years as a synod. It promises to be an uplifting gospel-centered service with choirs, instrumentalists, and Prof. Paul Koelpin from Martin

Luther College as our preacher.

Following the service in the school commons, there will be refreshments and a presentation by Prof. Koelpin on the history of worker training in our synod, with special focus on our college of ministry and its predecessor schools. We hope you can join us for this special celebration!

**Today's bulletin is sponsored by Duane and Donna Ruben
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