

# St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

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The Mission of Christ Lutheran Church is to help all people know  
Jesus as their Savior and grow in relationship with Him.

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**HYMN** "See This Wonder in the Making" ..... LSB 593

*P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C: Amen.**

## **BAPTISM OF REUBEN COOPER**

### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

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

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.*

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

*P: 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.*

**C: Amen.**

### **INTROIT**

*Ps. 92:1–5; antiphon: Matt. 9:13b, c*

*P: I desire mercy, and not sacrifice. For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.*

**C: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to Your name, O Most High; to declare Your steadfast love in the morning, and Your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**

*P: For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work; at the works of Your hands I sing for joy. How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep!*

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

*P: I desire mercy, and not sacrifice. For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.*

## **KYRIE**

*P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.*



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** Lord, have mer - cy.

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



**C** A - men.

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

*P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

**C** 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.  
 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.  
 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 God the Fa-ther. A - men.

**SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C** And al - so with you.

*P: Let us pray. O Son of God, our blessed Savior Jesus Christ, You called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist. Through his faithful and inspired witness, grant that we also may follow You, leaving behind all covetous desires and love of riches; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



## **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Ezekiel 2:8-3:11*

<sup>8</sup> “But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” <sup>9</sup> And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup> And He spread it before me. And it had writing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of lamentation and mourning and woe. <sup>1</sup> And He said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” <sup>2</sup> So I opened my mouth, and He gave me this scroll to eat. <sup>3</sup> And He said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with it.” Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey. <sup>4</sup> And He said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them. <sup>5</sup> For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel – <sup>6</sup> not to many peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you. <sup>7</sup> But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to Me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. <sup>8</sup> Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. <sup>9</sup> Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house.” <sup>10</sup> Moreover, He said to me, “Son of man, all My words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. <sup>11</sup> And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, Thus says the Lord God,’ whether they hear or refuse to hear.”

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **EPISTLE READING**

*Ephesians 4:7-16*

<sup>7</sup> But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. <sup>8</sup> Therefore it says, “When He ascended on high He led a host of captives, and He gave gifts to men.” <sup>9</sup> (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that He had also descended into the

lower regions, the earth? <sup>10</sup> He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) <sup>11</sup> And He gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, <sup>12</sup> to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, <sup>14</sup> so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. <sup>15</sup> Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Him who is the head, into Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

*P: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### ALLELUIA

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.*

Glo - ry to You, O Lord.

### THE HOLY GOSPEL

*Matthew 9:9-13*

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and He said to him, "Follow Me." And he rose and followed Him. <sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and His disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when He heard it, He said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what

this means: I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

*P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.*



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

**HYMN** "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" ..... LSB 611

**SERMON**

**APOSTLES CREED**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*P: Lord, in Your mercy,*

**C: hear our prayer.**

**WE WORSHIP THE LORD WITH OUR OFFERINGS**

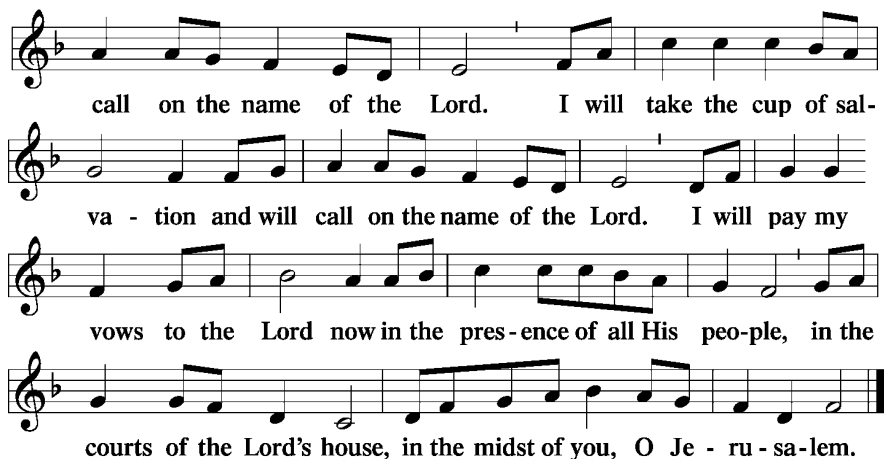
**OFFERTORY**



**C** What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to



me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will



call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-  
va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my  
vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all His peo-ple, in the  
courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

If you are a confirmed member of a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod congregation, we invite you to commune with us. If you are not a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation and would like to come forward with your family and friends during the distribution, please place your hands over your heart and you will receive a blessing.

## SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

*P: The Lord be with you.*



☒ And al - so with you.

*P: Lift up your hearts.*



☒ We lift them to the Lord.

*P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*



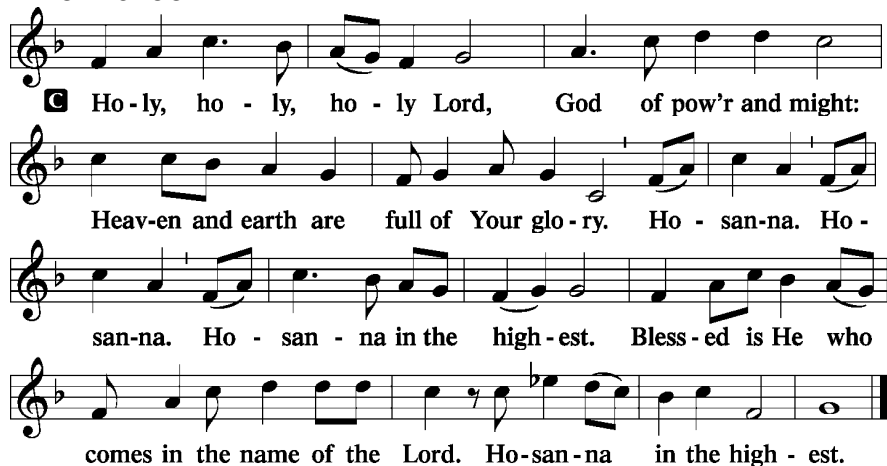
☒ It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

*P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles*



and evangelists, with Your servant Matthew, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:  
Heav-en 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 who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

## PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

*P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.*

*Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C: Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**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.

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

#### PAX DOMINI

*P:* The peace of the Lord be with you always.



**C** A - men.

#### AGNUS DEI

**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN** "Jesus Sinners Doth Receive" ..... *LSB* 609

#### POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.  
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.  
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



### **POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

*P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*



### **BENEDICTION**

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



**HYMN** "What is the World to Me" ..... **LSB 730**

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### **THIS WEEK AT CLC — (9/23/18 – 9/30/18)**

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Sunday School, 10:30am; Choir rehearsal, 10:30am

**Wednesday:** Bible class, 8:30am; 2<sup>nd</sup> year Confirmation, 5:00pm; 1<sup>st</sup> year Confirmation, 6:00pm

**Thursday:** Worship/HC, 6:30pm

**Sunday:** Worship/HC, 9:00am; Education hour, 10:30am; Choir rehearsal, 11:30am

## **OUR RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE (Week ending September 16, 2018)**

General & Building Funds: \$5580.00; Blessings: \$15.00

Attendance: Thursday: 13; Sunday: 129

### **CLC ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GUESTS AND VISITORS:** We are glad you are here! We invite you to join us for fellowship following the service. Bathrooms are located upstairs on each end of the fellowship/Bible study area.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Christ Lutheran will be celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sunday, October 14. Sign up to attend the dinner either on the poster in the narthex or on Facebook.

**THANK YOU** for all of your cards and gifts as we celebrated 10 years together as pastor and people here at Christ. – Pastor Wetmore

**WE'RE LOOKING FOR PHOTOS** of Christ Lutheran's history to put into a repeating slideshow during the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Please put them in Brian Otten' mailbox with a note saying who they came from so we can return them. Thank you!

**FOR OUR 40TH ANNIVERSARY** – please share a historical event, experience, kindness, etc... and in part who, what, and why we are at Christ Lutheran and that we are a Christian body and family to serve our Lord and mankind. The purpose is to edify and enrich our history with newer members and remind present members of the mercies and joys of our congregational history. That is what anniversaries are supposed to do: share experiences and joys, past and present, and look to our future! We ask also that submitters make known whether they want to be identified or anonymous and to keep the shared experience as brief and concise as possible. Thank you in advance for sharing and please have the submittal ready no later than Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, for Sue Meyer and any questions may be also directed to her. You may place them in Meyer church mailbox, email them to Sue Meyer at [wsmeyer@frontier.com](mailto:wsmeyer@frontier.com) or communicate directly to her.

**SEPTEMBER HUMAN CARE DONATIONS** – We are collecting monetary donations to purchase Bibles. Please direct all donations for this cause to "LWML – Bibles".

**MAKE PLANS NOW** to attend the next NWD Adult Gathering on Tuesday, October 30, 2018 at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Weston, WI from 10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Dean W. Nadasdy, former President, Minnesota South District will share “A Blessed Life: A Fresh Look at the Beatitudes.” Cost is \$20 which includes program, breaks, and lunch. To register and for more information visit the NWD homepage at [www.nwdlcms.org](http://www.nwdlcms.org) under “Events and Information”. Participants are encouraged to bring their Bibles.

**“LIFE QUOTES” from Lutherans For Life**

“Are you afraid of commitment and ‘belonging’ to other people? Relax. It’s how your Creator designed you. When you call a sick friend, send a card, congratulate an achiever, encourage a drooper, pursue a stray, or teach a child, you will feel a satisfaction in your heart that not even the devil can steal.” *Rev. Mark Jeske, Time of Grace –*  
[www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)