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of
St. Matthew

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**360 years of
Gospel Ministry**

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The Lutheran Church –
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The Rev. Peter A.D. Deebrach
Pastor



Holy and Awesome is His Name

Ps. 111:9

A Divine Worship Liturgy – October 12, 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after
PENTECOST

Welcome to a Divine Liturgy of Word and Sacrament. In our worship we gather in the Lord's presence at his invitation and in the company of the whole Church in heaven and on earth. We hear Him speak to us as he freely bestows the abundance of his grace. In response, we repent of our sins and offer up to Him our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving and dedicate our lives to serving Him.



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

Brief Order of Confession and Absolution

Stand

All may make the sign of the cross ✠ in remembrance of their baptism, as the minister begins.

P In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

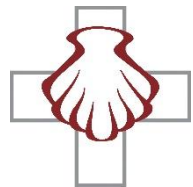
P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Gracious God and Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C** Amen.



Hymn: 785 We Praise You, O God

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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Apostolic Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

C And also with you.

Kyrie - Lord. Have mercy

P Kyrie! O God, Father in heav'n above,
You abound in gracious love,
Lord, Have mercy

C Lord, Have mercy

P Kyrie! O Christ, our king,
Salvation for all You came to bring.
Christ, Have mercy

C Christ, Have mercy

P Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,
Guard our faith, the gift we need
the most, Lord, Have mercy

C Lord, Have mercy

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Hymn of Praise - Gloria in Excelsis

P Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo" © 1998 Augsburg Fortress

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray... O God, our refuge and strength, the author of all godliness,
by Your grace hear the prayers of Your Church. Grant that those things
which we ask in faith we may receive through Your bountiful mercy;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** Amen.

Sit

I was *glad* when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the *Lord!*"

Psalm 122:1

THE READINGS - Hear the word of the LORD. (*Jeremiah 2:4*)

A reading from the book of Ruth

In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, “Go, return each of you to her mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The Lord grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, “No, we will return with you to your people.” ¹¹But Naomi said, “Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the Lord has gone out against me.” ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

¹⁵And she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” ¹⁶But Ruth said, “Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the Lord do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you.”

¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. *Ruth 1:1-19a*

A The Word the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalms 111 (congregation chants text in bold print)

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my | whole heart,*
in the company of the upright, in the congre- | gation.

**²Great are the works | of the Lord,*
studied by all who de- | light in them.**

³Full of splendor and majesty | is his work,*
and his righteousness endures for- | ever.

**⁴He has caused his wondrous works to be re- | membered;*
the Lord is gracious and | merciful.**

⁵He provides food for those who | fear him;*
he remembers his covenant for- | ever.

**⁶He has shown his people the power | of his works,*
in giving them the inheritance of the | nations.**

⁷The works of his hands are faith- | ful and just;*
all his precepts are | trustworthy;

**⁸they are established forever and | ever,*
to be performed with faithfulness and up- | rightness.**

⁹He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his
covenant for- | ever.* Holy and awesome | is his name!

**¹⁰The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good under- | standing.*
His praise endures for- | ever!**

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to Timothy

You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus,
²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses
entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in
suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in
civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An
athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the
hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think
over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as
preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a
criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything
for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in
Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have
died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign
with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he
remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself. **2 Timothy 2:1-13**

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (*all stand and sing*)

C Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter

C Glory to You, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.” *Luke 17:11-19*

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn: 806 Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

1 Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given
Jesus Christ His Son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because He’s given
Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
Give thanks, give thanks.

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Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (*stand*)

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

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

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian* Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen. (* *catholic = universal*)

Prayer of the Church

After each petition, the following is said: Lord, in your mercy. **C** Hear our prayer



WE PRAY for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, including— **Edna & Bob Waller, Delomi & Sarjue Persaud, Johnny Ramroop, Ruth Zerner, Violet Monson, Brenda Carmichael, Zonia & Resa Bucknor, Eunice Lyte, Agnes D'Ornellas, Carmen D'Ornellas, Sheila Motie, George Sukhdeo, Jackie Wheeler, Joyce Deebrah, Dorothy Weener, Jeanette Mota, Khamlita D'Ornellas, Narda Seoprasad, Kirsten Sandblom, Pastor George Ramsudh, Joan Dookram, Ruth & Tom Cameron, Raymond Franklin, Dolly Singh, Rushell Singh, Suresh Paul, Raymond Baron, Iris Cheddie, Sandra Campbell, Alecia Clark, Milo Noven.**

The PEACE is shared at this time.

P The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C** And also with you

The OFFERING is received. The OFFERTORY is sung as the gifts are presented.

LSB781 We Give Thee But Thine Own sts. 1-2, 4, 6

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-97

Stand

- [P]** Let us pray... **[C]** Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Liturgy of Holy Communion

- [P]** The Lord be with you. **[C]** And also with you.
- [P]** Lift up your hearts. **[C]** We lift them to the Lord.
- [P]** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- [C]** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- [P]** It is truly good, right, and ... join their unending hymn:
- [C]** Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might: Heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed ✠ is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.
- [P]** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*attention is focused on miracle on the altar*)

P Hear us, Abba Father, as we pray in Jesus' name and as He has taught us:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Agnus Dei ~ Lamb of God

C Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name;}
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is your name.}(sung X 3)

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in Your precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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P Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are they who are invited to the Supper of the Lamb.

C Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

*Communicants gather at the altar to receive the holy gifts of the Lord's Supper.
Upon receiving the body and blood of the Lord, the response "Amen" is said in
testimony of the mystery and the miracle of faith.*

C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done.
Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises. and leads his people forth in joy. With
shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P Let us pray... Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** Amen.

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. **C** Amen.

Announcements

Hymn: 895 Now Thank We All Our God

- 1 Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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All sit for a moment of reflection.

P Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Worship
Servants }

Officiating Minister: Rev. Peter Deebrah, Pastor

Organist: Roger Clinton



We are the **Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Matthew**, America's oldest Lutheran congregation (Chartered Dec 6, 1664) - a friendly household of faith.

This congregation's mission is to share the Good News of God in word and deed. In the name of Jesus, we bid you a warm welcome. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew. Please speak with the Pastor or one of our members concerning membership. First time visitors, please sign our guest book.

Announcements

- **Glad that you have worshipped** today in joining with the angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven around the glorious throne of God.
- **Divine Worship:** Sundays at 1:30 PM
In-person and on Zoom (Meeting ID: 821 423 1875)
+ **Why do we gather for worship?** To celebrate the goodness of the Lord in thanksgiving. We are reminded: "Let us not neglect our meeting together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of [Christ's] return is drawing near." Hebrews 10:25
- **Our offering is an important and integral part of worship, given with joy and in thanksgiving to God.** We return to the Lord a portion of what He has first given us out of His Fatherly love. Offerings are for the support of the ministry of the congregation.
- **Visit our church website** www.stmatthewnyc.org
- **You may give your Offering electronically by either of the following ways:**
 - use **DONATE** menu tab on the St. Matthew website – www.stmatthewnyc.org
 - use **Zelle** and enter St. Matthew email: stmatthewnyc@aol.com
- Daily Bible reading and devotions on the internet, visit www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp
- **LET'S READ THE BIBLE TOGETHER.** We are reading the New Testament (27 books) and the book of Psalms (150 chapters).

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