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of

St. Matthew

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The Rev. Peter A.D. Deebrach, Pastor



Ascribe
to the
LORD
the honor
due the
HOLY name

Psalm 96:8

October 18, 2026

Twenty-first 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 in Scripture and He freely pours forth 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. To this we say, "Amen!"



PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

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 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.

Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

- 1 God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient church's story;
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

- 2 Lo! The hosts of evil round us
scorn the Christ, assail his ways!
From the fears that long have bound us
free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days,

- 3 Cure your children's warring madness;
bend our pride to your control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
let we miss your kingdom's goal.

- 4 Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
let the gift of your salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving you whom we adore,
serving you whom we adore.

Text: Harry E. Fosdick, 1878-1969

The 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** In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** For the peace from above and for our salvation
let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mercy.
- 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 mercy.
- P** For this holy house and for all who offer here their
worship and praise let us pray to the Lord. **C** Lord, have mercy.
- P** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **C** Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE - Gloria in Excelsis

- P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.
- ♪ **Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:**
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.
For You alone are the Holy. One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen

- P** The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.
- P** Let us pray... O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us
that with You as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things
temporal that we lose not the things eternal; 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

- **THE READINGS** - *I will listen to what the Lord God is saying. (Psalm 85:8)*

A reading from Isaiah the Prophet

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
and to strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you

and level the mountains;

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron;

³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,

so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.

⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob
and Israel my chosen,

I call you by your name;

I give you a title, though you do not know me.

⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,

⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,

I make weal and create woe;

I the Lord do all these things. *Isaiah 45:1-7*

A The Word of the Lord. **C** Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96:1-9 (*congregation sings verses in bold text*)

Sing to the Lord ¹ a new song;

sing to the Lord, ¹ all the earth.

² **Sing to the Lord, bless the name ¹ of the Lord;**
proclaim God's salvation from ¹ day to day.

³Declare God's glory a-¹mong the nations
and God's wonders a-¹mong all peoples.

⁴**For great is the Lord and greatly¹ to be praised,
more to be feared¹ than all gods.**

⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they¹ are but idols;
but you, O Lord, have¹ made the heavens.

⁶**Majesty and magnificence are¹ in your presence;
power and splendor are in your¹ sanctuary.**

⁷Ascribe to the Lord, you families¹ of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord hon-¹or and power.

⁸**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the¹ holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts¹ of the Lord.**

⁹Worship the Lord in the beau-¹ty of holiness;
tremble before the Lord,¹ all the earth.

A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead— Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath *1 Thessalonians 1:1-10*

A The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*all stand and sing...*)

♪ Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

[P] The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-second chapter.

♪ Glory to You, O Lord.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away. *Matthew 22:15-22*

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord.

♪ Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord Is King! (*Tune: LSB 921*)

1 Rejoice, the Lord is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Refrain*

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n: *Refrain*

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet: *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

Affirmation of Faith - The Nicene Creed (*stand*)

☐ I believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father
before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of
very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance
with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for
us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was
made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius
Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He
rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into
heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He
will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father
and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is
worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and
I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ✠ of the
world to come. Amen. (* catholic = universal Christian)

Prayer of the Church

After each petition, the following is said: Lord, in your mercy. ☐ **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, Violet Monson,**
Brenda Carmichael, Zonia & Resa Bucknor, Agnes D'Ornellas, Eunice Lyte, Carmen
D'Ornellas, Sheila Motie, Jackie Wheeler, Joyce Deebrab, Dorothy Weener, Jeanette Mota, Dolly
Singh, Khamlita D'Ornellas, Narda Seoprasad, Kirsten Sandblom, Pastor George Ramsudh,
Ruth Cameron, Rushell Singh, Suresh Paul, Iris Cheddie, Sandra Campbell, Alecia Clark, Milo
Noven, Pastor Dave & Sue Dietsche, Pastor Vic Rapp, Pastor Ken Schnepf, Deo Bhagwatprasad,
Ismael Ulloah, Patrick Fredricks, Eleanor Drepaul, Pastor Jean Cenat, Casilda & James Meade,
Pauline Strong, Kenneth Ragnauth, Natasha Persaud, Jhoann Fuentes, Elisa Santiago, William
Seepaul, Ronald Bakker, Annette & Twila Evanson, Gertrud Schulze, Rudolph Kissoon,
Chandramah & Raymond Yarally, Sheila Pillay, Dianna Schrader.

+ Thanksgiving for the life and ministry of Pastor David Gerber and the comfort of his grieving family.

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.

LSB 781 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 blestest 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

The GREAT THANKSGIVING.

P The Lord be with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying...

♪ 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.



♪ And also with you.

♪ We lift them to the Lord.

Jesus' Words of Institution of His Holy Supper, *then the following...*

[P] Hear us, Abba Father, as we pray the words our Lord Jesus 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.**

♪ **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant...**

[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.**

Distribution

Post Communion Canticle

♪ **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. ♪ **Amen.**

Sit

Announcements

Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign

- 1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
- 2 To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with ev'ry morning sacrifice.
- 3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the pris'ners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our king;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

All sit for a moment of reflection.

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Worship
Servants }

Officiating Minister: Rev. Peter Deebrah, Pastor

Organist: Roger Clinton



mission is to share the Good News of God. 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
- **LUTHERN WOMEN IN MISSION-** LWML Atlantic District Triune Zone
 - Fall gathering at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Brooklyn
 - Saturday, Oct 24 at 10 AM. Breakfast & lunch will be served.
- **Your 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. Your Offerings, in and out of season, 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 Psalms (150 chapters).

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