

A warm welcome to you. Members & Visitors: Please complete a yellow "caring card" **each time you attend a service.** They can be found in the pew racks. Please place your card in the offering plate. If you have a **Prayer Request**, please put that information on the back of the card. Thank You!

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION

Using Scripture as our guide, we believe that when we eat this bread and drink this wine, we receive the true body and blood of our Savior. It assures us of His love for us, of the forgiveness of our sins, and of His empowering presence in our daily lives. Any who have not been instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or one of our elders. NOTE: If you would like to receive communion at any service from the pew, please tell the pastor or an elder before the service. Thank You!

THOSE MINISTERING AMONG US TODAY

Organist/Keyboardist – Lorenda

Acolyte Jace

Elders Arnie, Philip

Usher Bill

Reader Nancy

Tech Crew Jason, Holly, Madison, Monroe

Altar flowers were given by Gary & Velma Cortright in memory of their son, Vincent and in honor of Troy & Gayla & Aljets and Ryan & Kirsten Sinnamon's anniversaries.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Short-term Prayer Requests:
Louise, JoAnn, Brad, Logan, and those we name in our hearts.

Widow's Group will meet on Monday, August 25, at 5:15 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Jimmy John's will be the main entrée. If you are able, please bring a dish to pass.

SWEET CORN AND PORK BURGER FUNDRAISER for Immanuel Lutheran School in Lakefield on Sunday, August 31 from 10:30-1:00 at North City Park in Lakefield. A free-will donation will be accepted. Meal is sponsored by St. Paul Rost Lutheran Church. North City Park is located at 400 Funk Avenue in Lakefield.

Today's Order of Worship

Pre-Service Countdown

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Welcome & Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship "*Sanctuary*"

Invocation

Hymn "*Thy Strong Word*" (vs. 1, 3, 5, 6) LSB 578
(please stand on vs. 6)

Confession of Sins

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn of Praise "*Ancient Words*"

Scripture Lessons Jeremiah 23:16-29

Hebrews 11:17-31, 12:1-3

Luke 12:49-53

Confession of Faith Song "*We Believe*"

Apostles' Creed

Children's Message

Sermon Hymn "*Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word*" LSB 655

Sermon "*Running the Race of Faith*" Hebrews 12:1-2

Prayers of the Church

3rd Grade New Bible Presentation

Offering "*Jesus, Messiah*"

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Preface (p. 208)

Sanctus (p. 208)

Singing of The Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Lord's Prayer Spoken

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

Distribution "*Same God*"

Closing Prayer

Benediction Song "*The Blessing*"

Closing Song "*Build Your Kingdom Here*"

Adult Bible Study Opportunity
at 10:15 in the Lower-Level Fellowship Hall
One at a Time...But always had time for the One
BY KYLE IDLEMAN

GROUP SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- **Zoom Lens** - Jesus focused on people one at a time.
- **In, Then Through** - Jesus knew the value of God's work in Him before the work could happen through Him.
- **Proximity Principle** - Jesus put Himself in proximity with people in messy situations.
- **Intersections** - Jesus met people at the intersection of their life's moments, forever changing the direction of their lives.
- **Extra-Mile Mentality** - Jesus used the power of an extra-mile mentality to gain the attention of someone who might otherwise ignore Him.
- **The Power Of And** - Jesus lived out compassion by always having an action that succeeds the emotion.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Monday	9:00 a.m. Pastor at The Meadows 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Bible Study in Conference Room
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Women in the Word 12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
Thursday	<i>Roxie's Day Off</i>
Friday	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Sunday	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship 10:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study



Let us fix our eyes on Jesus.

Hebrews 12:2, NIV

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2025**

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