

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
Elders Philip, Arnie
Ushers (8) ____; (10:15) ____
Acolytes (8) Aubree; (10:15) Kyra
Readers (8) David; (10:15) Jeanette
Tech Crew (8) Jen & Ron
(10:15) Jen & Ron, Camren

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Short-term Specific Prayer Requests: *Logan, Wayne, Tim, Bill, and those we name in our hearts.*

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

8:00 AM Classic Worship (communion will be offered on the 1st and 3rd Sundays at this service)

10:15 AM Modern Worship (communion will be offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at this service)

Sunday School for PreK-12th grades BEGINS on September 21st - Class is 9:15-10:00 AM

Parent Sunday School will meet in the Fireside Rm.

Please help us spread the word! Thank You!

PARENTS OF 6TH-8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION STUDENTS:

An important meeting is scheduled for THIS Wednesday, September 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the basement fellowship hall. You will want to attend. There are some changes from last year. Confirmation classes begin September 24th.

"Kids in the Word" for children in grades PreK-4th will start on Wednesday, September 24. Supper is at 5:10 p.m. and class begins at 5:30 and goes until 6:25 p.m. Registration forms may be printed off from our church website or are also available in the Great Hall.

A Preschool Sunday School Blessing will take place during our worship services **NEXT Sunday, September 21** for all 3/4-year-olds beginning Sunday School! Please RSVP to Roxie or the office to ensure we have enough Bibles to present to the children.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church Ladies Supper – On Wednesday, September 17 at 6 PM, St. Paul's LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) invites the ladies of the area to a community supper at St. Paul's. Guest speakers will be Melissa Gehl, Fulda and Camila Wede, Worthington. Please join us for this special evening of food and fellowship.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster is having a Spaghetti Supper on September 21 from 5-7 p.m. Prices are: Adults \$10 and \$6 for children ages 5-12. Frozen pies are also for sale at the church. Please call 507-822-8450, 507-360-4905, or 507-360-2078 if you are interested in purchasing pies.

PULLED PORK MEAL (served drive-thru style) is on Wednesday, October 1 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Lakefield. On the menu is Smoked Pulled Pork Sandwich, German Potato Salad, Mandarin Orange Fluff, Chips, and a Bar. Gluten free option is available by request. Free-will donation will be accepted. Pull up on the south side of Immanuel and let them know how many meals you would like. Meals will be delivered to your car. Meal is sponsored by the Immanuel LWML. Immanuel is located at 605 Bush Street in Lakefield, MN.

Sunday School and Confirmation Teachers & Helpers
Installation will take place during our worship services **NEXT**
Sunday, September 21.

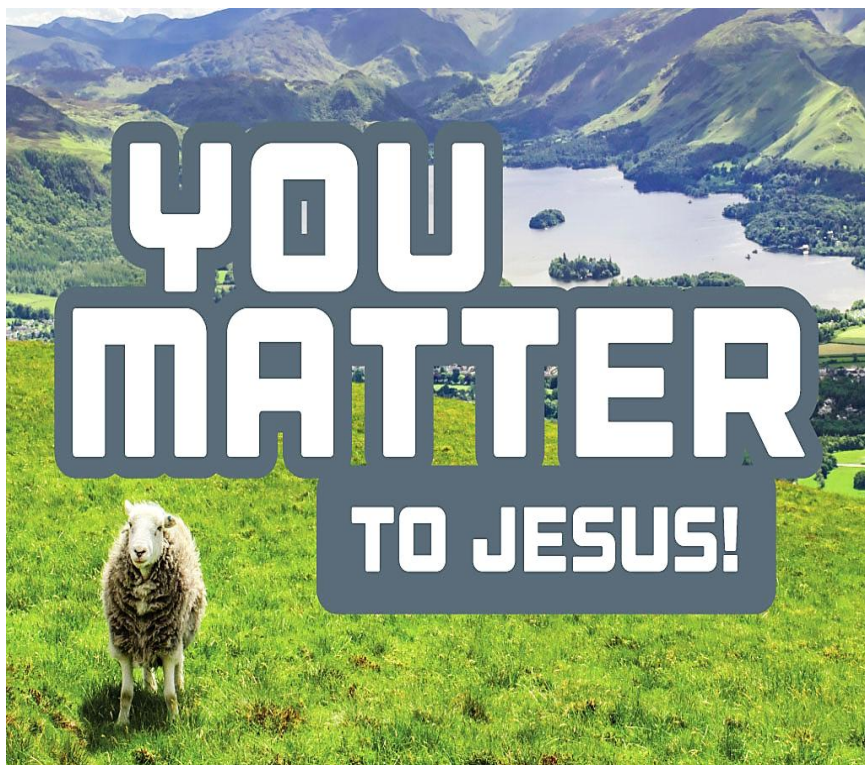
Dear Congregation Members,

As we look forward to this year of celebrating our loving God and Savior with music, we are placing before you a challenge to use your musical gifts to the Glory of God. Please prayerfully consider joining our adult choir or bell choir, and please uphold all of our musicians in prayer. Current choir members, please invite someone to join us. You may talk to Louise or Lorenda, or just come to one of our rehearsals. **Practices begin on Wednesday, September 24th. Bell choir practices at 6:30 p.m. and Adult Choir at 7 p.m.** If you hear someone singing near you or know someone who likes to sing or play music, PLEASE invite them to join us! Thank you for supporting our choirs through your prayers and participation.

Louise Clausen

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

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| Monday | 11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
12:00 p.m. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE |
| Tuesday | 8:30 a.m. Bible Study in Conference Room
12:30 p.m. Health Cabinet Meeting
1:30 p.m. Sarah Circle in Fireside Room |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. Women in the Word
12:00 p.m. Bulletin Deadline
5:30 p.m. 5th Gr. Early Communion Class
6:30 p.m. 6th-8th Gr. Parent Confirmation Mtg |
| Thursday | <i>Roxie's Day Off</i> |
| Friday | <i>Pastor's Day Off</i> |
| Sunday | 8:00 a.m. Classic Worship, Communion
9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
9:15 a.m. Parents in Fireside Room
10:15 a.m. Modern Worship |



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 14, 2025

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
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Youth, David & Alexie Cross – ext. 4

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8:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – Divine Service Setting 1

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Welcome/Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship "*Sanctuary*"

Invocation

Hymn "*Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us*" LSB 711

Confession & Absolution (pg. 151)

Kyrie (pg. 152-153)

Gloria in Excelsis (pg. 154)

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Scripture Lessons Ezekiel 34:11-24
1 Timothy 1:12-17
Alleluia (p. 156)
Luke 15:1-10

Nicene Creed

Children's Message

Hymn "*Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*" LSB 609

Sermon "*Lost and Found*" Luke 15:1-10

Prayers of the Church

Offertory (p. 159)

Offering "*Amazing Grace*" Dea Klumper, Flute Solo

Lord's Prayer

Thank the Lord (p. 164)

Benediction

Closing Hymn "*Amazing Grace*" LSB 744

Registration Forms for Sunday School and Kids in the Word are available in the Great Hall. Confirmation parents, please take note of meeting times announced in this bulletin. Thank You!

10:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preservice Countdown Video

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Ringling of the Bell

Call To Worship "*Sanctuary*"

Invocation

Worship Song "*Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone*"

Confession of Sins

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

Confession of Faith Song "*We Believe*"

Apostles' Creed

God' Word

Ezekiel 34:11-24

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Luke 15:1-10

Children's Message

Message "*Lost and Found*" Luke 15:1-10

Prayers of the Church

Offering

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

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

The Lord's Supper

Distribution Music "*Reckless Love*" Anna & Dawn Gordon

Closing Prayer

Benediction Song "*The Blessing*"

Closing Song "*This Is Amazing Grace*"

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LWML Fall Get-together (Rally)

October 4, 2025

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Basement Fellowship Hall



On October 4th, members of LWML across the Worthington Zone are invited to our Fall Rally.

But please note: Everyone is invited!

We begin the Rally at 9AM with Registration, coffee, and a treat (of course!) Opening Devotion is at 9:30AM. Lunch is also provided.

Our speaker that day is Wade Wacker. Wade lives in Jackson, MN and is a member at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sioux Valley. He is one of the founders of **Reasons for Hope**. This organization is dedicated to countering the hopelessness prevalent in today's culture. Their vision is to lead people to the true hope found in Jesus Christ by equipping believers with the tools to think critically, discern truth, and share the gospel. Many middle school and high school kids attend their camps to learn how to boldly stand for their faith. Sometimes the youth need personal items, thus the **Gifts from the Heart where we can help** them by purchasing a few things to give to the leaders of these camps so they can pass items to the kids. **Please look over the list to see if there is something you would like to purchase.** If many of us just bring one item, many will be blessed. Thank you for considering. We are also collecting items for Southwest Crisis Center. You can see the items they need. These are for kids in crisis, right in our part of the country. There will be a box to put your items in on Sunday mornings, September 21 and 28. Otherwise, drop off at the church during regular office hours. **Thank you all!** *"But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you."* 1 Peter 3:15

GIFTS FROM THE HEART:

Southwest Crisis Center: Diapers (size 4,5,6), baby wipes, feminine products (full size packages), hair accessories (clips, binders, brushes, combs), nail care (files, polish, clippers), cleaning supplies (paper towels, toilet paper, Clorox wipes, rags, cleaning sprays, etc.)

Reasons for Hope: Toothpaste, toothbrushes, wet wipes, toilet paper, kleenex tissues, shampoo (full size), conditioner (full size), body lotion, bath soap, feminine products (full size packages).

From Red Letter Challenge

GIVING

Challenge

You are invited to join us for a new Bible Study this fall. If you are tired of chasing joy and still feeling empty, Giving Challenge shows how giving like Jesus fills your heart with the deep joy you were made for.

Matthew 6:21 - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Giving Challenge is a 40-day journey to give like Jesus, with powerful small group videos to help you develop a heart of generosity that leads to deep joy.

- Join us for our kickoff Sunday, Sept. 21, in the basement dining room for coffee and dessert, 9:30-10:00 a.m., to learn more and to receive a free copy of the book.
- **Please help us plan by signing up in the Great Hall.**
- If you are unable to meet within our groups, feel free to pick up a book to study at home.

We are excited to start this newest Red Letter Challenge by Zach Zehnder and hope you are too!