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St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist



*"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.
And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."
Matthew 21:19a, 20b*

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Welcome to worship as we remember St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

When Jesus called Matthew, "Follow Me," he left his tax collector's booth and followed the Savior. No, we do not pray to the saints, nor seek their help in living a Christian life. But, we do remember and celebrate the great things God did for them and through them, so that we may follow them in their Christian faith and life. Visitors, please sign our guest book and worship with us again soon!

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Introit

I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,

For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

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.

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!

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.

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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: Ezekiel 2:8-3:11

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." And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. 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.

And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. 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.

And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel—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. 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. Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. 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." 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. 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."

Gradual

Your word is a lamp to my feet

and a light to my path.

How sweet are your words to my taste,

sweeter than honey to my mouth!

My heart overflows with a pleasing theme;

my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe.

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:7-16

But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it says,

"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men."

(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, 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, 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. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, 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.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 9:9-13

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. And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were

reclining with Jesus and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to His disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when He heard it, He said, “*Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.*”

Apostles’ Creed p. 207
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Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion in which we joyfully receive Christ’s Body and Blood, under bread and wine, for the forgiveness of our sins. As we celebrate the Sacrament, we also give public witness that we are in complete agreement with the denomination’s doctrinal teachings at whose altar we commune. Therefore, we ask that only communicant members of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod commune with us. All guests are asked to talk to Rev. Heller before coming to the altar to receive the Sacrament.

*For those unable to drink wine,
water with a drop of wine can be found in the center of each individual cup tray.*

**WE GO FROM THIS PLACE OF WORSHIP WHERE WE ARE ABOUT
EQUIPPING DISCIPLES TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS**



In our thoughts and prayers,

✠ Our sick & recovering, Jean Bornemann, Maria Galster, Steve Heupel (father of Amy Bieber), Hannah Schantz, Ray Sorge, & Michelle Wolf.

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Announcements

LWML Rally: Messiah Lutheran Church, 1020 Boundary Street, Mandan, North Dakota is hosting the Southwest Zone Fall Rally on Saturday, October 4th beginning with registration at 9:15 am. A list of ingathering items is posted on the LWML bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Lutheran Witness: It is time to renew subscriptions. If you are currently receiving the magazine, you will continue receiving it. If you wish to discontinue your subscription or begin receiving the magazine, please email concordiasecretary@westriv.com or call the Church office by Wednesday, October 7th. Also, if your mailing address has changed, please inform the Church office.



The September Ingathering is warm winter gear, such as mittens, gloves, hats and scarves for Women's Action & Resource Center.

There are currently two preaching stations in the North Dakota District. St. John-Oakes is sponsoring a preaching station in Lamoure, and Zion-Ellendale is sponsoring one in Valley City. Preaching stations are a fantastic way to spread the Gospel and sow the seeds of a potential congregation. They are relatively inexpensive to start and have the potential to grow into a self-supporting congregation. I would love to see the congregations of our district look for opportunities to start preaching stations and "birth" potential daughter congregations. If you would like more information, Pastor Preus and Pastor Brademeyer have prepared a "How-To Guide" on starting a preaching station. Please contact them or the district office for a copy.

Rev. Mark Chepulis, North Dakota District President

✠ THIS WEEK AT CONCORDIA ✠

Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	11:00 am	Bible Class
Monday	Pastor @ Main Street Living Recording, Bismarck	
Tuesday	1:30 pm	Bible Class @ Knife River Care Center
Wednesday	4:00 pm	Catechism
Thursday	9:00 am	Deadline for October calendar items
Saturday	10:00 am	Circuit Forum
Sunday	8:00 am	Worship @ Glen Ullin
	9:15 am	Sunday School
	10:00 am	Divine Service
	1:00 am	Bible Class

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