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St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist, observed

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VISITORS WELCOME! A special welcome to any visitors and guests who are with us today. Please sign the guestbook near the front door and introduce yourself to the pastor after the service. We pray that the hearing and receiving of the Word of God in our midst will be filled with joy and thanksgiving!

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated every Sunday and on Feast Days. Visiting communicant members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are invited to commune today. All other visitors are asked to speak with the pastor before coming to the altar. If there is time before the service, introduce yourself to the pastor or an elder. Other visitors are invited to use this time for prayer. If you desire information about attending communion, you are encouraged to visit with the pastor after the service today.

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION are found in the cover of the hymnals. Take some time before the service begins in quiet preparation and prayer. **Please turn off and put away all electronic devices during the service.**

+SERVING TODAY+

Elder: Nate Nevius

Ushers: Brent Jiter & Kelvin Nelson

Greeter: Jim Madison **Organist:** Monica Scholz

Altar Guild: Kris Kochman & Gabby Nevius

Fellowship: Birthday cake in honor of George Peter's 101st birthday,

provided by Terry & Pam Sommer.

Confession and Absolution

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+SERVICE OF THE WORD+



Ps. 92:1-5; antiphon: Matt. 9:13b, c

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 faithful- | ness 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 be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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;

Kyrie Gloria in Excelsis Salutation and Collect of the Day

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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.

Sit

⁸"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." ⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. ¹⁰And 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.

^{3:1}And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." ²So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. ³And 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.

⁴And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. ⁵For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— ⁶not 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. ⁷But 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. ⁸Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. ⁹Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." ¹⁰Moreover, 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. ¹¹And 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

Ps. 119:105, 103; 45:1a, c



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

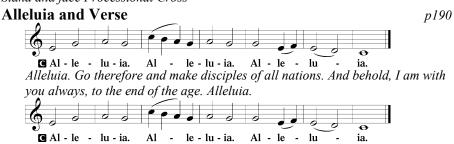
Ephesians 4:7–16

⁷But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it says,

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

⁹(In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until 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, ¹⁴so 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. ¹⁵Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from 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.

Stand and face Processional Cross



Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

⁹As 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.

¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."



Alleluia. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia.



Sit

What Is the World to Me

LSB 730

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Prayer of the Church

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Thy Word Is a Lamp

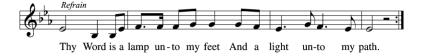
Choir sings verses

Congregation sings refrain



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, Still You're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as You are near. Please be near me to the end. Refrain



2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet My heart forever is wandering. Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side; And I will love You to the end. **Refrain**



Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

+SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT+

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+WDMA+

Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum
The Word of the Kord endures forever

+PRAYER LIST+

- Those who serve in our armed forces: Rick Zuehls, Rianon Padro, Exavier Padro, and veterans.
- For all those suffering from illnesses or other trials, including: Rylie Snodgrass, Ken Gundlach (uncle of Sarah Billings), John Funk (friend of Steve and Sarah Billings), Rev. Dave & Judy Dissen (relatives of Marilyn Dissen), Michelle Knull, Gail Kulbacki, Roger & Sara Lyngen, and Mike Martin.

+ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 22nd+

- ₩ WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDIES: Wednesday Morning Bible Study at 9:30 am will discuss the hymn If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee (LSB 750). Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 6:30 pm will discuss the Book of Concord (The Small Catechism) and close with Compline.
- FIRE NIGHT at the parsonage is this afternoon at 4:00 pm. Join us for an evening of food, games, and music. The pool is open.
- **★ CRAFT NIGHT:** Our next Craft & Chat event will be Friday, September 27th. Bring your current project and join us from 6-8 pm for an evening of creativity and fellowship.

+CONTRIBUTIONS+

Lord's Work contributions budget YTD as of 9/20:	\$189,637
Lord's Work contributions received YTD as of 9/20:	\$153,441
Difference:	-\$41,388
Restricted contributions YTD as of 9/20:	\$10,154
Mortgage Balance as of 8/16:	\$12,314

ATTENDANCE 9/15: 105

BIRTHDAYS

BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

9/22	George Peter
9/23	Gavin Sommer
9/27	Henry Joslyn

9/22 John Hernandez9/23 Gavin Sommer

ANNIVERSARIES

9/26 Rev. Gary & Marlys Schultz (37 years)