

# THE FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST



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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.

The KYRIE

LSB 186

The HYMN OF PRAISE

LSB 155 "This Is the Feast"

*Refrain*

**C** This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

1 — Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose  
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and  
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and  
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to  
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -

blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*  
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*  
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*  
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - - men. *Refrain*  
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## The SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY

LSB 189

- P** Let us pray,
- C** 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.
- C** Amen. (*Sung*)

*Sit*

## The FIRST READING

Ezekiel 2:8—3:11

<sup>8</sup>“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.” <sup>9</sup>And when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. <sup>10</sup>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.

<sup>1</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” <sup>2</sup>So I opened my mouth, and he gave me this scroll to eat. <sup>3</sup>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.

<sup>4</sup>And he said to me, “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with my words to them. <sup>5</sup>For you are not sent to a people of foreign speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— <sup>6</sup>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. <sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. <sup>9</sup>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.” <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>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.”

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## The 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.*

## The SECOND READING

Ephesians 4:7–16

<sup>7</sup>But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. <sup>8</sup>Therefore it says,

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

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

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

*Stand*

**The ALLELUIA**

LSB 190

**The HOLY GOSPEL**

Matthew 9:9–13

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

**C** Glory be to Thee, O Lord. (*Sung*)

<sup>9</sup>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.

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

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise be to Thee, O Christ. (*Sung*)

**The NICENE CREED**

LSB 191

*Sit*

**The HYMN OF THE DAY**

LSB 730 “What Is the World to Me”

**The SERMON**

*Stand*

**The OFFERTORY**

LSB 192

*Sit*

**The OFFERING**

*Stand*

## The OFFERING RESPONSE

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.  
May we Thy bounties thus; As stewards true receive,  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our first fruits give!

## The PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**P** Lord, in Your mercy.

**C** Hear our prayer.

## The SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

LSB 194–199

*Sit*

## The HYMN

LSB 564 “Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand”  
LSB 602 “The Gifts Christ Freely Gives”

*Stand*

## The NUNC DIMITTIS

LSB 199–200

## The SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS and BENEDICTION

LSB 201–202

## The RECESSIONAL HYMN

LSB 518 “By All Your Saints in Warfare”  
(Stanzas 1, 25, 3)

### SERVING TODAY

CELEBRANT ..... *Rev. Jason Braaten*

ORGANIST ..... *Mr. Glenn Linstead*

*Mrs. Leigh Ann Whitson*

CANTOR ..... *Miss Alexis Nau*

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**ATTENDANCE**

Saturday..... 19  
Sunday..... 72

**OFFERINGS**

General Fund..... \$2,907.00  
YTD Budgeted ..... \$120,072.40  
YTD Actual..... \$109,694.87

**FUNERAL CHAIR**

*Joan Rahn—September  
Ruth Bretz & Janice Arthur—October*

**COFFEE COMMITTEE**

*Ann Carroll—September  
Ruth Sims—October*

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*Glen & Janet Stumeier*

**GREETERS**

Today.....*Harold Wattjes (West)  
Jim Dyer (East)*  
Next Week.....*Joan Vukelich (West)  
Laverl Byers (East)*

**COMMUNION HELPERS**

Today..... *Josh Whitson  
Dolores Ford, Lexi Russo*  
Next Week..... *Mark Whitson  
Dolores Ford, Cassie Russo*

**ACOLYTES**

Today.....*Gunnar Campbell (Crucifer)  
Caleb Stumeier (Torches)  
Jake Dyer (Torches)  
Ethan Stumeier (Gospel)*  
Next Week.....*Gunnar Campbell (Crucifer)  
Ethan Stumeier (Torches)  
Coulson Poffenberger (Torches)  
Caleb Stumeier (Gospel)*

**THIS WEEK AT IMMANUEL**

Sunday (9/21)	9:00 AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:30 AM	Catechism Class
Monday–Thursday	7:30 AM	Matins
Monday	9:00 AM	Classical Conversations Home School Coop
Wednesday	11:30 AM	TAMA Lunch Meeting
Thursday	1:30 PM	Ladies Aid Bible Study
Saturday	5:30 PM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
Sunday (9/28)	9:00 AM	Divine Service with Holy Communion
	10:30 AM	Bible Class & Sunday School
	11:30 AM	Catechism Class

## IN OUR PRAYERS

HEALTH CONCERNS: Brenda Bunting; Ellie Crawford; Whitney Czerwonka; DeDe Eversole; Janice Funk; Jim Harbaugh; Erica Kremitzki; Amy Lee; Laurie McMillen; Barb Pearson; Fred Rahn; Dana Stenger; Harold Wattjes.

DEATHS: Family of Mary Sue Visvadra

SEMINARY STUDENT: Dustin Fry.

DEACONESS STUDENT: Allison Gummerus.

HOMEBOUND: Bernita Ashwill; Bessie Benson; Cora Jahnke; Neil Olinger; Corinne Oye; Art Rahn; Ruth Rentschler.

MILITARY: Jeremy Gordon; Jack Leonard; Sam Leonard; Jake Lindgren; Raymond Longtin; Joey Pollock; Chase Reifsteck; Blake Stokes; Paige Stokes; Ruben Wilson.

## THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS . . . 1 Kings 17:8–16; Galatians 5:25–6:10; Matthew 6:24–34.

ABOUT THIS WEEK'S READINGS . . . St. Matthew, also known as Levi, identifies himself as a former tax collector, one who was therefore considered unclean, a public sinner, outcast from the Jews. Yet it was such a one as this whom the Lord Jesus called away from his occupation and wealth to become a disciple (Matthew 9:9–13). Not only did Matthew become a disciple of Jesus, he was called and sent as one of the Lord's twelve apostles (Matthew 10:2–4). In time, he became the evangelist whose inspired record of the Gospel was granted first place in the ordering of the New Testament. Among the four Gospels, Matthew's portrays Christ especially as the new and greater Moses, who graciously fulfills the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 5:17) and establishes a new covenant of salvation in and with His own blood (Matthew 26:27–28). Matthew's Gospel is also well-known and beloved for its record of the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1–12); for the Sermon on the Mount, including the Beatitudes and the Our Father (Matthew 5–7); and for this institution of Holy Baptism and the most explicit revelation of the Holy Trinity (Matthew 28:16–20). Tradition is uncertain where his final field of labor was and whether Matthew died naturally or a martyr's death. In celebrating this feast, we therefore give thanks to

God that He has mightily governed and protected His Holy Church through this man who was called and sent by Christ to serve the sheep of His pastures with the Holy Gospel.

THOUGHTS ABOUT STEWARDSHIP . . . Ephesians 4:7 “But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift.” Each of us have different gifts, different “graces,” from God. Each of these gifts—whether in material wealth, or intelligence, or beauty, or family, etc.—is not only a gift but a duty. God gives us these gifts for a purpose—to serve our neighbor in Home, Church, and Society. How is God calling you to use your gifts?

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED . . . for the 2014–2015 Academic Year. If you are willing to teach for one, two, or three months out of the year, please contact Pastor Braaten. We are still in need of one teacher for the 4<sup>th</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> grade class. If this position is not filled those grades will not have Sunday School.

ANOTHER ADOPT-A-STUDENT . . . The Board of Mission & Evangelism has adopted another student studying at the seminary. It is a deaconess student. Her name is Allison Gummerus. She is originally from Michigan and is interested in serving the church as an overseas missionary. Her birthday is August 21, 1992. Anyone interested in sending her notes and cards can send them directly to her at this address: Allison Gummerus, 6600 N Clinton St, Box 291, Fort Wayne, IN, 46825. We will continue to support Seminarian Dustin Fry. Please keep both in your prayers.

SPIRITUAL & RELIGIOUS . . . Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor, Rev. Todd Wilken, and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, Illinois. You can listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org).

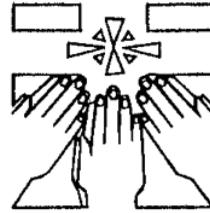
BI-MONTHLY MISSION . . . is Sunday, October 5, LWML Sunday. All loose cash in the offering will go to support Immanuel’s LWML Chapter. For more information about the LWML and how it serves the church and the community, or to inquire about how you can join, speak with Joyce Alexander, Irene Wattjes, or Lauren Braaten

YOUTH GROUP EVENT . . . for September will be held on Saturday, October 4. We will be going to the Regional Fall Youth Conference in Lincoln, Illinois. To reserve your space, call or e-mail Pastor by Thursday, September 25. For more information on the conference, see the Events Page on the church website.

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# Kids in the DIVINE SERVICE

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## What is the “Prayer of the Church”?

The Prayer of the Church (or the “Prayers”) is the part in the service where the pastor leads the congregation through a series of petitions, or requests. Each prayer is introduced by a “bid.”

### FOR PARENTS

Before the Divine Service, remind your children to pay close attention to the words of the prayers. Encourage them to concentrate along with the rest of the congregation. Try using bids in your family prayers at home.

## Why do we use “bids” in the Divine Service?

A “bid” is an invitation to the congregation to join in each of these prayers to our Lord. A bid is not part of the prayer. Rather, it is the part where the pastor or assistant first tells us what we are going to pray for—a great way of gathering the congregation’s thoughts together and directing them toward the specific petitions and thanksgivings that we are about to pray.

## Why is praying together so important?

Do you know anyone who needs God’s care? Wouldn’t you like to have the rest of the congregation focused on praying for that person too? If so, then this is a good time to do it! During the Prayers, we pray for all of the people of our congregation, particularly those who are sick and shut-in. We also pray for our government, for all believers and many others. No wonder it is also called the Prayer of the Church!

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## A PRAYER FOR IMMANUEL

*My dear Lord Jesus, I want to know You as Savior and Friend, Help me to grow into a mature disciple so that I can demonstrate God's love and forgiveness in all I do. Teach me to share my faith in You and to serve others in my vocation. Make Immanuel Lutheran Church a place where lost and hurting people find friendship, forgiveness, and faith, and where Christians gather to serve You in love for one another, for the community, and for the world. Amen.*

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