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St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

Baptism of Our Lord

01-09-2022

"Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding. In all you ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your path." (**Proverbs 3:5-6**)

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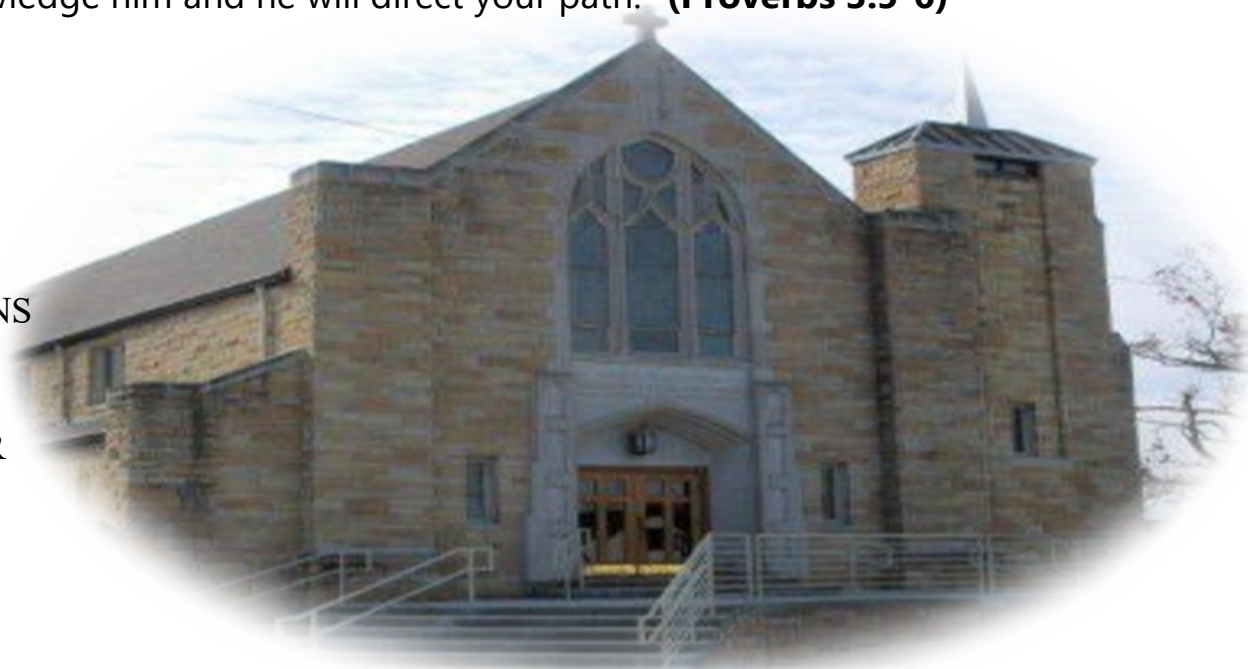
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1st Sunday after the Epiphany / Baptism of our Lord
9 January 2022

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Isaiah 43:1–7 / Psalm 29 / Romans 6:1–11 / Luke 3:15–22

Sermon Title: Dead to Sin, Alive to God in Christ Jesus
Sermon Text: Romans 6:1-11

“Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father, and our LORD Jesus Christ.” (2 Tim. 1:2) Amen.

Paul is a great writer. Here in our text for today, we read the beginning of Romans chapter six. Paul has already been on a roll through the first five chapters of Romans, and so by chapter six, Paul is barreling through with his teachings which came from God alone.

Paul starts this chapter by asking a rhetorical question about sinning and God’s grace. *“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?”*

Sadly, there are people today, who seems to believe that you can sin all you want, because then you just come back to God and confess your sins and God will forgive you. It is true, that *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* (1 John 1:9) But listen to this truth from Hebrews:

“For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.” (Hebrews 10:26-27)

If a person believes that he can keep on doing, saying and acting however he wants by sinning against God, and then go back to God and ask for forgiveness, means that person no longer understands the truth of God’s Word. This is why Paul asks: *“What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?”*

As a believer in Jesus Christ, you confess with your mouth and believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead, and therefore you desire to live according to God and His Holy Word. You desire to flee from all sinful thoughts, words and actions.

You are able to turn away—run away—from anything that leads you to sin—by the work of the Holy Spirit in you. You receive the Holy Spirit when you confess your faith in Jesus. You are also able to turn away from—to run away from sin because you have been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, and God works through your baptism to remind you of all that he has done for you—giving you eternal life and salvation.

This is what Paul is saying in the next part of Romans chapter six: *“³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.”*

When you and I and everyone, who has been baptized in the Name of the Triune God, we receive God's mark indicating that we are now God's children who have been brought out of spiritual darkness into God's glorious, life-giving light.

This text answers the Fourth Question of Baptism in Luther's Small Catechism: "*What does such baptising with water indicate?*" It indicates that the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever." (Luther's Small Catechism)

The waters of baptism are a visible reminder of God washing away the filth on us caused by our sinful thoughts, words and deeds. Our baptism reminds us that every day we need to confess our sins and every day we need to receive God's gracious forgiveness.

Our baptism also reminds us that every day we wake up and we are still in this body that God has given us, and this body is still living in this broken world. In spite of this fact, our baptism reminds us that God gives you and me and all baptized people the opportunity every day to live according to his Holy Word.

This is what Paul is getting at as he continues writing in Romans chapter six: "*⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For one who has died has been set free. ⁸ Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.*"

Paul points out that when you and I die, we are no longer bound by—we are no longer slaves to the Law of Moses. Our bodies and minds are no longer tempted to sin against God and against someone else. This is why Paul tells us that "*For one who has died has been set free.*"

And this is what happens when a believers in Jesus dies. He or she is no longer bound by the Laws of Moses. Instead, the believer, who dies, goes to be with Jesus in heaven. This is what Paul tells us in the next verse: "*Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him.*"

When "*...you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹ For the Scripture says, 'Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.'*" (Romans 10:9-10)

It all comes down to believing—acknowledging—that Jesus is the only way to heaven, the only source of absolute truth, and the only possible way to have eternal life in heaven. And this is what we saw last week at Fran Brodersen's funeral and at Jerry Albers' funeral. Both of these fellow Christians knew and believed in their heart that Jesus is the Lord and Savior. They knew that when they died, they would absolutely go to heaven to be with Jesus for all eternity.

And, as Paul points out, Fran and Jerry are no longer suffering any physical or emotional troubles, because their earthly bodies have been laid to rest until the day when Jesus comes One Last Time. Fran and Jerry have been set free from all earthly bondage.

And it is sad when a beloved brother- or sister-in Christ dies, but it is also a time to praise and thank God for their life and for all that Jesus did for them. Jesus was born on Christmas Day. He lived a SIN-LESS life. He lived a perfect life according to the Law of Moses. Then, thirty years into his life and ministry, he suffered and was crucified for you and for me and for all people—even

people who don't know Jesus.

Then, three days later, God our Heavenly Father raised his one- and only-begotten Son, Jesus, to new life. Because Jesus was raised to new life three days after his death, he has overcome the power of sin, death and the devil. This is what Paul says near the end of our text from Romans chapter six:

"We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:9-11)

Here Paul stresses the importance of Jesus' death AND resurrection from the dead. If Jesus had died, and not been raised from the dead, Paul tells us elsewhere in Scripture that we would have no hope at all. If Jesus was just a man and not also the Son of God, then we would believe in a scam.

But, Paul, says, Jesus IS the Son of God Most High, and that he had the same flesh and blood as every human being. And since Jesus is both God and Man, he is the only available sacrifice to take away the sins of every single person on this planet, who has been born and who will be born.

Paul then encourages you and me and all believers to live the way Jesus lived: *"So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."* (Romans 6:11) Paul wants us to turn away from all sinful thoughts, words and deeds. And we do that when we know what the truth of God's Word says. When you know the absolute truth found in the Bible, then you have a solid foundation on which to build your life and your faith.

When we consider ourselves dead to sin, then we acknowledge how much we need to stay away from all sinful thoughts, words and deeds. Paul even encourages us to FLEE—RUN AWAY from anything that causes you to sin in thought, word and deed.

And you are able to FLEE—RUN AWAY from anything that causes you to sin when you regularly fill up with the Word of God. When you fill up with the Word of God, then you are giving the Holy Spirit great material to work with in your life. This way the Holy Spirit will alert you when you are heading into a situation in which you will sin against God and against someone else.

"So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:11) You are able to consider yourself dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus, because of all that God has done for you, me and all people through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Now, may the peace of God which transcends all understanding guard and keep your hearts in Christ Jesus. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is that time of the year again where we will need volunteers to help with snow removal, please contact the church or the property board.

The outreach ladies are asking if anyone has any extra pillows and blankets, size 4 XL slacks and 4 XL tops for a lady in our community that reached out to us for help. Please let Marilyn Hamann (712-870-1947) or Ramona Weber(712-883-2051) know.



DID YOU KNOW: The meaning of the LCMS Logo Cross The LCMS logo is three crosses in one. It declares that “we worship one God in Trinity and Trinity in Unity.” The open arms point upward toward God in prayer and openly receive God’s grace. The lower arms point down, as if open to embrace the world with God’s love. The 12 individual parts of the logo cross remind us of the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 apostles. The four arms appear to be in motion, as we urgently tell the world what God’s



PARAMENTS



White is the color of purity and completeness. The theme for the “great fifty days” of Easter is supported by the use of white. This color, used primarily during these Sundays, assists in bearing the message that “though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow.” Christ’s triumph from the grave on Resurrection day is the cause for our rejoicing. His purity before his Father becomes our purity. White reinforces that message of joy.

In addition to its use during Eastertide, white is the appointed color for such festive Sundays as Christmas and its twelve days; Epiphany (Jan. 6) and the first Sunday following it, observed as the Baptism of Our Lord; the Last Sunday after the Epiphany, also known as Transfiguration Sunday; Holy Trinity Sunday; and twenty-one minor festivals and occasions listed on the church year calendar in *Lutheran Service Book*. In all, white serves as the best festive color for the church year.

Our Banners used in Service

It is interesting to note how often Jesus used symbols to illustrate heavenly truths in His teaching. He said: “I am the Light of the world” (John 8:12 RSV). “Consider the lilies of the field” (Matthew 6:28 RSV). “I am the true Vine” (John:6 RSV). “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field” (Matthew 13:44 RSV). “I am the Good Shepherd” (John 10:11 RSV).

Symbols are the language of Christian art. Since the beginning of the Christian church, religious symbolism has developed as a means by which Christians identify with one another and share their beliefs. Many symbols of the early church remain in art today as visible signs through which an artist is able to impart their understanding of God.



The **Crown** represents the Kingship of Jesus Christ and His place of honor at the right hand of God. A seven-pointed Crown highlights the number seven, which is used 735 times in the Bible. Seven symbolizes completeness and perfection. Although this crown only has 3-points. A symbol of the divine nature of Jesus Christ. A crown also can be used to denote our status as heirs of heaven.

The king’s crown was a symbol of **his representative rule of the kingdom that was ultimately ruled by God, God is the only true authority, the everlasting King.** One day we will see Christ with many crowns on his head, an image of his ultimate authority (Rev 19:12).



We pray for the family of Fran Brodersen who went to be with Jesus on 12-28-21, may they find comfort in, *John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."*



We pray for the family of Jerry Albers who went to be with Jesus on 12-30-21, may they find comfort in, *John 11:25-26 "I am the resurrection and the life," says the Lord. "He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die."*

Elders

C = Communion

01-02-2022	C	Jeff Krusen	712-840-9821
01-09-2022		Duane Hamann	712-870-3450
01-16-2022	C	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
01-23-2022		Jeff Krusen	712-840-9821

Screens

01-02-2022	C	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
01-09-2022		Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
01-16-2022	C	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
01-23-2022		Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914

Lay Readers

01-02-2022	C	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
01-09-2022		Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
01-16-2022	C	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
01-23-2022		Joe Hogan	712-420-0775

01-02-2022	C	JANUARY	
01-09-2022		Amy Meseck	712-269-8939
01-16-2022	C	Brenda Brown	712- 880-1502
01-23-2022		Janeal Holmes	712-899-8095

Altar Guild



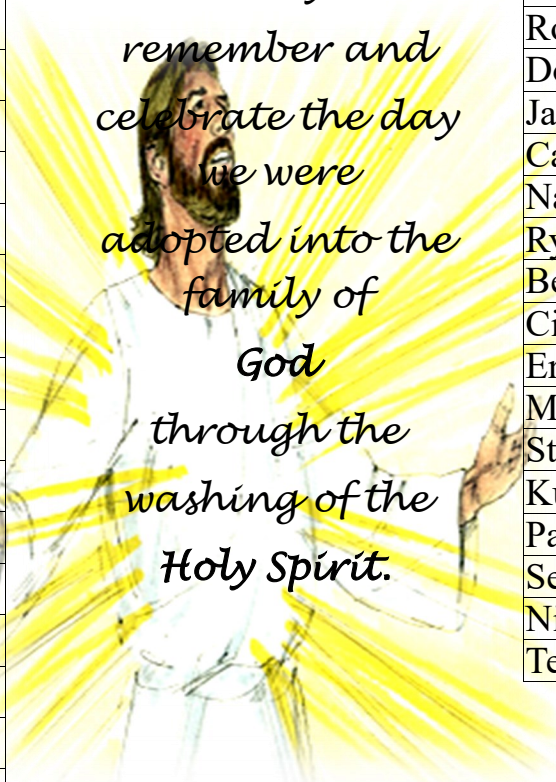
	Week of Schedule 01-03 to 01-09		
Mon 03	Pastor's Family Day Offices Closed Cleaning the Church 9:30 am	Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Tue 04	Board of Elders 7 pm	Church offering 12-22-21	\$130.00
Wed 29	Confirmation Class 6:00 pm	Christmas Eve offering	\$687.00
Thur 06	In the Word 1:30 pm	Church offering 12-26-21	\$1,350.00
Sun 09	Baptism of Our Lord Services 9:30 w/HC Elder: Jeff Krusen Reader: Mark Witzel Screens: Joe Hogan Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 10:45 a.m.	Thank offering	\$1,100.00
		Church attendance 12-24-21	82
		Church attendance 12-26-21	23
		Bible Class	NA
		Sunday School	NA

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Robert Andre	Jan 17, 1947
Virgil Gronwoldt	Jan 03, 1961
Judy Kuehl	Jan 23, 1945
Melinda Namanny	Jan 25, 1958
Tari Miller	Jan 07, 1994
Zachary Arndt	Jan 17, 1990
Kaylee Brodersen	Jan 31, 2005
Jessica Bruhn	Jan 14, 1986
Joshua Creswell	Jan 04, 1984
Shelby Davis	Jan 27, 2002
Derek Frahm	Jan 28, 1988
Kevin Goslar	Jan 22, 1972
Marshall Goslar	Jan 31, 1973
Katelynn Hamann	Jan 01, 1992
Misty Hinrickson	Jan 02, 1973
Scott Jacobson	Jan 19, 1975
Eric Jacoby	Jan 02, 1975
Berdina Jochims	Jan 14, 1953
Christopher Jochims	Jan 12, 1976
Sharon Kruse	Jan 11, 1954
Aaron Krusen	Jan 22, 1972
Eugene Means	Jan 09, 1947
Gavin Nevins	Jan 23, 1944
Jonathan Pickel	Jan 04, 1996
Derek Pithan	Jan 14, 2013
Emma Pithan	Jan 08, 2009
Gage Rotnicke	Jan 23, 2000
Scout Rotnicke	Jan 01, 1998
DeRae Schauer	Jan 15, 1986
Paige Schmidt	Jan 11, 2006
Troy Schmidt	Jan 27, 2009
Jeffrey Scott	Jan 03, 1969



*We are listing
Baptismal
birthdays to
remember and
celebrate the day
we were
adopted into the
family of
God
through the
washing of the
Holy Spirit.*



JANUARY BAPTISMS

Robert Andre	Jan 17, 1947
Eva Bridgeman	Jan 10, 2021
Hudson Bruhn	Jan 22, 2012
Presley Bruhn	Jan 10, 2010
Brenda Davis	Jan 15, 1972
Shane Davis	Jan 27, 1974
James Else	Jan 01, 1954
Robbie Frahm	Jan 31, 1988
Donald Fritz	Jan 21, 1973
Janeal Holmes	Jan 20, 1952
Caitlyn Jacobson	Jan 01, 2006
Natalie Jacobson	Jan 01, 2006
Ryan Jacobson	Jan 09, 1983
Berdina Jochims	Jan 31, 1954
Cindy Jochims	Jan 20, 1972
Erika McGrain	Jan 29, 1994
Melinda Namanny	Jan 22, 1989
Steve Pickel	Jan 07, 1973
Kurt Schmidt	Jan 04, 1981
Paige Schmidt	Jan 22, 2006
Selma Schrader	Jan 26, 1930
Nicholas Wood	Jan 03, 1988
Terrance Wood	Jan 03, 1988

80 + Birthday

Florice Dose	Jan 09, 1935	87
Carol Dose	Jan 22, 1934	88
Marlene Phillips	Jan 17, 1936	86
Roberta Conyers	Jan 25, 1936	86
Myrna Gosch	Jan 09, 1941	81

God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Dennis and Pam JAHN	Jan 05, 1975 47 yrs.
Christopher and Christina LaBoube	Jan 10, 2015 7 yrs.



*Walk in Love
Be Kind to
one another.*



Please Give the office a call or the Pastor...

Before going to hospital
Private communion
Address or name changes
Death in the family
Birth of your baby
Making wedding plans



Please continue to pray for our church leaders.
"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:12

Pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)



PRAYER WARRIORS— The prayer warriors desire to hear from you as to how they can pray for you. We have 14 prayer warriors. We welcome more men and women to join us. if you need prayer call **Alice Miller** phone number 712-880-2380.

Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns

Nazaria Kaderabek
 Selma Schrader
 Fern Jacobsen

Carol Dose
 Alan Bruhn

Myrna Gosch
 Fred Fletcher

Melvin Schrader
 Gene Kaderabek

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Ron Kraffle friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; **Lynn Smith** friend of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jazmin Mauch**, granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Penny Mauch** friend of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; **Jerri Haindfield** daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; **Dis Reitz**, husband of Caroline; friend of Kay Johnson. **Pam Clausen**, daughter of Fern Jacobsen **Sharon Kuehl Henning** niece of Judy & Gary Kuehl; **Beth Weber**, cousin of Dean and Ramona Weber



Those who serve in the military:

Triston Twedt (great-grandson of Alice and the late Keith Miller) serving with the Army @ Ft. Lewis, WA

Ryan Trucke (son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson) serving with U.S. Air Force @ FE Warren AFB in Wyoming.

Jackie Cardwell (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen) serving U.S. Airforce @ Shepard Air Force Base, Burkburnett TX

Marcus Roupe serving in Cuba (nephew of Marilyn & Duane Hamann)

St. Matthew's Prayer List that are confined to their homes

Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family.

Bonnie Banks 87 yrs. Jun 2, 1934

Main Street Apartments
 516 Main Street Apt 2
 Mapleton, IA 51034

Delores Boysen 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939

31153 Juinter Ave.
 Hinton, IA 51024

Delbert Kroll 88 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933

815 Ring Street
 Mapleton IA 51034

Phyllis Fick 93 yrs. Jun 3, 1928

Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living
 404 1st St.
 Battle Creek, IA 51006

George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932

Sunrise Ave.
 Maple Heights Nursing Home 51034

Carol Dose 87 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934

Sunrise Ave.
 Maple Heights Nursing Home
 51034

Myrna Gosch 80 yrs. Jan 9, 1941

Pleasant View Care Center
 200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108
 Whiting, IA 51063

Melvin Schrader 95 Oct. 29, 1926

21 Ohm Drive
 Mapleton, IA 51034

Selma Schrader 92 yrs. Nov. 12, 1929

21 Ohm Drive
 Mapleton, IA 51034

Our prayer List

Nazaria Kaderabek

310 S. 6th St.
 Mapleton, IA 51034

Fern Jacobsen

Main Street Apartments
 516 Main Street Apt 3
 Mapleton, IA 51034

Alan Bruhn

14535 Walnut Ave
 Mapleton, IA 51034

Sharon Kuehl Henning

312 Highcroft
 Window MN 56101

Cecil, Fred Fletcher

1225 B Ave.
 Danbury, IA 51019

*Spread the Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace,
 Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Self-Control,
 Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be rewarded!*



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Worship time: Sunday



9:30am Worship Service

10:45 Bible Class

10:45 Sunday School

In His Footsteps: A
cheerful smile, a
friendly word, a sym-
pathetic nod, all gifts
God has put in our
hearts to be given to
others.

LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS By READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE: **St. Matthew Lutheran Church Service at 9:30 am every Sunday am at the church.** Facebook page- St. Matthew Lutheran-Mapleton— Our services at 9:30 am every Sunday website: www.stmatthewmapleton.org — Our services posted weekly **Mission Central...** www.missioncentral.us **Lutheran Family Service:** www.lfsiowa.org **WEB SITES:** Iowa District West—www.idwlcms.org Camp Okoboji – www.campokoboji.org **“THY STRONG WORD”** is a daily devotion airing at 6:25 am Monday through Saturday on KDSN (104.9 FM) **“THE LUTHERAN HOUR”** can be heard every Sunday on radio station—KDSN-FM (104.9) at 6:30 am and 1530 at 10:30 am. It is available 24 hours a day on the internet in Real Audio. Visit www.lhm.org and click on the Lutheran Hour on the left side of the page **“THE GOOD SHEP-HEARD HOUR** airs on the following stations every Sunday: 8 am Fort Dodge-KVFD 1400 AM; 8 am Sioux City—KSCJ 1360 AM; 10:30 am Storm Lake—KAYL 101.5 FM **Lutheran Family Services:** www.lfosiowa.org **MainStreet Living**— is a Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is broadcast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM. The first 30 minutes are remastered episode of “This is the Life” The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the area.



Dear Lord, I know there is a place inside of us that is for Jesus only, a place in our spirit and soul that no one and nothing can block —as long as we're looking and listening for Him. Jesus knows just how to reach each one of us. If we listen for Him knocking on the door of our heart and open it to Him He will come in and be with us. Please Lord help us how to listen. Amen