

St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

January 24, 2021

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

"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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3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
24 January 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Jonah 3:1–5, 10 / Psalm 62 / 1 Corinthians 7:29–35 / Mark 1:14–20

Sermon Title: Jesus Calls. Are You Following?
Sermon Text: Mark 1:14-20

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

God calls all of us to be a witness—to share the hope you have in Jesus with other people. This isn’t a job that is relegated to a specific board in the church or foreign missionaries, this is a job for all of us. We are all given this mandate—an opportunity—to share Jesus with others.

Now, I’ve heard too many people over the years tell me how they can’t be a missionary—how they can’t witness—or share their faith. I hear what people say, but I still believe that every one of us here today—every believer in Jesus Christ—has instructions from God to do this.

Sharing Jesus with other people isn’t as difficult as we make it. I have heard a lot of statistics that say if a non-Christian is invited to church, there is a high probability that person will attend worship with you. So, that makes me wonder—why aren’t you asking people to come to church?

Well, let’s explore that question a little bit by looking at our Gospel lesson this morning from Mark chapter 1. Mark’s Gospel starts out talking about John’s ministry of preparing people to receive Jesus. Then, Mark talks about Jesus’ baptism and his 40 days of temptation in the desert. Then, we get to our text for this morning which talks about Jesus beginning his ministry and calling his first disciples.

“¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, ‘The time is fulfilled (Daniel 9:25; Galatians 4:4), and the kingdom of God is at hand (Matthew 3:2); repent and believe in the gospel (Acts 19:4; 20:21).’” (Mark 1:14-15)

Jesus’ earthly ministry was to point people to himself—to the Incarnate Word of God. Jesus preached a message that was very similar to the message that past prophets also preached—repent and believe the Good News!

So in our Gospel lesson, Mark highlights three areas of Jesus’ message that he was preaching: 1) the time is fulfilled, 2) the Kingdom of God is near, and 3) repent and believe the Gospel.

The first point, when Jesus says that the time is fulfilled, he’s talking about God the Father’s plan of salvation for every single person on this planet, and every single person, who will be born in the future. Paul talks about the time being fulfilled in Galatians 4:

“But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.” (Galatians 4:4-5) Now that Jesus is ready to begin his ministry, he will fulfill God’s plan of salvation for everyone.

The second point that Jesus mentions is that the Kingdom of God is at hand, and Matthew says the same thing: *“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”* (Matthew 3:2) Acknowledge that you have said or done something against God and against someone else, and then tell God that you’re truly sorry for doing it. When you confess your sins—what you have done against God—then God says he will forgive you.

Because Jesus is moving about freely at the beginning of his ministry, the Kingdom of God has arrived! It has come! It is here! Jesus tells us that where two or three believers are gathered in his name, he is there with them. So, we have more than three people here today in worship, so we know that Jesus’ Kingdom has come.

And the third point Jesus mentions is for everyone to repent and believe the Gospel. *“And Paul said, ‘John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus.’”* (Acts 19:4) And Paul continues *“testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (Acts 20:21)

God tells us that when we acknowledge that we have said or done something against God and someone else, then we need to repent—we need to confess our sins. Then God tells us that he will forgive us of those sins. It’s that easy.

And yet, it seems so hard. Asking for forgiveness is hard when you don’t want to admit that you were wrong—or you said something wrong. And yet, God tells us that is the only way to make things better—asking for forgiveness is the only way to get right with God.

Getting right with God, though, is about restoring a broken relationship. When you don’t admit that you said or did something against God and someone else, then God says he will not forgive you. After all, God is not a vending machine—simply put in your money and expect to get what you want.

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9) When you confess your sins, then we are able to move on and live the life that God desires you to live—to love him with your heart, soul and mind and to love your neighbor as yourself.

“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the substitution for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2:1-2)

Once you have confessed your sins and received God’s forgiveness, then you can move forward living a life that is holy and pleasing to God Almighty—a life that displays Jesus actions and words.

When we live in a way that shows other people Jesus’ actions and words, then we are being excellent witnesses to who Jesus is and what he has done in our lives. Then others will see your good works and give glory to our Heavenly Father. This is the main point of witnessing and sharing your faith.

So, ask yourself—when people look at you, do they see Jesus in action? Do they see a person, claiming to be Christian, but acting just like the pagans? Do they see a Christian, who loves Jesus and wants other people to also know and love him? What do people see when they look at you?

I pray that they see Jesus in your words and actions. Now, maybe you think—I’m not that bad. Some people seem to think that there is a base-line measure that we use to be considered a

“pretty good person.” There is a measuring line—it’s called the Ten Commandments. And when you think that you can’t live up to those standards, then you’ll see that God expects perfection.

Now God knows—and you and I know—that perfection in us is not attainable, but with God ALL THINGS are possible. God can help you grow more and more into the likeness and image of Jesus. This was one thing that Jesus was doing when he called the twelve men to follow and learn from him.

“¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, [Jesus] saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men (Matthew 13:47).’ ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.” (Mark 1:16-18)

Jesus invites first Simon and Andrew to follow him and learn from him. Simon and Andrew were fishermen by trade, and Jesus invited them to stop trying to catch fish in the sea, but instead to try and catch people, who could learn from them the truths that Jesus was teaching.

One interesting point about who Jesus invites to follow him, is completely different from all other rabbis. Every other rabbi, would invite people, who wanted to follow them and learn from them. Jesus, on the other hand, invites people, who HE WANTS to follow him.

And Jesus isn’t looking for an elite group of followers to learn from him. Jesus is looking for men to join his ministry, based on what Jesus sees in their hearts and minds. Jesus knew these men through and through, and yet he still invited them to join him in the ministry of spreading the Good News about himself. When Jesus invited all 12 disciples, he knew who would betray him. Jesus knew who would say inappropriate things to him, and yet he still invited these twelve men to follow him.

So, Jesus first calls Simon and Andrew to follow him. *¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.”* Amazing. Here we see Simon and Andrew doing their work—fishing. And then this man approaches them and invites them to follow him and become fishers of men. And they immediately left their work and followed Jesus.

If you were sitting there mending your fishing nets, and Jesus invited you to follow him, how many of you would have said something like this: Okay, Jesus, I’ll be happy to follow you, but just let me finish this up and take care of a few more things and then I’ll be right with you? That isn’t what happened. These two men IMMEDIATELY left their work unfinished and followed Jesus. That’s wonderful. That’s amazing. I pray that you would do the same as Simon and Andrew.

“¹⁹ And going on a little farther, [Jesus] saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.” (Mark 1:19-20)

Then we see Jesus calling two more men to join him in his ministry—James and John, sons of Zebedee. We see from the text that their father’s fishing business also included hired servants which tells us that they had a fairly lucrative fishing business.

The fact that James and John were compelled by the Holy Spirit to immediately leave their fishing business and start following Jesus was a big deal. It was a big deal from Zebedee’s point of view—how on earth is he going to keep his business going without his two sons? It was also a big deal from the point of view from James and John—they were going to also become fishers of men—learning from Jesus and then teaching other people what Jesus said.

And this is what sharing your faith comes down to—simply talking with another person about Jesus, about how Jesus has impacted your life—how Jesus comforts you when you're hurting—how Jesus provides for all of your needs. Pray and ask God to help you know what to say. God will surely answer that prayer. Amen.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ATTENTION: We have coats & some winterwear at church, if you have a child or know of a child needing a coat please come and check out our coats. After 2 weeks they will be donated to Goodwill.

Thank you to our church for the gift of such delicious cookies that was given to me Barbara Bumsted.

Thank you to our church for the gift of such delicious cookies that was given to me Deloris Livermore.

CONGREGATION MEETING on January 31 following the service Agenda items include: 1. Call Committee for April Elections 2. 2020 Annual Report

Bandow Scholarship Application-Form will be in church office. For graduates seeking to go into the ministry, or parochial school teacher. The scholarship application along with a letter of recommendation from your minister must be typed and received no later than June 1, 2021. More details in the office.

I Believe



THE APOSTLES' CREED

What is a creed? A creed is a statement of what we believe, teach, and confess.

What is meant by "I believe in God"? It means I trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in the Holy Scriptures.

Why is it called the Apostles' Creed? It is called the Apostles' Creed, not because it was written by the apostles themselves, but because it states briefly the doctrine (teaching) which God gave through the apostles in the Bible. The Creed is trinitarian because the Scriptures reveal God as triune. Christians are baptized in the name of the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.
(Hebrews 11:1)**

FOR SHARING

1. A World War II bunker near Cologne, France, provided a secret hideout for a small company of soldiers trapped behind enemy lines. As he hid day after day in the darkness, one soldier carved these words on the bunker wall: "I believe in the sun even if I do not see it shining!" Describe the soldier's faith.
2. "Faith is being sure of what we hope for." How does hope in Christ differ from all other types of hope?
3. To believe in God is to trust His promises. What assurance do Christ's death and resurrection give you that *all* God's promises are true?
4. "Faith is being certain of what we do not see." How does your faith in Christ help you deal with daily trials and troubles?
5. "A Christian is someone who believes the Apostles' Creed." Do you agree or disagree. Why?

PRAYER Lord, thank You for Your gracious promises in Your Word. Forgive me for the times that I have doubted Your love and grace. Help me to walk by faith at all the different times of my life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

PARAMENTS ON OUR ALTAR:

Color is everywhere. Color is God's way of filling his world with beauty and giving pleasure to those who live in this colorful world. Christians, for centuries, have used color in divine worship to emphasize the redemptive action of God through his Son. Color's Purpose However, color and its bright message can easily be taken for granted or mistaken in its purpose. The paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners, traditionally employed each Sunday, must be seen as more than an attempt to decorate, or give accent to the chancel. That is, no doubt, the view of some. It's true; interior design and decoration are important. But a greater service is demanded of our liturgical colors than merely making the surroundings "pretty." Furthermore, when altar paraments are used year after year without much attention given to their message, as well as their care, the pastor, along with his faithful altar guild would do well to throw away the key to the sacristy and refrain from using those altar cloth "decorations." Frequent instruction about the church year and its corresponding colors must go hand in hand with its weekly use

Color, like music, plays an important role in the life of God's worshiping people. Just as music is the "handmaiden to theology," liturgical color complements the message of the seasons and occasions during the church year. Taking a familiar seat in the nave of his/her chapel preceding worship on any given Sunday, the worshiper's emotions and intellect are immediately engaged by color. Liturgical colors aid in establishing a climate in which Law and Gospel may be heard and received. Color allows us to see the Light of Life, Jesus Christ. It serves to communicate the message of salvation. And communicate it does when it reinforces a specific "colorful" chapter in the life of our Lord and his church, retold annually by the church calendar.

Symbolism of Colors It is appropriate, from time to time, to take a thoughtful and fresh look at the colors that are displayed throughout the church year. In the end, we admit, the use of paraments, vestments, altar clothes, banners is an adiaphoron. Even the symbolism behind the traditional colors is somewhat arbitrary and open to additional interpretations as generations pass. The primary source and guarantor of their meanings is tradition. However, the important thing to remember is why we retain this traditional liturgical standard. The value of the "Bg-BgsPwr" color scheme rests in their purpose: to serve God's worshiping community by assisting in communicating the holy faith from generation to generation. In every age, the beauty and symbolism of color in the church continues to serve us exceptionally well!

Green, comes next in the acronym and is by far the most common color seen during the year. *Lutheran Service Book* calls for its use during the seasons of Epiphany and Pentecost. The first Sunday following the first full moon after the vernal equinox (March 21), also known as Easter Sunday, determines the length of these two seasons. The days of Epiphany may entail a total of, but not more than, eight Sundays. The season of Pentecost, on the other hand, can last from 22 to 28 Sundays. **Green** is the appointed color for all but a few of the Sundays during these seasons. Consequently, **green** may be used an average of six to eight months of any given liturgical year! Epiphany's message of Christ's revelation to the Gentiles along with the season's traditional emphasis on extending Christ's kingdom through missions, calls for the use of **green**—the color symbolic of growth. The Sundays following Pentecost, observed as "the time of the church," share a somewhat similar theme as that of Epiphany. Affectionately called the season of the "**green meadow**," no doubt due to the fact of **green** being the established color, these Sundays also emphasize the subject of growth. **Green** is a neutral color, but there is nothing colorless about our need to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. That's why the "**green meadow**" time of the church year is so lengthy. Time must be given to encourage all worshipers to maintain their faith through the constant use of God's means of grace. A helpful suggestion for congregations observing summer and fall months with one neutral color, would be to invest time and effort in obtaining several sets of **green** paraments. Variety and change in shades of this color would go a long way in keeping the season fresh and "**green**." Changing the paraments every six weeks would complement the Sundays following Pentecost and their emphasis on personal faith that is living and growing.

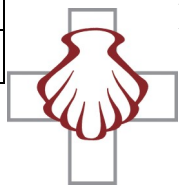
Douglas K. Escue—pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Originally published in *Lutheran Worship Notes*, Issue 29, 1994.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY

Name		Baptism
Andre	Robert	Jan 17, 1947
Bruhn	Presley	Jan 10, 2010
Bruhn	Hudson	Jan 22, 2012
Else	James	Jan 1, 1954
Holmes	Janeal	Jan 20, 1952
McGrain	Erika	Jan 29, 1994
Namanny	Melinda	Jan 22, 1989
Schmidt	Paige	Jan 22, 2006
Schmidt	Kurt	Jan 4, 1981
Schrader	Selma	Jan 26, 1930



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.



BIRTHDAYS

Name		Birthday
Andre	Robert	Jan 17, 1947
Brodersen	Kaylee	Jan 31, 2005
Bruhn	Jessica	Jan 14, 1986
Dose	Florice	Jan 9, 1935 86
Dose	Carol	Jan 22, 1934 87
Gosch	Myrna	Jan 9, 1941 80
Goslar	Marshall	Jan 31, 1973
Gronwoldt	Virgil	Jan 3, 1961
Kuehl	Judy	Jan 23, 1945
Namanny	Melinda	Jan 25, 1958
Miller	Tari	Jan 7, 1994
Phillips	Marlene	Jan 17, 1936 85
Pithan	Derek	Jan 14, 2013
Pithan	Emma	Jan 8, 2009
Schmidt	Paige	Jan 11, 2006
Schmidt	Troy	Jan 27, 2009
Witzel	Lavone	Jan 31, 1938 83
Hamann	Katelynn	Jan 1, 1992



Dennis & Pam Jahn	01-05-1975	46 yrs.
Christopher & Christina LaBoube	01-10-2015	6 yrs.
Hans & Lavone Witzel	01-06-1957	64 yrs.

NEEDED /WEEK	\$3,225.02
TOTAL GIVING (01-17-21)	NO REPORT
TOTAL GIVING Jan. 3 / Jan. 10	\$4,630.00
MISSIONS Jan. 3	\$10.00
SUNDAY ATTENDANCE (01-17-21)	31
SUNDAY COMMUNED (01-17-21)	28
Children in Church (01-17-21)	2
VISITORS (01-17-21)	1
BIBLE CLASS (01-17-21)	12
SUNDAY SCHOOL (01-17-21)	4

	Week of Schedule 01-25 to 01-31
Mon (25)	Pastor's Family Day
Wed (27)	Confirmation Class 6 pm to 7 pm Helping Hands, at 1:00 to 4 pm
Sun (31)	4th Sun. after Epiphany; Church Services 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am

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
Jerry Albers
Delores Gosch

Carol Dose
Lavonne Witzel
Kathy Trucke

Selma Schrader
Myrna Gosch
Alan Bruhn

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Sheri Heilman— Sue Oberg's sister; **Ron Kraffle** friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; **Richard Swain**, neighbor of Karen and Jeff Krusen; **Jim Kueny**, Karen's husband **Lynn Smith** friend of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Jazmin Mauch**, granddaughter of Marla and Joe Hogan; **Penny Mauch** friend of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; **Tammy Jean Bramley**, mother of Sam Kelm

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

Bonnie Banks 86 yrs. Jun 2, 1934
Main Street Apartments
516 Main Street Apt 2
Mapleton, IA 51034

George Koithan 88 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932
1726 Marcella Heights
Carroll, IA 51040

Delores Boysen 81 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939
31153 Juinter Ave
Hinton, IA 51024

Delbert Kroll 87 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933
Ring Street
Mapleton IA 51034

Myrna Gosch 79 yrs. Jan 9, 1941
Pleasant View Care Center
200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108
Whiting, IA 51063

Phyllis Fick 92 yrs. Jun 3, 1928
Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living
404 1st St.
Battle Creek, IA 51006

Carol Dose 86 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934
Sunrise Ave.
Maple Heights Nursing Home

** indicates a new address

Spread the Fruits of the Spirit:

Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Self-Control, Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be rewarded

These are addresses of God's people needing prayers and we could also send them a card telling them we are thinking about them, showing them that we care. That would brighten their day.

Nazaria Kaderabek
310 S. 6th St.
Mapleton, IA 51034

Lavonne Witzel
36252 Co. Hwy E 34
Castana, IA 51010

Tammy Bramley
42715 210th St.
Ute, IA 51060

Selma Schrader
21 Ohm Drive
Mapleton, IA 51034

Richard Swain
407 S. 5th Street
Mapleton, IA 51034

Jerry Albers
1313 Maple Street
Onawa, IA 51040

Delores Gosch
202 S. 2nd St.
Mapleton, IA 51034

Jim Kueny
707 Oak St.
Mapleton, IA 51034

Kathy Trucke
303 S 7th Street
Mapleton, IA 51034

Sheri Heilman
(Sue Oberg's sister)
1721 Lincoln Street
Great Bend, KS 67530

Carol Dose
1 Sunrise Ave.
Maple Heights Nursing
Home
Mapleton, IA 51034

Lynne Smith: chose to
not publish
Jazmin Mauch: chose
to not publish
Ron Kraffle: chose to
not publish

Myrna Gosch
Pleasant Care Center
200 Shannon Dr.
Whiting, IA 51063

Alan Bruhn
14535 Walnut Ave
Mapleton, IA 51034

God
is watching
over you.
I know because
I asked
Him to

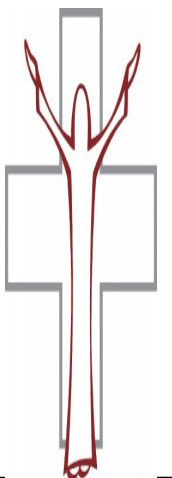
<u>Give the office a call or the Pastor...</u>	Need a ride to a Dr's appt	Need of a visit
Before going to hospital	Address or name changes	Birth of your baby
Private communion	Entering armed services	Making wedding plans
Desire to serve your Lord through the Church	Death in the family	

Faith Step: Thank Jesus for accomplishing your eternal
victory

Charles "Bud" Dose, age 90, of Anthon, Iowa, passed away on Thursday, January 14, 2021, at his residence of Anthon, Iowa.

A Funeral Service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, January 29, 2021, at the St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Mapleton, Iowa, where Bud was a lifelong member. Rev. Chris LaBoube will officiate. Committal Services will follow in the Mount Hope Cemetery of Mapleton, Iowa. A Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Thursday, **January 28, 2021**, at the Armstrong-Van Houten Funeral Home of Anthon, Iowa.

Our Sympathies go out to the families of Bud, may they find comfort in John 11: 25-26
" *am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.* "



Luther's Epiphany

December 17, 2010 by [nextgenreform](http://nextgenreform.wordpress.com)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:16-17 (ESV)

The year is 1515. A young monk sits in a room at the top of a monastery tower studying late into the night. This is a very familiar scene for him. The young monk's name was Martin Luther, and he was about to stumble upon a verse in scripture that would not only change his life, but the entire world.

Luther was a tormented monk who could not find peace with God. What separated him so much from other monks in his day was his keen sense of justice. He had been trained in law and understood well its intricacies. He knew that before God, no matter what *he* did, he could never justify himself. God was too holy and he was too far-gone in his sin. He was a Roman Catholic and believed that not only did he need faith in God to be saved, but he needed works as well. The "works" part of his view of salvation is what truly drove him mad. Luther tried as hard as he could to work his way to God through the sacraments and good works, but never felt like it was enough.

Ultimately, his freedom from guilt came in the form of a verse. Upon studying Romans 1, he finally understood. There was nothing *he* could do earn his salvation. It was his *faith* in another that would save him. One who had done what he needed on his behalf. Luther was made righteous by his faith in Christ. "The righteous shall live by faith." Romans 1:17 Luther finally understood that to be righteous before God he did not need works, he only needed faith in Christ. His sense of justice had run headlong into the Biblical proclamation of salvation by faith alone, and it forever changed him.

After understanding what Romans taught, Luther saw this truth throughout scripture. He no longer had to worry if he was good enough for God, because he understood he *couldn't* be good enough for God. He rested in his precious savior. Christ was his good works. Christ was his faith. Christ was his perfect obedience in the law of God. Most importantly, Christ was his punishment for sin. Luther finally had peace, because his savior had done *everything* he ever needed. This was Luther's epiphany. He was righteous before God through faith, because as Paul wrote, "it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes..."

This week, thank God that He has made salvation available to His children. Christ has done everything we ever need for salvation. No amount of good works could ever make sinful man righteous before a perfectly holy God. Instead, Christ has done the work for us. It is our faith in him that has saved us; it is how we have been made righteous before a holy God. If salvation were made available to us in any other way, we would all surely perish.



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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 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 SHEPHEARD 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.lofsiowa.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 God, You are so patient with us, thank you for helping us to see the gift of you being in control. We surrender to you, Lord. May thy will happen in and through our lives. We trust you and rest in you. Bless us according to your plan for us and use us for your glory. In Jesus' precious name,
 Amen