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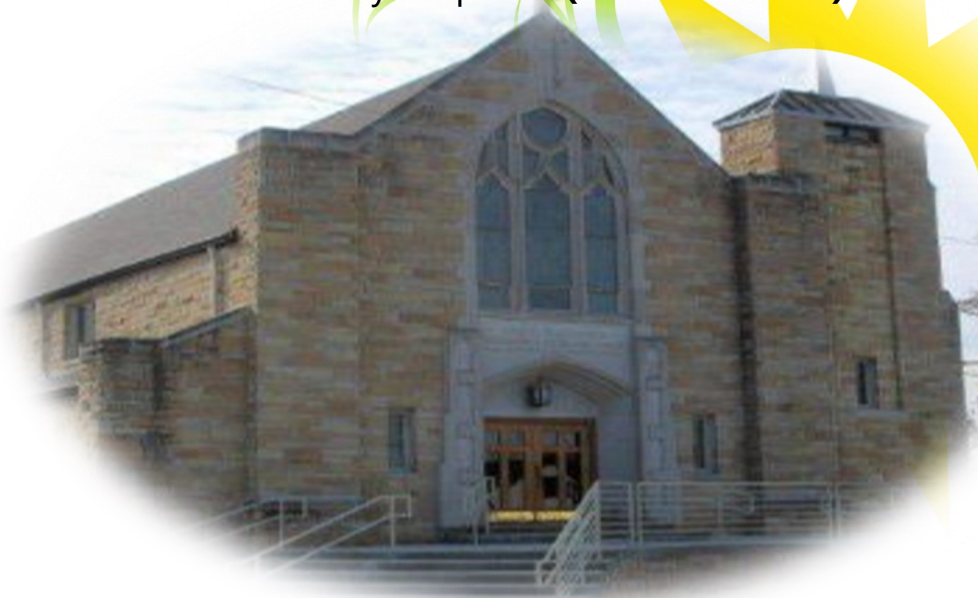
St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

05-01-2022

3rd Sunday of Easter

"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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1 May 2022

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Acts 9:1–22 / Psalm 30 / Revelation 5:1-14 / John 21:1–19

Sermon Title: *“It is the Lord!”*

Sermon Text: John 21:1-19

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

After Jesus had been raised from the dead, he started appearing to his disciples to show them what the Old Testament Scriptures said about him—about his life, death and victorious resurrection from the dead—to overcome sin, death and the devil, and to give every believer a new life.

Now, we see a scene in which the disciples may not know what to do after the fact that Jesus had been raised from the dead, and had shown himself to his disciples in that locked upper room. So, the disciples went back to their old job. They got back in the boat and went fishing.

“After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ² Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³ Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am going fishing.’ They said to him, ‘We will go with you.’ They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.” (John 21:1-3)

It's interesting that they went out fishing and they caught nothing. It's as though they were again doing their own thing by their own strength without God. In a previous event, Jesus was in Peter's boat and he told them to row the boat out into deep waters, and throw out their fishing nets.

That's all well and good, except we have to remember that those disciples had already been working all night long fishing, and caught nothing. Now, their teacher—their master—was telling them to row the boat out into deep water and go fishing again.

Thankfully they do what Jesus asks them, and then they caught so many fish that the nets started to tear. What a miracle! And here the disciples are again out on the water, fishing and catching no fish. Here's what John's Gospel tells us

⁴ Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, ‘Children, do you have any fish?’ They answered him, ‘No.’ ⁶ He said to them, ‘Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.’ So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, ‘It is the Lord!’ When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸ The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards¹ off.” (John 21:4-8)

The disciples went fishing after the fact that Jesus had already appeared to them in that locked upper room. They were out on the water—not too far—about a hundred yards out, and they heard

Jesus call to them and they were able to hear him. At this point, they don't recognize Jesus. They just see another Jewish man on the shore.

This Jewish man tells them to throw their nets on the other side of the boat, and just like the previous miracle, the net again gets so full of fish and yet the net does not tear! Amazing. It's at this point that Scripture tells us that John recognized Jesus and told Peter: *"It is the Lord!"*

Peter then jumps in the water and swims to shore. *"The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off."* This was an amazingly wonderful time fishing that started out to be pointless.

⁹ *When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.* ¹⁰ *Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.'* ¹¹ *So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn.* ¹² *Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.'* Now none of the disciples dared ask him, 'Who are you?' They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ *Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish.* ¹⁴ *This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead."* (John 21:9-14)

As soon as Peter, John and the other disciples pulled the boat and the overfull net to shore, they saw that Jesus was sitting there by a fire over which he was cooking fish and bread. Breakfast was ready to eat, especially to these fishermen who were likely hungry from fishing all night and catching nothing and then by a miracle of Jesus, catching so much fish that the net was extremely heavy.

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The disciples were probably tired by this time so Jesus offered them breakfast. They didn't have to ask who this man was sitting there by this fire. They knew immediately who this man was. They knew this was Jesus.

And Scripture tells us that this was the third time that Jesus was revealed to his disciples after Jesus was raised from the dead. The previous two times were in that locked upper room where the disciples were afraid of what the Jewish leaders might do to them.

¹⁵ *When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?'* He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ *He said to him a second time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?'* He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷ *He said to him the third time, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me?'* Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:15-17)

After the disciples had finished eating breakfast, Jesus talks directly to Peter. He asks him three times: *"Simon Peter, 'Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?'* He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' He said to him, 'Feed my lambs."

Three times. If someone asked you basically the same question three times, you might get a little irritated and respond negatively. In this event, Jesus asks Peter THREE TIMES: *"'Simon, son*

of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ He said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’

And then three times Peter responds the same way: YES! Peter truly loves Jesus, and Peter truly wants to do whatever Jesus wants him to do. The three times that Jesus asks Peter his question equates to the three times that Peter denied Jesus when Peter was standing in the courtyard of the high priest where Jesus was being accused by the chief priests and other religious leaders.

After the third time Jesus asks, *“Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’”*

Each time that Jesus asks his question and Peter responds with the same answer, Jesus commissions Peter and ultimately the rest of the disciples to go out into the world to teach more about Jesus and what the Bible says about Jesus.

“Feed my lambs.” “Tend my sheep.” “Feed my sheep.” Jesus knows what’s in Peter’s heart. Jesus knows what’s in the hearts of his disciples. Jesus knows what’s in your heart. Jesus knows what’s in my heart.

And yet, even though our hearts are stained from sinful thoughts, words and actions, Jesus still loves you, and me and all people. We are not left to fend for ourselves. Jesus willingly went to the cross to die for you, for me and for all people so that everyone of us can go to heaven when we die.

Jesus did this for you. Jesus did this for me. Jesus did this for all people. Praise the Lord, O my soul. Praise all his benefits to me. Amen.

The peace of God which transcends all understanding guard and keep your hearts in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Announcements

BUSY BAGS for 1-4 yr. old's 5 yrs. and up they will contain some age appropriate books, color pages, paper, puzzles, possibly memory cards. Not all at once of course. Please enjoy, but take care of the bags and items inside. Return all bags in the box and return all items back in the bag. Color pages and paper can all be taken home.

Please Reminder: Only Spring and Summer clothes will be accepted now. When you bring clothes for Finders Keepers no boxes, only clean clothes no tore or stained clothing please. Thank you. Remember proceeds go to our church.

VBS-This year will be from July 26-27-28th. From 6-8 pm. The theme is: **Rainforest Explorers**. Spread the word, it will be fun! We need volunteers please contact Dawn Paulsen at 880-2941 or Marla Hogan at 712-420-5621 or call the church office at 881-2243.

Today is Pastor LaBoube's last day with us. Please pray for him and his family that they find their new journey in their life blessed as he serves the Lord in his new church. We are honoring Rev. Christopher LaBoube, Christine LaBoube, Rosie LaBoube, in celebrating their time with us at St. Matthew Lutheran Church. We are having a potluck luncheon today after church services. Please come and enjoy the fun and fellowship with your church family.

Rev. Christopher LaBoube: *A pastor devoted to giving so much, God only knows all the souls that you touch. Committed to serve when you answered God's call you proved it by being a servant to all.*

Elders			
Communion	05-01-22	Duane Hamann	712-870-3450
	05-08-22	Leo Dose	712-880-0000
Communion	05-15-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-22-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
	05-29-22	Leo Dose	712-880-0000

Lay Readers			
Communion	05-01-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
	05-08-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
Communion	05-15-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-22-22	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
	05-29-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775

Screens			
Communion	05-01-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-08-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
Communion	05-15-22	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
	05-22-22	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
	05-29-22	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914

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Beloved let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

Altar Guild	
Rita LaFrentz 881-2078 840-9703	Inez Voss 712-882-9034
Janeal Holmes 1-712-899-8095	

In His Footsteps: God is our Light, let it shine bright to others and show them the way.

**The LORD is good,
a stronghold in the
day of trouble; and
He knows those
who trust in Him.**

Nahum 1:7

LCMS Memory Verse of the Week of May 01, 2022

	<u>Week of Schedule 05-02 to 05-08</u>
Wed 04	Helping Hands 1-4 pm
Thur 05	In the Word 1:30 pm
Sun 08	4th Sun. of Easter services am Elder: Leo Dose Reader: Ryan Paulsen Screens: Dennis Muckey Sunday School am Bible Class am

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Church offering 04-24-22	\$365.00
Sunday School material	\$50.00
Church attendance 04-24-22	44
Bible Class	NA
Sunday School	5
Voters Meeting	No report



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
 Alan Bruhn

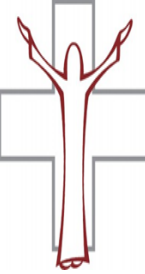
Carol Dose
 Fred Fletcher

Myrna Gosch
 Fern Jacobsen

Selma Schrader

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; **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;



We pray for the family of Betty Wood who went to be with Jesus on 04-26-22. 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."* A Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 a.m., with a Visitation held one-hour prior from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at the St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Mapleton, Iowa. Rev. Richard A. Salcido will officiate. [Betty Wood Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information \(armstrongfuneral.com\)](http://armstrongfuneral.com)

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

Ryan Trucke (son of Beth & Ed Trucke, Grandson of Kay and Richard Johnson) serving with U.S. Air Force at FE Warren AFB in Wyoming (wife and child are here). Ryan is at this address: Prince Sultan AFB, Saudia Arabia 378ECEF-CEOIU Unit 61362 APO, AE 09877 (here for only 6 months)

Jackie Cardwell (niece of Jeff & Karen Krusen) serving U.S. Airforce at 17728 Margo St Omaha, NE 68136

Marcus Roupe serving in Cuba (nephew of Marilyn & Duane Hamann) PSC201 Box 6997

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 Junter 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

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

Selma Schrader 92 yrs. Nov. 12, 1929
 21 Ohm Drive
 Mapleton, IA 51034

George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932
 Sunrise Ave.
 Maple Heights Nursing Home
 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

LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS B
READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE: **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 a
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 Sun
day: 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 broad
cast 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, keep this church under Your care. Bless the leaders of our land and church that we may
be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the others of the earth. Grant that we may
choose trustworthy leaders to contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare and to serve You
faithfully in our generation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*