



St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube
May 16, 2021

"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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7th Sunday of Easter / Confirmation Sunday
16 May 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Acts 1:12–26 / Psalm 1 / 1 John 5:9–15 / John 17:11b–19

Sermon Title: Jesus Sets Us Apart from the World
Sermon Text: John 17:11b-19

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

This past Thursday, May 13 was the Ascension of our Lord. It is the day in the church year calendar when Jesus ascended back into heaven after he had been raised from the dead Easter Sunday morning. The day that Jesus ascended back into heaven is always on a Thursday, because May 13 is forty days AFTER Jesus’ resurrection.

The day of the Ascension of our Lord is important in the timeline of events of the life of Jesus. We know on this past Thursday—forty days after Jesus’ resurrection—Jesus ascended back into heaven and sits at the right hand of God our Heavenly Father. It’s important to know on what day Jesus was born. On what day he was crucified for our sins. On what day he was raised from the dead to overcome sin, death and the devil. And on what day he ascended back into heaven—all of which is what we confess in the three creeds.

I believe in Jesus Christ who “suffered under Pontius Pilate, // was crucified, // died and was buried. // He descended into hell. // The third day He rose again from the dead. // He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty.” (Small Catechism: Apostles’ Creed: 1st Article)

In addition to last Thursday being the Ascension of our Lord, today is the Seventh and Last Sunday of Easter which is from John chapter 17. All of John chapter 17 is subtitled in some Bibles as “The High Priestly Prayer.” It is the prayer that Jesus prays to God our Heavenly Father for the disciples—and for all of us, who confess that Jesus is Lord.

“Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction (2 Thess. 2:3), that the Scripture might be fulfilled (Ps. 109:8; Acts 1:16-20).” (John 17:11b-12)

When you were brought into God’s kingdom through your baptism—then your name was written in the Lamb’s Book of Life. Jesus told us a couple of weeks ago on Good Shephard Sunday that he KNOWS our name. And Jesus knows you more intimately than you know yourself. It should be comforting that Jesus knows your name—just like a really good friend knows your name.

Jesus prays that he and God the Father are one. This is what we confess in all three creeds. Jesus then says that we are one—that is, we who confess Jesus as Lord, all belong to the same family—the Family of God. And Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit lives in us, that means that the Trinity lives in us.

So, in conclusion we are one big happy family—at least, that’s how Jesus has set up this whole system. Of course, we’re not always one big happy family. We fight and quarrel with one another. We demand our own ways. We tear each other down.

But it isn’t supposed to be that way. Jesus prays: *¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction.*” Jesus has guarded us—he has kept us safe—he has kept us in the one true faith. This is the work of the Holy Spirit in your life and mine.

The Holy Spirit continues to lead us and guide us in the way we should go. This is how Jesus has guarded us and protected us. The Holy Spirit teaches us His Word. This is why it’s so important to read or listen to God’s Word every day—so that you can fill up every day with Jesus. Jesus continues praying. *“¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am* ₂

not of the world. ¹⁵ *I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one* (Matt. 13:19).” (John 17:13-15)

Jesus gives us his joy which is more than just a temporary, feel-good experience. The joy from Jesus goes deeper than a goosebumps experience. Jesus gives us his joy in order to help us daily be strengthened in our faith. The joy Jesus gives you goes deep into your heart and soul and helps you move through the really wonderful times in your life and the really awful times in your life.

This is why Jesus says: *“I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”* Jesus gives us the truth. No questions asked. You can know for a fact that what Jesus says is true. *“For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”* (Romans 15:4)

We live in a day and age in which some people think that they know it all—they have convinced themselves that they know God does not exist. Now, that’s simply foolish. Just because I say: my DNA doesn’t exist, doesn’t make that a true statement. Just because someone says: God doesn’t exist, doesn’t make that a true statement.

This is the same lie that the devil used in the Garden of Eden. *“Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, ‘Did God actually say, “You shall not eat of any tree in the garden”?’ // And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, “You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.”’ // ⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’”* (Genesis 3:1-5)

Since this first terrible incident in which Adam and Eve were tricked by the serpent—deceived in believing a lie and NOT believing what God the Father told them—all of us struggle. All of us have fallen short of God’s glory. All of us can get sucked into one lie after another.

This is why Jesus says that he has taught his disciples the truth—and that the Holy Spirit prompted men throughout the ages to write down the truths from God into what we now have as the Holy Bible—the Old and New Testaments.

Jesus knew that from the beginning of time the devil prompted Adam and Eve to believe a lie from the devil instead of believing the truth from God’s Word, we—their descendants—would also occasionally believe lies from the devil.

Jesus prays: ¹⁵ *I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one* (Matt. 13:19).” Jesus knows that while we still live in this broken world, there will be no end to sin in every possible form. While we are still walking through this deep, dark valley, Jesus prays that the Holy Spirit will continue to encourage us each day—encourage us with God’s Word.

Jesus continues: *“¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”* (John 17:16-19)

It’s at this part of Jesus’ High Priestly Prayer that I think it’s great that today we are also confirming three young people in their Christian faith. Here Jesus prays: *¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.”* (John 17:17-19)

Jesus prays that his disciples—these three, young confirmands—and all of us, who confess Jesus as Lord—will be sanctified. This is the on-going work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. This is what we confess in the Apostles' Creed: Third Article Meaning:

“I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.”

“Sanctify” means “to set apart.” This is what Jesus has done for us at our baptism. He has set us apart from this sinful, evil generation so that we will be his own. Jesus sanctifies us—he sets us apart as his own. Jesus talked about this some weeks ago when he called himself the Good Shepherd. Jesus also talked about this when he referred to himself as the Vine and God our Heavenly Father as the vinedresser. We are his own. We are owned by Jesus.

Now if you're not owned by Jesus, then you're owned by the devil. Sure, some folks might like to pretend that they are free and independent and nobody owns them, but that's foolishness. Jesus calls us out of spiritual darkness by the preaching of the Good News. Since Jesus calls us out of spiritual darkness—then the question is—how did we get into spiritual darkness? When we were born into sin, that's when we go into bondage of spiritual darkness. And it is from within this spiritual darkness that Jesus calls us out into his glorious, life-giving light.

Jesus then equips us with his gifts—the two sacraments of Holy Communion and Holy Baptism. Jesus then sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. Jesus does this through the ON-GOING work of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

This is why it's so important to read or listen to the Bible every day. When you fill up with Jesus, then you give the Holy Spirit more material to work with. When you don't fill up with Jesus, then you end up starving yourself.

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Jesus prays that God the Father will sanctify all of us disciples—all of us believers. Jesus says that as the Holy Spirit continues to sanctify us—continues to teach us the truths of the Bible—that we are daily being prepared to go out and share the hope we have in Jesus.

This is what Jesus prays for next: *“As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.”* Jesus equips us with his Word so that we can go out and tell others about what he has done for us. Maybe you share how Jesus gave you strength when you or a family member had to live through a really difficult situation. Maybe you share how Jesus encouraged you with His Word.

The Great Commission—the great Out-Sending that Jesus gives—is found at the end of Matthew's Gospel. *“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* (Matthew 28:19-20)

Jesus gives us this Great Commission—this Great Out-Sending—so that after we are equipped with the truths of His Word, we will want more people to know Jesus and know the comfort—the joy—the grace that he so freely gives to all who believe. Amen.

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

St Matthew Lutheran Church

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

MAY 16, 2021

Marley Scott
833 Main St.
Mapleton, IA 51034

Birthday 02-25-08
Baptized 08-10-08
Parents: Brian and Jenny Scott

Trista Ohlmeier
204 S. Chamberlain
Mapleton, IA 51034
Ohlmeier

Birthday 11-28-06
Baptized 12-19-06
Parents: Shawn and Mindi

Chelsey Paulsen
12396 Teak Ave
Mapleton, Ia 51034

Birthday 05-13-07
Baptized 11-11-18
Parents: Ryan and Dawn Paulsen



A Prayer for Confirmands

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in brining our confirmands to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Marley Scott: Psalm 31:3 “For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me.”

Chelsey Paulsen: 1 John 4:19 “We love because he first loved us.”

Trista Ohlmeier: Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

with Explanation

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13. *What are the central, or chief, parts of Christian teaching and life?*

These six parts of the catechism are the central teachings, or Six Chief Parts of Christian Doctrine:

1. God makes known His will through the **Ten Commandments**, which summarize how God wants us to love Him and love our neighbor and also reveal our sin and inability to keep God's Law.
2. The **Creed** summarizes who God is and what He has done for the world: creating and preserving all things out of fatherly love; redeeming the world in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God; and calling and gathering believers into the Church by the Holy Spirit.
- 3 In the Lord's Prayer (or the Our Father), God the Son teaches Christians how to pray as God's own dear children, confident that what we praying please Him and is for our good.
4. Scripture teaches us that the **Holy Baptism**, we are cleansed from our sins and belong to the one true God, Father, Son, and Spirit, whom we trust for life and salvation.
5. As God's believing, baptized children, we still battle against sins of thought, word, and deed. But God graciously has given special authority to His Church on earth to forgive the sins of the penitent and to withhold forgiveness from the unrepentant (**Office of the Keys and Confession**).
6. God welcomes His children to the **Sacrament of the Altar** (Lord's Supper), where Christ gives us His body to eat and His blood to drink with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and to strengthen our faith.



Eight Tests for Decision Making

“Walk as children of the light....and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.”

(Ephesians 5:8, 10)

Stumbling Test—Could this cause another person to stumble? *“It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble.”* (Romans 14.21)

Serenity Test—Have I prayed and received peace about this? *“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all under-standing, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”* (Philippians 4.6-7)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Take **PRIDE** in your church building and help out, **everyone** on 2nd Thursday of the month beginning at 9 am or whenever you can come, we (men and women) will be cleaning the church. **Please** we need your help if you are available. This is under the direction of Lin Scott.

Jesus is inviting you.

*Gathered around
Jesus*

*Bible Class in the
basement. Come
and find out what
it is all about.*

Everyone is welcome.

Castana Ladies Aid are inviting our Ladies to a brunch at the Castana Comm CC Church on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. Please RSVP to Cathy Hanson at 34506 Hwy. 34 Castana, IA 51010 or call 712-353-6576, by June 3, 2021

	Week of Schedule 05-17 to 05-23
Mon	Pastor's Family Day
Wed	Helping Hands, at 1:00 to 4 pm
Sun (23)	Pentecost Services 9:30 am Bible Class 10:45 am Sunday School 10:45 am

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 05-09-21	\$1,873.00
Giving for missions	\$0.00
Sunday attendance 05-09-21	45
Members communed	NA
Children in Church 05-09-21	4
Visitors 05-09-21	3
Bible Class 05-09-21	14
Sunday School 05-09-21	2-C / 1-T

The Holy Name



THE LORD'S PRAYER—THE FIRST PETITION

Hallowed be Thy name.

What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also.

How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.
(Psalm 103:1)**

FOR SHARING

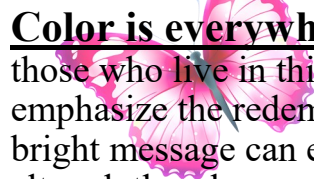
1. In what ways do people profane God's name?
2. God—and His name—are holy. We are sinful—unholy. How do we bring dishonor and disgrace to His holy name?
3. Describe how Jesus' sacrifice makes us "holy and blameless" in God's sight (Ephesians 1:4).
4. In what specific ways do God's people, by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep God's name holy?

PRAYER

[Father,] Your name be hallowed. Help us, Lord,
In purity to keep Your Word
That to the glory of Your name
We walk before You free from blame.
Let no false teaching us pervert;
All poor deluded souls convert.

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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

White

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.

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAY

Delores Boysen	May 7, 1939
Tasha Bridgman	May 22, 1994
Brian Brown	May 6, 1962
Alan Dale	May 13, 1995
Darlene Dose	May 20, 1934
Les Goslar	May 9, 1948
Darren Goslar	May 27, 1983
Zola Kafton	May 16, 1943
Taya Ohlmeier	May 3, 2009
Kathy Wunschel	May 18, 1958



We are listing
Baptismal birth-
days
to remember and
celebrate the day
we were
adopted into the
family of God

BIRTHDAYS

Name	Birthday
Evan Bruhn	May 15, 1969
Mark Greiner	May 14, 1954
Joe Krusen	May 09, 1983
Christopher LaBoube	May 15, 1973
Shawn Ohlmeier	May 06, 1982
Tyler Ohlmeier	May 11, 2004
Dawn Paulsen	May 16, 1968
Chelsey Paulsen	May 13, 2007
Betsy Scheer	May 11, 1989
Sarah Schmidt	May 02, 1981
Mark Witzel	May 04, 1959
Russell Wray	May 13, 1957



First Name	Last Name	Age	Confirmation
Melvin	Schrader	94	May 12, 1940
Phyllis	Fick	92	Apr. 27, 1941
Freda	Means	93	May 27, 1942
Deloris	Livermore	91	Apr. 25, 1943
Ferne	Jacobson	90	Apr. 05, 1944
George	Koithan	88	May 20, 1945
Ruth	Bruhn	88	Apr. 21, 1946
John	Fick	88	May 19, 1946

*They Stood firm in their faith
75 yrs. and counting*

80 + yr. Birthday God's Blessings

Ferne Jacobson	May 02, 1930 91
Richard Johnson	May 30, 1934 87
Deloris Livermore	May 05, 1929 92
Hans Witzel	May 15, 1935 86

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY God's Blessings

David and Belinda Bartels	May 15, 1970	51
Larry and Shelly Boyle	May 26, 1984	37
John and Joan Fick	May 27, 1956	65
Joseph and Marla Hogan	May 14, 2004	17
Wayne and Zola Kafton	May 5, 1963	58
Kenneth and Susan Krueger	May 11, 1973	48



*In His Footsteps: The
way to God is with
faith in your heart
take the path that
He trod. The way of
the cross*

<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	

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
Myrna Gosch

Carol Dose
Mavis Skow

Selma Schrader
Alan Bruhn

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Sheri Heilman— Sue Oberg's sister; **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; **Tammy Jean Bramley**, mother of Sam Kelm; ; **Cheri Moe**, niece of Dorothy Wessling. **Jerri Haindfield** of Marilyn & Duane Hamann

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

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

George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932
1726 Marcella Heights
Carroll, IA 51040

Delores Boysen 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939
3903 S.W. Hollowbrook St.
Bentonville, AR 72712

Delbert Kroll 87 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933
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

** indicates a new address

Those on our prayer list:

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

Selma Schrader
21 Ohm Drive
Mapleton, IA 51034

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

Tammy Bramley
42715 210th St.
Ute, IA 51060

Alan Bruhn
14535 Walnut Ave
Mapleton, IA 51034

Mavis Skow
102 North 6th Apt #1
Mapleton, IA 51034

Spread the Fruits of the Spirit:

*Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness,
Kindness, Self-Control, Goodness, and
Faithfulness.*

You will be rewarded





St Matthew Lutheran Church
504 Walnut Street
Mapleton, IA 51034

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 **“THE 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.



Lord, Keep me safe from the enemy that wants to stop me today. Please make me strong so I do not fall into temptation. Help me Lord to stand firm. I know you have won the victory over Satan. Please help me to overcome temptations. Help me to not come frustrated and disappointed. Help me Lord and let your name be proclaimed in my life by my actions. Amen.