



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
MISSOURI SYNOD

St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

July 25, 2021

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

"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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““Back to the Basics”

A Review of our Christian Faith

9th Sunday after Pentecost

25 July 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA

Genesis 9:8–17 / Psalm 136:1–9 / Ephesians 3:14–21 / Mark 6:45–56

Sermon Title: Apostles’ Creed—Part B

Sermon Text: Colossians 3:1-4; Romans 8:9-11

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

Last Sunday, we talked about the first part of the Apostles’ Creed. We focused on God the Father and how he created the entire world that we know and see, and how he created all life including human beings.

We also looked at how Jesus was with God before the beginning of time—that Jesus existed with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit BEFORE the world existed and before we human beings were created. Today we’re going to talk about the last half of the Apostles’ Creed—Jesus’ resurrection from the dead and the Third Article, which talks about God the Holy Spirit.

The Apostles’ Creed is divided into three parts—each part focusing on one person of the Trinity—God the Father and Creation, God the Son and Redemption, and God the Holy Spirit and Sanctification. As we look at the last half of the Apostles’ Creed, we’re going to focus on Jesus’ resurrection from the dead and the work of God the Holy Spirit in our lives. In the Apostles’ Creed: the Second Article, we confess:

I believe “...in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary”—which reminds us that Jesus is truly God and truly man. That Jesus “suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.”—that Jesus actually died. Some heretical ideas of the day—which still exist in our day and age—is that Jesus wasn’t really God or that he was God, but that he switched places with some other man so that Jesus didn’t actually die but another man died.

We continue confessing our faith in the Apostles’ Creed: the Second Article: “The third day [Jesus] rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.”—which proves that God is ruler over life AND death. That the devil is still in submission to God our Heavenly Father.

The fact that Jesus suffered on a cross and died a horrible death FOR YOU, for me, and for ALL PEOPLE shows how far God our Heavenly Father will go to bring us back from going astray and keep us from going to hell by our own devices.

God loves you so much, and he wants to be with you for all eternity. This is why he sent Jesus, the only God-man, who could live life exactly according to the Ten Commandments, and then who willingly was crucified in order to give you and me a new life—a life with him in eternity.

Paul talks about this new life—that you get from believing in Jesus—and then through your baptism—in his letter to the Christians at Colosse. *“If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³ For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.”* (Colossians 3:1-4)

You have been raised with Christ when you confess your faith in the One True God using one of three creeds—the Apostles’, Nicene or Athanasian—and then you are washed in the waters of Holy Baptism. This means that you will then spend eternity with God in heaven.

Of course, if you reject God, then God will not force you to be with him in heaven. I don’t understand how some people never read or listen to God’s Word—never fill up with the Body and Blood of Jesus in Holy Communion—never gather with other Christians to receive from God all that he wants to give them, and yet talk like they are destined for heaven when they die, simply because they are—in their own eyes and own definition—a good person—whatever that means.

Jesus tells us clearly in Matthew chapter seven: *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?’ ²³ And then will I declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.’”* (Matthew 7:21-23)

This what we confess in the Athanasian Creed: “Whoever desires to be saved must, above all, hold the catholic”—that is, the Christian—“faith. Whoever does not keep it whole and undefiled will without doubt perish eternally.... Therefore, whoever desires to be saved must think thus about the Trinity.” (Athanasian Creed #1-2)

Why do we have to think about the Trinity—and the Unity of this Trinity—in order to be saved? Because the Triune God is who we worship—is who we believe in. If you don’t believe in the Trinity or the Unity of the Trinity, then you have no assurance of going to heaven when you die.

The writers of the Athanasian Creed also stress the importance of believing in the Triune God, because when we believe in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, we are confessing this faith with every other Christian, who believes the same thing. Therefore, when we confess the Unity of the Trinity and the Trinity in Unity, we are also confessing that we believe the same thing as many other believers around the world.

In addition to talking about the Trinity and the Unity of the Trinity, the Athanasian Creed continues talking about our core beliefs: “But it is also necessary for everlasting salvation that one faithfully believe the incarnation of our Lord Jesus Christ.... At His coming all people will rise again with their bodies and give an account concerning their own deeds. And those who have done good

will enter into eternal life, and those who have done evil into eternal fire. This is the catholic faith; whoever does not believe it faithfully and firmly cannot be saved. (Athanasian Creed #26-27, 38-40)

This can sound harsh and uncaring to some people, but it is still the biblical truth. God's Word can be like a sword or spear, penetrating into your bones and marrow, convicting you of your sins and then offering you God's gracious forgiveness, to everyone, who confesses his or her sins.

God's Word is not meant to be a bland, vague group of stories meant to make you feel good. On the contrary, "*...the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*" ¹³ *And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.*" (Hebrews 4:12-13)

This is why some people hate Christians and hate God, because they want to live a way that is contrary to God's Word, and the Holy Spirit through God's Word has convicted them—making them get angry or frustrated. God's Word doesn't just convict you of something you're doing contrary to what He desires, God's Word also teaches the truth.

The Scriptures teach us that since our first parents—Adam and Eve—sinned against God, that sin and death and terrible, awful experiences are part of our natural lives. Sin has been with us since the beginning and will be with us until the end—when Jesus comes back One Last Time. At that time, Jesus will take all believers to be with him in heaven, and Jesus will send all unbelievers to hell.

In several New Testament letters, Paul talks about the importance of believing in Jesus as Lord and Savior. Paul also talks about how the Holy Spirit comes to you when you are baptized and brought out of spiritual darkness into God's glorious, life-giving light. This is what Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome:

"⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you." (Romans 8:9-11)

Paul points out that as a child of God who has been redeemed by the shed blood of Jesus, you are an heir of God's Kingdom. As a child of God, Jesus sent you the Holy Spirit at your baptism. "*Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.*" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

As a child of God, you now belong to the Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And it's so much better to belong to the Triune God than to belong to the Devil, the world and our sinful nature. If you aren't a child of God, then you don't belong to God.

If you don't regularly read or listen to God's Word, then how will you know the truth from God's Word? If you don't regularly gather with other believers in worship to receive from God his

Body and Blood in Holy Communion, then how can you get fed with the Bread of Life?

Maybe, some folks have convinced themselves that they don't need to come to church—that they can still be an isolated, independent Christian without gathering with other believers. That might be an option for a while, but if you're an isolated, independent Christian, who never gathers with other believers, then you'll never grow in your faith—you'll never get fed with the Bread of Life in Holy Communion. And just as when you stop eating, you start losing lots of weight, and you can become weak and sickly, when you stop feeding on the Bread of Life in Holy Communion, then you also will start becoming spiritually sick and weak.

This is why Paul talks about the importance of feeding regularly on God's Word so you remember everyday WHO you are, and what Jesus has done for you to give you new life. From Romans chapter 8: *"⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."* (Romans 8:9-11)

As a redeemed child of God, who has been washed in the waters of Holy Baptism, you have been given the Holy Spirit, who lives in your body—which is a temple for the Holy Spirit. This is a gift from God—not by your works or your own ideas—but by the power of God Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.

The Apostles' Creed: the Third Article Meaning explains how our bodies become a temple for the Holy Spirit. "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." The Holy Spirit creates faith in me and then continues to nurture that faith. The on-going nurturing is called "sanctification." Of course, the Holy Spirit does this for ALL believers around the world.

The Apostles' Creed: the Third Article meaning continues explaining the work of the Holy Spirit in ALL believers around the world: "In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true."

The Holy Spirit's job is to create faith in you. To call you to hear God's Word preached and taught. To encourage you to regularly read or listen to the truths about Jesus. And, finally, the Holy Spirit's job is to continually keep you in the truth of God's Word, because God knows that we live in a broken world in which it is easy to get led astray by all kinds of thoughts and ideas.

"You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." You are not your own. You belong to God. God the Holy Spirit lives in you, teaching you daily the truths of God's Word. Are you listening to the Holy Spirit or are you listening to what the world is telling you?

You belong to God, because the Holy Spirit created faith in you, and then nurtures that faith in you to keep you in the true faith written in the Scriptures. And this is why it's so important to fill up with Jesus on a daily basis. When you read or listen to God's Word every day, then you are equipping yourself every day for the work that God has prepared for you to do.

When you fill up with Jesus, then you are giving the Holy Spirit lots of great material to work with in your life. This is what we confess in the Apostles' Creed: the 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."

The Holy Spirit creates faith in you. Then the Holy Spirit continues to nurture that faith in you—teaching you all that you need to know about Jesus and what he has done for you through his death and resurrection from the dead. The Holy Spirit keeps you in the one true faith found in Jesus Christ alone, because he wants you to regularly be equipped to live in this sinful, broken world.

The secular world dumps all kinds of junk in your mind. Empty out the junk that the world tries to pour into you, and fill up with Jesus and His Holy Word. Regularly read or listen to God's Word. Pray and ask God to help you to understand the part of Scripture that you're reading or listening to. This is one way that the Holy Spirit keeps you in the one true faith found in Jesus Christ alone. Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call up on him while he is near. To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Our summer sermon series and Bible study using *Luther's Small Catechism* will cover the six chief parts of the Christian faith. Dig out your old copy the *Small Catechism*, and review the questions and Bible passages in each section that we're talking about each week. If you don't have a copy of the *Small Catechism* or you want to get an updated version, you can call Concordia Publishing House (Phone: 800-325-3040) and order *Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation* for \$15.99. (Item Number: # 223203)

You can also go online and order a new copy of the Small Catechism by checking out www.cph.org.

On Concordia Publishing House's website, you'll find another resource that all Lutherans should have and read: *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions. A Reader's Edition*. This book is also known as the *Book of Concord* and contains all the historical documents that talk specifically about why we are Lutherans. At the beginning of this *Book of Concord*, there is a reading plan to help you read through all the theological documents so you don't have to feel overwhelmed as to where to start. The Book of Concord is currently on sale through July 31 for \$24.99. The regular price is \$34.99. (Item Number: 531154)



How Do You Make Prayer a Habit?

<https://blog.youversion.com/>

July 11, 2021

Make prayer a part of your everyday life. Nothing in your life is too big or small for God to handle. But sometimes, we need to be reminded that we can talk with Him at any time. Find a way to remind yourself to pray when you need extra encouragement or guidance. Not sure what to pray about? Start here:

A Prayer for Peace

God, thank You for caring for us. You know the things that have been weighing us down with worry, anxiety, or fear. Right now, please guard our hearts and minds with Your peace. Help us fix our minds on You, and on Your Spirit. Thank You for promising to bring us life and peace. We can rest ... because You make us safe. Amen.

A Prayer for Healing

God, Your Word says You answer people when they call on Your name, and You deliver them. Right now, we ask that You would heal those who are sick and hurting. And whether Your healing comes today or 10 years from now, we will continue to praise You, even as we wait for answers. Amen.

A Prayer for Unity

Jesus, thank You for overcoming the world. Because of that, we can experience unity with You. Help us to see all the ways You are at work around us. Draw us closer to You, and help us to look out for the interests of others. We want Your kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven, so unite us in purpose, so that nothing will keep people searching for You from believing in You. Amen.

Luther's Small Catechism: Daily Prayers

HOW THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY SHOULD TEACH HIS HOUSEHOLD TO PRAY MORNING AND EVENING

Morning Prayer

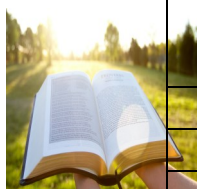
I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

Evening Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

3 Month Reading Plan		
Entire New Testament		
June 1--August 31, 2021		
	DAY	TOPIC
TUE S	6/1/2021	Matthew 1-3
	6/2/2021	Matthew 4-6
	6/3/2021	Matthew 7-9
SUN	6/4/2021	Matthew 10-12
	6/5/2021	Matthew 13-15
	6/6/2021	Matthew 16-18
SUN	6/7/2021	Matthew 19-21
	6/8/2021	Matthew 22-24
	6/9/2021	Matthew 25-27
SUN	6/10/2021	Mat. 28-Mark 2
	6/11/2021	Mark 3-5
	6/12/2021	Mark 6-8
SUN	6/13/2021	Mark 9-11
	6/14/2021	Mark 12-14
	6/15/2021	Mark 15-Luke 1
SUN	6/16/2021	** FREE DAY **
	6/17/2021	Luke 2-4
	6/18/2021	Luke 5-7
SUN	6/19/2021	Luke 8-10
	6/20/2021	Luke 11-13
	6/21/2021	Luke 14-16
SUN	6/22/2021	Luke 17-19
	6/23/2021	Luke 20-22
	6/24/2021	Luke 23-John 1
SUN	6/25/2021	John 2-4
	6/26/2021	John 5-7
	6/27/2021	John 8-10
SUN	6/28/2021	John 11-13
	6/29/2021	John 14-16
	6/30/2021	John 17-19
SUN	7/1/2021	** FREE DAY **
	7/2/2021	John 20-Acts 1
	7/3/2021	Acts 2-4
SUN	7/4/2021	Acts 5-7
	7/5/2021	Acts 8-10
	7/6/2021	Acts 11-13
SUN	7/7/2021	Acts 14-16
	7/8/2021	Acts 17-19
	7/9/2021	Acts 20-22

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June 1--August 31, 2021		
	DAY	TOPIC
SUN	7/10/2021	Acts 23-25
	7/11/2021	Acts 26-28
	7/12/2021	Romans 1-3
SUN	7/13/2021	Romans 4-6
	7/14/2021	Romans 7-9
	7/15/2021	Romans 10-12
SUN	7/16/2021	** FREE DAY **
	7/17/2021	Romans 13-15
	7/18/2021	Rom. 16-1 Corin. 2
SUN	7/19/2021	1 Corinthians 3-5
	7/20/2021	1 Corinthians 6-8
	7/21/2021	1 Corinthians 9-11
SUN	7/22/2021	1 Corinthians 12-14
	7/23/2021	1 Corin 15-2 Corin 1
	7/24/2021	2 Corinthians 2-4
SUN	7/25/2021	2 Corinthians 5-7
	7/26/2021	2 Corinthians 8-10
	7/27/2021	2 Corinthians 11-13
SUN	7/28/2021	Galatians 1-3
	7/29/2021	Galatians 4-6
	7/30/2021	Ephesians 1-3
SUN	7/31/2021	Ephesians 4-6
	8/1/2021	** FREE DAY **
	8/2/2021	Philippians 1-3
SUN	8/3/2021	Phil. 4-Col. 2
	8/4/2021	Col. 3-1 Thess. 1
	8/5/2021	1 Thessalonians 2-4
SUN	8/6/2021	1 Thess 5-2 Thess 2
	8/7/2021	2 Thess 3-1 Tim 2
	8/8/2021	1 Timothy 3-5
SUN	8/9/2021	1 Tim 6-2 Tim 2
	8/10/2021	2 Tim 3-Titus
	8/11/2021	Philemon-Heb 2
SUN	8/12/2021	Hebrews 3-5
	8/13/2021	Hebrews 6-8
	8/14/2021	Hebrews 9-11
SUN	8/15/2021	Heb. 12-James 1
	8/16/2021	** FREE DAY **
	8/17/2021	James 2-4



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June 1--August 31, 2021**

	DAY	TOPIC
SUN	8/18/2021	James 5-1 Peter 2
	8/19/2021	1 Peter 3-5
	8/20/2021	2 Peter 1-3
	8/21/2021	1 John 1-3
	**Aug. 22	1 John 4-5
	8/23/2021	2-3 John
	8/24/2021	Revelation 1-3
	8/25/2021	Revelation 4-6
SUN	8/26/2021	Revelation 7-9
	8/27/2021	Revelation 10-1
	8/28/2021	Revelation 13-1
	8/29/2021	Revelation 16-1
	8/30/2021	Revelation 19-2
	8/31/2021	Revelation 21-2

Where do you go from here? Help about find another Bible reading plan or ask the pastor to help you get started.

August 22: St. Matthew LC, Mission Festival @ Mission Central

**3 Month Reading Plan
Entire New Testament
June 1--August 31, 2021**

During the summer months of June, July and August, we're going to get back to the basics of the Christian faith which are summarized in *Luther's Small Catechism*.

I want to encourage you to read through the entire New Testament during these three months. Just read three chapters a day and you'll complete the reading plan!

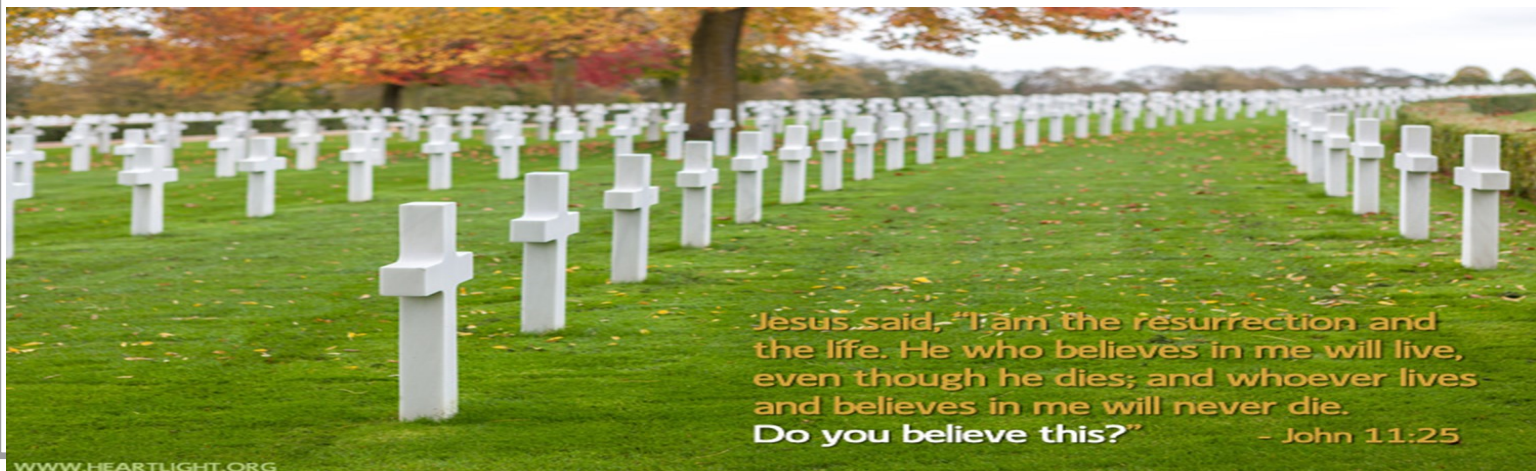
During this summer sermon series, please pray for your fellow church members, who regularly attend and who haven't been in church for a long time. Then call, text or visit them.



Memory Verse Challenge
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
<https://www.lcms.org/worship/memory-verse-challenge>
Week of July 25

John 11:25

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live."



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Tasha Bridgeman	Jul 04, 1987
Autumn Brodersen	Jul 27, 2006
Kristi Dale	Jul 21, 1961
Sarah Goslar	Jul 20, 1983
Marilyn Hamann	Jul 14, 1945
Duane Hamann	Jul 08, 1944
Marla Hogan	Jul 18, 1960
Nazaria Kaderabek	Jul 02, 1963
Dennis Namanny	Jul 24, 1944
Bert Schauer	Jul 25, 1956
Caden Scheer	Jul 28, 2009
Kolby Scott	Jul 09, 2004
Karla Uhl	Jul. 23, 1962
Benjamin Weber	Jul 06, 1995



*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.*

JULY BAPTISMS

Jerry Albers	Jul 24, 1938
Herman Arndt	Jul 04, 1960
Nathan Brodersen	Jul 19, 1981
Brenda Brown	Jul 14, 1963
Barbra Bumsted	Jul 14, 1955
Phyllis Fick	Jul 06, 1928
Kerensa Hamann	Jul 05, 2014
Katelynn Hamann	Jul 23, 2000
Nazaria Kaderabek	Jul 14, 2019
Karen Kueny	Jul 11, 1948
Christina LaBoube	Jul 23, 1989
Durene Marsh	Jul 21, 1960
Randi Meseck	Jul 22, 1948
MaKenna Meseck	Jul 16, 2006
Sharon Pope	Jul 21, 1940
Bert Schauer	Jul 11, 1957
Mavis Skow	Jul 28, 1953
Dorothy Wessling	Jul 26, 1942
Dora Witzel	Jul 07, 1935

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Nathan and Betsy Brodersen	Jul 19, 2003 18
Darren and Sarah Goslar	Jul 24, 2004 17
Mark and Mary Greiner	Jul 03, 1976 45
Roger and Kay Ingram	Jul 12, 1957 64
Dennis and Ann Livermore	Jul 31, 1970 51
Ernest and Dora Witzel	Jul 01, 1956 65
Michael and Betty Wood	Jul 18, 1970 51



80 + yr. Birthday God's Blessings

God's Blessings	80 +yr. Birthdays
Jerry Albers	Jul 24, 1938 83
Kay Ingram	Jul 12, 1939 82
Bernie McBride	Jul 13, 1935 86

	Week of Schedule 07-25 to 08-01
Mon 16	Pastors Family Day
Wed 28	Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm
Sun 01	10th Sun. after Pentecost Services 9:30 am Elder Jeff Krusen Reader Mark Witzel Screens Dennis Muckey Sunday School 10:45 am Bible Class 10:45 am

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 07-18-21	
Sunday attendance 07-18-21	40
Members communed 07-18-21	35
Children in Church 07-18-21	5
Visitors 07-18-21	3
Bible Class 07-18-21	11
Sunday School 07-18-21	7

<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
Peg Jacobsen

Melvin & Selma Schrader
Bill Prichard

Alan Bruhn

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; **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,

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

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

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

31153 Juinter Ave.
Hinton, IA 51024

Delbert Kroll 87 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

**** Melvin Schrader** 94 Oct. 29, 1926

21 Ohm Drive
Mapleton, IA 51034

Selma Schrader 91 yrs. Nov. 12, 1929

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**Our prayer list that
are not confined to
their home:**

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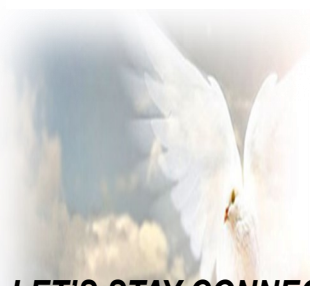
*Spread the Fruits of the Spirit:
Love, Joy, Peace, Patience,
Gentleness, Kindness, Self-
Control, Goodness, and Faith-
fulness. You will be rewarded*

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In His Footsteps:
 Faith is a gift from
 God that will sustain
 you and give you inner
 peace and love and this
 is priceless. Show it to
 others.



LET'S STAY CONNECTED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS By READ-
 ING 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 LU-
 THERAN 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.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 epi-
 sode 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
 Thank you for preparing everything for us to follow you. We could not follow you without you first
 stimulating our desire to do so. Thank you for providing everything we need to persevere on our
 faith journey. Enable, empower, equip us to work out our faith for your glory. In Jesus' name,
 Amen