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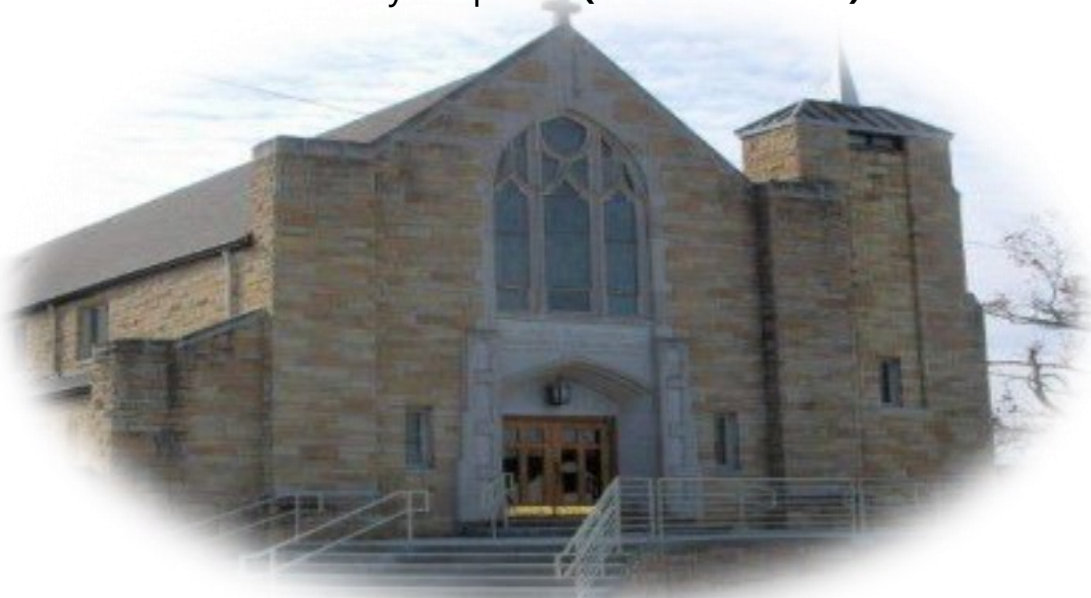
# St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

*22th Sunday after Pentecost*

*October 24, 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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22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
24 October 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA  
Jeremiah 31:7–9 / Psalm 126 / Hebrews 7:23–28 / Mark 10:46–52

Sermon Title: Priests, Levites and Worship of Jesus  
Sermon Text: Hebrews 7:23-28

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

Our Epistle Lesson draws heavily on the Old Testament. The author of the Book of Hebrews talks a lot about the temple sacrificial and priestly systems that God set up back in the Book of Exodus and Leviticus.

To start, let’s take a brief look at the priestly system set up by God back in Exodus and Leviticus. The priest was supposed to be a descendant of Aaron and his sons. In Numbers chapter three, we see how God set apart one of the 12 tribes of Israel—the tribe of Levi—to serve with the priests in the Tabernacle.

So there was at least one priest and a couple of Levites, who serve God and the people by serving in the traveling tabernacle. The priest was the main the man, who lead worship and led people to seek God’s forgiveness. The Levites helped the priest with preparing the offering.

God told the priests and Levites how worship was to be conducted, and what they should do every day in the tabernacle and then later the temple. *“We have priests ministering to the LORD who are sons of Aaron, and Levites for their service. <sup>11</sup> They offer to the LORD every morning and every evening burnt offerings and incense of sweet spices, set out the showbread on the table of pure gold, and care for the golden lampstand that its lamps may burn every evening.” (2 Chronicles 13:10-11)*

The priests were to make a burnt offering of a lamb every morning and evening. The priests were also to make sure the lampstand and its lamp kept burning throughout the night. This entire Old Testament worship order was a foreshadow of God’s fulfillment through his one-and only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Here is our text from Hebrews chapter 7:

*“<sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save completely those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup> For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. <sup>27</sup> He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.” (Hebrews 7:23-28)*

According to the worship details outlined in Numbers and Leviticus, God expected that the high priest would daily enter the tabernacle and then later the temple, and offer a sacrifice for his sins. This is very similar to us beginning our worship with Confession and Absolution.

This is why we start each worship by coming before God, confessing what we have said or did against God and

other people, and the receiving God's gracious forgiveness. Then we are able to move forward in worship and continue to receive from God all that he wants to give us.

The author of Hebrews reminds his primarily Jewish audience that the sons of Aaron were the only men, who were to become the next priests, and that the sons of the Levites were the only men, who were to help the priests along with carrying the tabernacle and its contents when they traveled.

This is why the author of Hebrews points out that over the centuries there were thousands of priests and Levites serving God in the tabernacle. Of course, the author of Hebrews also points out that all of the Old Testament tabernacle worship was a foreshadow of things to come—namely, Jesus Christ.

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None of the former priests were able to live forever. None of the priests could ultimately rid people of their sins. Only the Son of God Most High, Jesus, who is the Christ, can take away your sins, my sins, and the sins of every single person on this planet.

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It is Jesus Christ, who is the only acceptable sacrifice, who takes away the sins of the whole world. This is what John says in his Gospel: *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”* (John 3:16-17)

Old Testament tabernacle worship details included how sins were forgiven. This is an important detail. Ever since our first parents—Adam and Eve—sinned against God, there has been ample opportunity to confess your sins to God and to receive God's gracious forgiveness.

When God called out to Adam in the Garden of Eden and asked: Where are you?—this was an opportunity for Adam to confess his sins of disobeying God's one commandment for them. The same goes for you and me. Every day—in fact, all day long—God gives you and me the opportunity to admit that we have said or did something against God and against someone else, AND to receive God's gracious forgiveness.

God gives you the opportunity every day to confess your sins, and to receive God's gracious forgiveness. And this is why we begin our worship service with Confession and Absolution, because the Israelite priests did the same thing every morning when they began their daily service in the tabernacle.

The writer of Hebrews points out that there were lots of priests over the years, who served God in the tabernacle, and none of those priests lived forever. ONLY JESUS. *“<sup>23</sup> The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, <sup>24</sup> but he”—that is, Jesus—holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. <sup>25</sup> Consequently, he is able to save completely those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. <sup>26</sup> For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens.”*

The writer of Hebrews reminds his Jewish readers that you can only be 100% certain that your sins are forgiven, and that you'll go to heaven when you die by believing in the one- and only-begotten Son, Jesus, Christ. *"Consequently, he is able to save completely those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."*

People, who want to get to heaven by any other route than through Jesus, will only end up in hell. You are only able to draw near to God by believing in Jesus—by having faith in Jesus. And sadly, even in our day and age when a lot of people are looking for hope and encouragement in things of this world, there are lots of people, who think that simply by "being good" means that you'll end up in a "better place"—wherever that place is.

Of course, that "better place" is heaven where the Triune God resides—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—and he *"...will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore..."* (Revelation 21:4)

After the writer of Hebrews reminds us how we get to heaven, he continues talking about how the former Old Testament priests could never completely fulfill God's righteous Law—that only the God-man Jesus Christ could completely fulfill God's Law.

The writer of Hebrews goes on: *"<sup>27</sup> He"*—that is, Jesus—*"has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. <sup>28</sup> For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever."* (Hebrews 7:27-28)

Since Jesus was the one- and only-perfect sacrifice that was acceptable to God—the only sacrifice that could truly fulfill God's complete Law—there is no more need for a daily sacrifice. This is what the writer of Hebrews is teaching us. Jesus has fulfilled the Law completely.

If Jesus hasn't fulfilled God's Law completely—if you had to do something to completely fulfill God's Law—then you and I would be dead. There would be no hope for us. We would die in our sins, and we would end up going to hell.

This isn't what the writer of Hebrews tells us, though. *<sup>28</sup> For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever."*

The Law of Moses established the Old Testament worship system. God set apart Aaron's male descendants to become priests after he died. Then, God set apart the tribe of Levi to be the priest's helpers in worships. This is the order for Old Testament worship that God laid out for the Israelites as they began their 40 years of Desert Journeys. This order of worship carried over into the temple built by King Solomon.

*"...but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever."* This "word of the oath" was the promise God made back in Genesis chapter three after our first parents—Adam and Eve—sinned against God and against each other by eating of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

This "word of the oath" is the Good News about Jesus' birth, his life, his suffering, his death, and his resurrection from the dead. *"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)

The other day I was listening to a song by Steven Curtis Chapman. In that song, he says that he opened up the Bible to read about himself. Do you ever read the Bible as though it is a message about you? This is why it's so important to read or listen to the Bible every day. When you read or listen to the Bible every day, then you will know the

truth, and that truth will set you free—free from believing the lies from the world. Seek the Lord while he may be found. Call upon him while he is near. To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

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



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one another.

### 10 Reasons to Read the Bible

Why read the Bible? Why wake up 15 minutes early each day? Why go to all that trouble? After all, sleeping is better than reading, right? Before you close the book on God's book, here is one of ten reasons to take time to read God's message to us.

8. Reading the Bible is how we learn about the gospel. *"You study the Scriptures diligently because you think that in them you have eternal life. These are the very Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."* (John 5:39-40)

## Memory Verse for 10-24-2021

Mark 12:29-31  
Jesus answered ...  
'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.[a] 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'[b] 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'[c] There is no commandment greater than these."

**IMPORTANT:** There will be a Congregational Meeting on October 31 after the service. The primary subject will be to go over the 2022 Church

	Week of Schedule 10-25 to 10-31
Mon 25	Pastor's Family Day
Wed 27	Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm
Sun 31	Reformation Day Sunday Services 9:30 am Elder: Duane Hamann Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Mark Witzel Sunday School 10:45 a.m.

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 10-17-21	
Sunday attendance 10-17-21	47
Members communed 10-17-21	36
Children in Church 10-17-21	6
Visitors 10-17-21	6
Bible Class 10-17-21	13
Turkey dinner	\$72.00
10-10-21 giving	\$3,545.00
Sunday School 10-17-21	5-c 1-v 1-t
In The Word 11-04-21	



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Gary Kuehl	Oct 02, 1945
Belinda Bartels	Oct 27, 1950
Karen Krusen	Oct 18, 1951
Kirk Bollig	Oct 07, 1957
James Brodersen	Oct 04, 1964
Matt McKibben	Oct 19, 1968
Jeffrey Stoll	Oct 18, 1969
Billie Krusen	Oct 18, 1971
Laurie Streck	Oct 17, 1974
Nicole Jacobson	Oct 02, 1977
Christina Davis	Oct 11, 1979
Ben Hinrickson	Oct 18, 1983
Betsy Brodersen	Oct 29, 1983
Nicole Schiltz	Oct 08, 1986
Katie Krusen	Oct 12, 1988
Kody Krusen	Oct 18, 1990
Brianne Rickert	Oct 19, 1990
Anna Goslar	Oct 01, 1994
Kaitlyn Goslar	Oct 17, 1994
Abby Larson	Oct 16, 1995
Mollie McKibben	Oct 19, 1995
Mandy Meseck	Oct 01, 1998
Caitlyn Jacobson	Oct 11, 2005
Natalie Jacobson	Oct 11, 2005
Kaylee Goslar	Oct 13, 2005
Wyatt Streck	Oct 26, 2005
Nolan Lamb	Oct 04, 2007
Lennox Fox	Oct 17, 2015
Boston Paulsen	Oct 24, 2015
Eva Bridgeman	Oct 26, 2020



*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.*

### 80 + Birthday God's Blessings

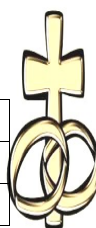
Melvin Schrader	Oct 29, 1926	<b>94</b>
Leo Dose	Oct 10, 1932	<b>88</b>
Alice Miller	Oct 08, 1933	<b>87</b>
Barbara Bumsted	Oct 11, 1934	<b>86</b>
Joyce Kruse	Oct 23, 1934	<b>86</b>
Kathi Tweet	Oct 30, 1937	<b>83</b>
Darlene Albers	Oct 28, 1938	<b>82</b>
Delores Gosch	Oct 11, 1939	<b>81</b>
Kay Johnson	Oct 30, 1939	<b>81</b>

## OCTOBER BAPTISMS

Shelly Boyle	Oct 28, 1962
Frances Brodersen	Oct 25, 1952
Patrick Brodersen	Oct 22, 2000
James Brodersen	Oct 25, 1964
Alan Bruhn	Oct 2, 1960
Ruth Bruhn	Oct 9, 1932
Mitchell Elmquist	Oct 10, 1998
Dale Engelke	Oct 19, 1952
Shari Erlemeier	Oct 14, 1962
Gloria Fletcher	Oct 7, 1955
Shelly Frahm	Oct 10, 1965
Gayle Gibson	Oct 25, 1952
Harper Goslar	Oct 22, 2017
Jordan Goslar	Oct 31, 1999
Sean Goslar	Oct 3, 1993
Christopher Gray	Oct 9, 2011
Terrance Gray	Oct 9, 2011
Virgil Gronwoldt	Oct 29, 1961
Shawn Hamann	Oct 31, 1971
Jon Jacobson	Oct 17, 1976
Pam Jahn	Oct 31, 1948
Jacy Jochims	Oct 3, 1992
Andy Kaderabek	Oct 12, 1992
Wayne Kafton	Oct 27, 1946
Peggy Ketelsen	Oct 11, 1952
George Koithan	Oct 30, 1932
Aaron Krusen	Oct 1, 2006
Billie Krusen	Oct 1, 2006
Katie Krusen	Oct 30, 1988
Gary Kuehl	Oct 21, 1945
Cody Meseck	Oct 16, 2011
Mandy Meseck	Oct 18, 1998
Matthew Petersen	Oct 17, 1982
Jonathan Pickel	Oct 22, 1998
Brianne Rickert	Oct 19, 1990
Ariel Rotnicke	Oct 6, 2001
Nicole Schiltz	Oct 19, 1988
Theodore Thoreson	Oct 11, 1972
Benjamin Weber	Sep 10, 1995
Betty Wood	Sep 05, 1955
Andy Wray	Sep 04, 1988
Roxie Wray	Sep 20, 1958

### God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Kirk and Tosha Bridgeman	Oct 06, 2018	3 yrs.
Fred and Gloria Fletcher	Oct 19, 1988	33 yrs.
Roger and Chana Hinrickson	Oct 14, 1972	49 yrs.



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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	Carol Dose	Myrna Gosch	Melvin Schrader
Selma Schrader	Alan Bruhn	Larry Wunschel	Fred Fletcher
Shawn Hamann	Fern Jacobson		

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; **Cheri Moe**, niece of Dorothy Wessling. **Jerri Haindfield** daughter of Marilyn & Duane Hamann; **Kevin Reitz**, son of Caroline & Dis; friend of Kay Johnson. **Sharon Kuehl Henning** niece of Judy & Gary Kuehl;

Those who serve in the military:

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

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

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

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



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

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

**Bonnie Banks** 87 yrs. Jun 2, 1934  
 Main Street Apartments  
 516 Main Street Apt 2  
 Mapleton, IA 51034

**Delores Boysen** 82 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939  
 31153 Juinter Ave.  
 Hinton, IA 51024

**Delbert Kroll** 88 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933  
 815 Ring Street  
 Mapleton IA 51034

**Phyllis Fick** 93 yrs. Jun 3, 1928  
 Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living  
 404 1st St.  
 Battle Creek, IA 51006

**Carol Dose** 87 yrs. Jan. 22, 1934  
 Sunrise Ave.  
 Maple Heights Nursing Home  
 51034

**Myrna Gosch** 80 yrs. Jan 9, 1941  
 Pleasant View Care Center  
 200 Shannon Dr. Rm #108  
 Whiting, IA 51063

**Melvin Schrader** 95 Oct. 29, 1926  
 21 Ohm Drive  
 Mapleton, IA 51034

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

Our prayer List

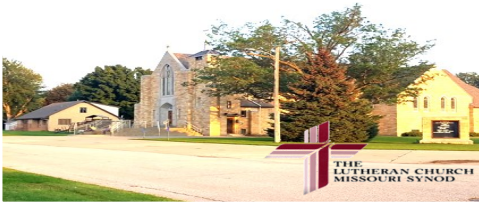
**Nazaria Kaderabek**  
 310 S. 6th St.  
 Mapleton, IA 51034

**Alan Bruhn**  
 14535 Walnut Ave  
 Mapleton, IA 51034

**Sharon Kuehl Henning**  
 312 Highcroft  
 Window MN 56101

**Cecil, Fred Fletcher**  
 Correctionville Specialty  
 Care  
 Room 101  
 116hwy 20  
 Correctionville, IA 51016

*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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Rev. Christopher LaBoube, Pastor

*Worship time: Sunday*

*9:30am Worship Service*

*10:45 Bible Class*

*10:45 Sunday School*



*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 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](http://www.stmatthewmapleton.org) — Our services posted weekly **Mission Central...** [www.missioncentral.us](http://www.missioncentral.us) **Lutheran Family Service:** [www.lfsiowa.org](http://www.lfsiowa.org) **WEB SITES:** Iowa District West—[www.idwlcms.org](http://www.idwlcms.org) Camp Okoboji – [www.campokoboji.org](http://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](http://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.lfsiowa.org](http://www.lfsiowa.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.



Prayer

Thank You, Father, for spiritual leaders and [faith](#)-filled friends who keep encouraging us when we are close to giving up. Amen