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St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

All Saints Day Sunday

November 7, 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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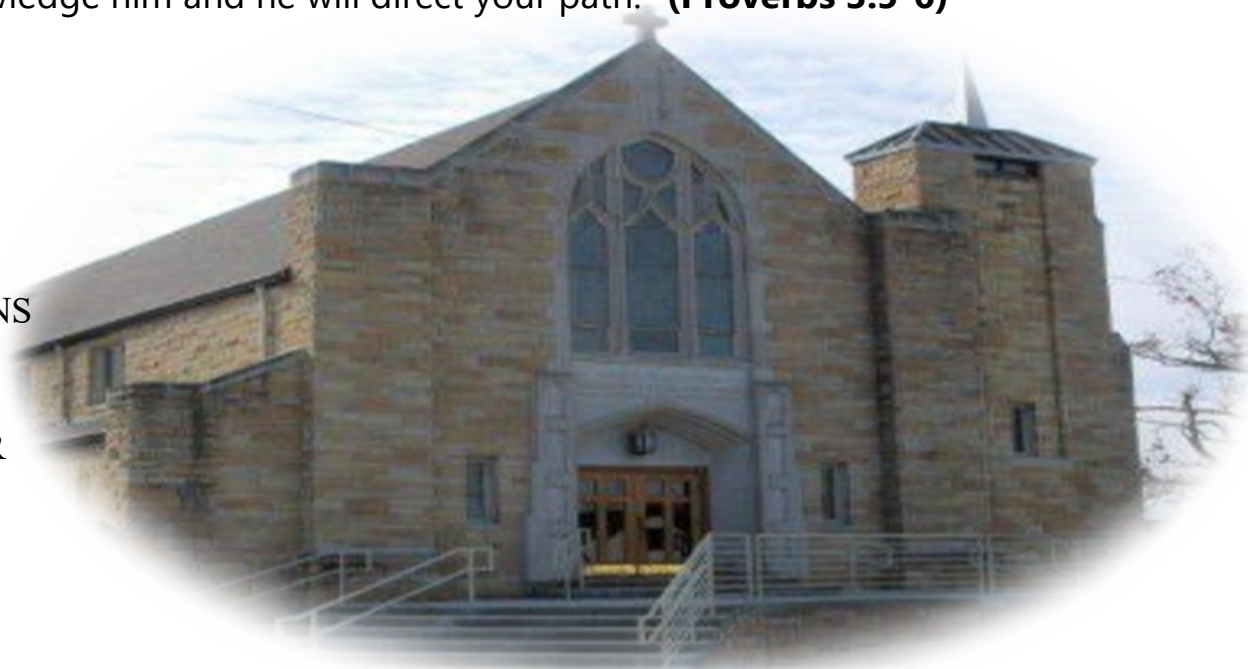
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All Saints' Day / 24th Sunday after Pentecost
7 November 2021

St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Revelation 7:(2–8) 9–17 / Psalm 149 / 1 John 3:1–3 / Matthew 5:1–12

Sermon Title: Learning from the Saints
Sermon Text: Matthew 5:1-12

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

Today we observe All Saints' Day. Traditionally, All Saints' Day was celebrated the day right after All Hallows Eve—Halloween. This year, All Saint's Day technically was last Monday, November 1st. All Saints' Day has basically been a day set aside in the Church Year Calendar to recognize people, who had passed away the previous year.

On All Saints' Day, I also think about other Christians, who were not members of our congregation, “who from their labors [now] rest.” (LSB 677:1) It still makes me sad when I think about fellow Christians, who are no longer with us, but who are now with Jesus.

A dear friend of mine, who was about my age, passed away in early March of this year. He was serving as a missionary in Mexico along with his surviving wife and two children. It still hurts thinking about how he and I will no longer be able to meet for coffee or have a great phone conversation.

And yet, right after he passed away, God brought to mind verses from our sermon hymn that we just sung: “For All the Saints.” Even though it is still hard, God reminded me of these bits of truth from verse one: “For all the saints / who from their labors rest, / Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, / Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia.” (LSB 677:1)

My dear friend has finished his course in this earthly life, and he now rests from his labors. He is now singing with the saints around the throne of God worshipping our God and Father, and our Lord and our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit.

And there are other brothers- and sisters-in-Christ, who are no longer with us—members of our congregation, and people, who you know. They, too, have finished their work on this earth and are now resting with the saints around the throne of God. Mourning the loss of a family member or friend is hard, but it's not the end. And even though our society seems to want to rush people through the mourning process—the process of losing someone close to you—God never intended for you to be rushed through the process.

This is why looking at the Beatitudes is so appropriate on this All Saints' Day. The Beatitudes are blessing that Jesus talks about beginning in Matthew chapter five verse one: *“Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. // ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. // ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. // ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. //*

⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. // ⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. // ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. //

¹⁰ *Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* // ¹¹ *Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.* ¹² *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*” (Matthew 5:1-12)

These beatitudes—these blessings—are probably not what you think of when you think of blessings from God. You probably think about stuff—how God will give me stuff—how God will make my life easier—how God will take away pain in my life. And it's true that God blesses you and me and all people in many ways, but God does not always bless you the way you think God should bless you.

God blesses people the way that he knows we need to be blessed. Sometimes God blesses you so that you will be a blessing to other people, to fulfill the First and Second Greatest Commandments—Love God, and Love your neighbor as yourself.

When we look at this list of Beatitudes—this list of blessings—it's important to remember that these “...must be considered not as prerequisites or conditions for Christian discipleship, but rather as descriptions of God's expectations of those who are already saved.” (Gospel Handles, p. 31)

The Beatitudes are meant for Christians, for people, who already confess that Jesus is Lord. ³ *Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* // ⁴ *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.* // ⁵ *Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.*” (Matthew 5:1-3)

Right off the bat, Jesus gets to the heart of the matter. Jesus is always interested in the heart—how is your heart? Jesus talks more about the condition of your heart in Matthew's Gospel chapter 15: ¹⁸ *But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person.* ¹⁹ *For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander.* ²⁰ *These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone.*” (Matthew 15:18-20)

A person is considered unclean—according to God's Law—by what comes out of your heart and then out of your mouth. So, when Jesus starts preaching about God's blessings in the Beatitudes, he immediately mentions people, who are “*poor in spirit*,” people, who mourn, and people, who are meek.

People, who exhibit this characteristics, aren't necessarily doormats—people, who just let others walk all over them. Instead, people, who are meek, who mourn, and who are “*poor in spirit*” have a heart attitude that is more focused on Jesus.

People, who are blessed, according to God's definition of being blessed, generally exhibit these different Beatitudes. Jesus continues talking about the heart situation of disciples of Jesus Christ, people, who confess that Jesus is Lord. ⁶ *Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.* // ⁷ *Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.* // ⁸ *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.*” (Matthew 5.6-8)

We continue to see Jesus talking about the heart situation of Christians. Disciples of Jesus hunger and thirst for righteousness—they desire to live a righteous life according to God's Word—they hunger and thirst for the truth and pray earnestly for God the Holy Spirit to work this in their lives. Disciples of Jesus desire to show mercy to all people—not only people, who are kind to them—but to show mercy to people, who are mean to them.

This is what Jesus tells us in Proverbs chapter 25: *“If your enemy is hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he is thirsty, give him water to drink, for you will heap burning coals on his head, and the LORD will reward you.”* (Proverbs 25:21-22)

It can be really hard to show mercy and kindness to someone, who has hurt you, and yet God

tells you that you are to love your neighbor as yourself. By doing so, we are showing that person mercy, even if we think that he or she doesn't deserve your mercy.

After all, God has shown you mercy more than you deserve. By the work of the Holy Spirit in you, you are also able to show someone mercy, who has hurt you. With God all things are possible. This is why Jesus concludes this section of the Beatitudes talking about how Christians are to relate to people, who hurt them.

“⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. // ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. // ¹¹ Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:9-12)

Remember, the Beatitudes are “...descriptions of God's expectations of those who are already saved.” So this means that we Christians—we believers in Jesus Christ—we will be blessed when we work towards making peace among rival factions. We Christians will be blessed when we are harassed and persecuted for standing up for the truth of God's Word against people, who strongly opposed God and His Word.

It's hard to understand how you can be blessed for being harassed and persecuted, but that is the life of the Christian. Jesus never said that following him would be the easiest thing in the world. On the contrary, following Jesus can seem at times to be the hardest thing you ever do.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

So how on earth am I to rejoice and be glad, because other people harass me, and even persecute me for my faith in Jesus Christ? By the work of the Holy Spirit in you. The Holy Spirit brings to your mind all the truth passages that you have memorized. Just last week we talked about how knowing the truth of God's Word will set you free from being in bondage to sin, death and the devil.

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When you are being harassed—when you are being insulted—when you are being persecuted, because you believe in Jesus Christ, that is the time to start praying. Pray and ask God to help you to move through the harassment—the insults—the persecutions.

It's also good to remember that when you are being harassed or insulted, that this is not a surprise to God. God has allowed that other person to harass you or to persecute you for a number of reasons. Maybe God is testing your heart and mind to see if you truly believe what you say you believe. Maybe God is using that other person to cleanse you even more of the dross that it is in you. God uses all people—including what seems like evil people—to work good in your life—to make you more holy and righteous in God's eyes.

All throughout history, we see many believers, who were harassed, insulted or persecuted for their faith in Jesus Christ. We can look to these believers and learn from them—how they held firm to their faith in Jesus Christ in good times and in bad times.


I remember an older woman, who was a member of my former church. She was a believer, who I think about when I am struggling with my health—struggling with my job—struggling with anything in this world. This Christian woman lived out her faith and taught me also how to live out my faith in this troubled world.

“For all the saints / who from their labors rest, / Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, / Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia.” (LSB 677:1) On this All Saints’ Day, let’s praise and thank our God for the lives of our friends and family members, who are now with Jesus. Let’s thank God for their lives—and let us learn from them—and ultimately let us learn from “... *Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*” (Hebrews 12:2) Amen.

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



Memory Verse for 11-07-2021



For whosoever shall
keep the whole law,
and yet offend in one
point, he is guilty of all
James 2:10

God's Servants for NOVEMBER 2021



11-07-2021	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
11-14-2021	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
11-21-2021	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
11-28-2021	Leo Dose	712-880-0000



11-07-2021	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
11-14-2021	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
11-21-2021	Ryan Paulsen	712-840-0125
11-28-2021	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902



11-07-2021	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914
11-14-2021	Mark Witzel	760-500-8902
11-21-2021	Joe Hogan	712-420-0775
11-28-2021	Dennis Muckey	712-840-6914



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Zola Kafton 881-2395-880-1222	Dawn Paulsen 712-880-2941	Janeal Holmes 712-899-8095

****When exiting the building on the east side of the church by the kitchen, please make sure the lights on the inside of the church are shut off. Thank you. Also for the rest of the building make sure all the lights are turned off and the doors are locked.**

If you desire to have something put in the bulletin and or news letter please write it down the way you want it expressed on a piece of paper and place it under my door, or email it to me, then make sure I received your e mail because on occasion I do not. All entries have to be in by the close of Wednesday or it will be in the next week bulletin. Thank your. Karen Krusen.

The **Outreach department** was informed by the school of their needs, and **YOU**, the church responded with all of these items. Thank You. • Boy & Girl underwear, Boy & Girl Socks, Kleenex, Glue, Erasers, Scissors, pencils, pencil boxes, Crayons of all sizes, Notebooks, loose-leaf, Lip chap, hand lotion, Disinfectant wipes, sanitizer, Bookbags, Items above and beyond schools needs, Also contacted parents of need for Jeans.

Fund Raiser: Christmas Cookies and Candy. On 11-22-21 Saturday at the Community Center, St. Matthew will have a table that will sell Christmas Cookies and Candy. Everyone may help us by making cookies and or candy. Anyone interested please contact, Joan Chandler (712-882-2560) (712-880-1449) or Lin Scott (712-208-0004)

The **last quilting days** for Helping Hands will be November 10 and the 17th, until next year.

BAPTISM: Lawrence Matthew Paulsen, born on 09-18-2021, in Carroll, IA to Matthew and Sarah (Gruhn) Paulsen. They reside at 115 W. 2nd St. Ute, IA 51060. Sponsors are Samantha Burkhart and Adam Gruhn. Welcome them to St. Matthew Lutheran Church.



<u>Please Give the office a call or the Pastor...</u>
Before going to hospital
Private communion
Address or name changes
Death in the family
Birth of your baby
Making wedding plans

	<u>Week of Schedule 11-08 to 11-14</u>
Mon 08	Pastor's Family Day Cleaning the Church 9am
Tues 09	Circuit Pastor Meeting St. Pasul, Ida Grove 8-12noon Board of Directors 7 pm
Wed 10	Helping Hands 1 pm to 4 pm Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
Sun 14	25th Sunday after Pentecost Services 9:30 Elder: Joe Hogan Reader: Joe Hogan Screens: Mark Witzel Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Bible Class 10:45 a.m.

Needed per Week	\$3,225.02
Sunday Giving 10-31-21	\$2,250.00
Thank Offering for 10-31-21	\$1,725.00
Orphan Grain Train	\$75.00
Sunday attendance 10-31-21	46
Children in Church 10-31-21	2
Visitors 10-31-21	3
Bible Class 10-31-21	NA
Sunday School 10-31-21	NA
In the Word 11-04-21	9
Voters Meeting	28

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Leo Erlemeier	11/7/1961
Mary Greiner	11/30/1954
Ramona Weber	11/4/1961
Mardelle Vandevanter	11/26/1951
Diane Brahms	11/2/1988
Jason Divis	11/27/1981
Donna Goslar	11/30/1948
Maverick Goslar	11/11/2010
Chana Hagerdon	11/6/1949
Vernon Jahn	11/2/1969
Cole Jensen	11/13/1997
Andy Kaderabek	11/6/1988
Dan Kovarna	11/27/1951
Emily Lamb	11/13/1979
Lynette Larson	11/24/1966
Erika McGrain	11/23/1993
Jerry Means	11/16/1951
Trista Ohlmeier	11/28/2006
Drake Paulsen	11/2/2014
Chad Rickert	11/16/1980
Kade Rotnicke	11-29-1080
David Schrader	11/24/1962
Tyler Soukup	11/3/1988
Beth Trucke	11/30/1968
Terrance Wood	11/18/1977



*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

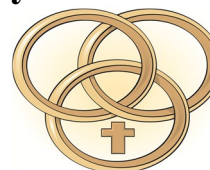
Selma Schrader	11/12/1929	91
Carolyn Sexton	11/02/1939	81
JoAnn Thoreson	11/07/1940	80

NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

Melvin Schrader	Nov 21, 1926
Leo Dose	Nov 26, 1932
Kachin Tweet	Nov 07, 1937
Delores Tweet	Nov 05, 1939
Belinda Bartels	Nov 12, 1950
Karen Krusen	Nov 04, 1951
Darlene Albers	Nov 16, 1952
Robert Conyers	Nov 06, 1955
Donna Shaw	Nov 09, 1958
Roger Hinrickson	Nov 16, 1958
Wendy Buss	Nov 13, 1966
Bryan Fritz	Nov 03, 1968
Jeffrey Stoll	Nov 09, 1969
Matt McKibben	Nov 26, 1969
Chad Rickert	Nov 30, 1980
Jason Divis	Nov 29, 1981
Ben Hinrickson	Nov 20, 1983
Craig Riesberg	Nov 15, 1987
Kaitlyn Goslar	Nov 13, 1994
Tari Miller	Nov 23, 1994
Michael Jacoby	Nov 04, 1995
Abby Larson	Nov 12, 1995
Mollie McKibben	Nov 26, 1995
Clint Lamb	Nov 24, 1996
Christopher LaBoube	Nov 01, 1998
Michael Carley	Nov 04, 2000
Kaylee Goslar	Nov 20, 2005
Johannah McKibben	Nov 08, 2008
Zachary Arndt	Nov 07, 2009
Schalee Schrader	Nov 02, 2014
Boston Paulsen	Nov 11, 2018
Chelsey Paulsen	Nov 11, 2018
Harper	Nov 18, 2018

God's Blessings on your Wedding Anniversary

Robert and Roberta Conyers	Nov..13 1955	66 yrs.
Leo and Shari Erlemeier	Nov 23, 1979	42 yrs.
Gary and Judy Kuehl	Nov 20, 1966	55 yrs.



**Walk in Love
Be Kind to
one another.**



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
 Selma Schrader
 Shawn Hamann

Carol Dose
 Alan Bruhn
 Fern Jacobson

Myrna Gosch
 Larry Wunschel

Melvin Schrader
 Fred Fletcher

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

George Koithan 89 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932

41134 110th Street
 Mapleton, IA 51034

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

Larry Wunschel

819 Ring St.
 Mapleton, IA 51034

*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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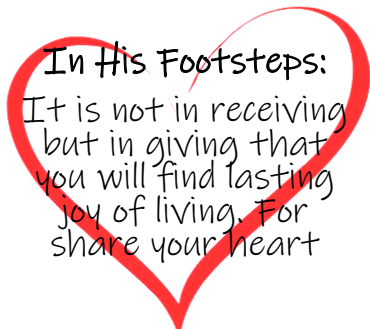
Worship time: Sunday



9:30am Worship Service

10:45 Bible Class

10:45 Sunday School



In His Footsteps:

It is not in receiving
but in giving that
you will find lasting
joy of living. For
share your heart

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](https://www.facebook.com/St.MatthewLutheran-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](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 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 **MainStreet Living**— is a Television Program that is endorsed by the Iowa West District of the LCMS This program is broadcast on KCAU, the ABC network affiliate in Sioux City on Sunday morning, starting at 10:00 AM. The first 30 minutes are remastered episode of “This is the Life” The second half of the program is a modified Lutheran worship service that features a different Pastor each week, from the area.



Dear God

Thank you for your goodness, for your perfect salvation plan for us. We truly are dependent on Jesus. Thank you for sending him to save us and to bring us everything we need. Bless us, Lord, empower us for victorious living. In Jesus' precious name. Amen