

St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

June 14, 2020

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

"Trust in the Lord with all our heart, and lean not on our own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge him and he will direct your path." **(Proverbs 3:5-6)**



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St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Exodus 19:2–8 / Psalm 100 / Romans 5:6–15 / Matthew 9:35–10:20

Sermon Title: Being Called to Share Jesus
Sermon Text: Matthew 9:35-10:20

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

The Pentecost season is all about the church—about how the church has grown—and continues to grow over the years. The color of the paraments on the altar and pulpit throughout most of this Pentecost season is green—which symbolizes growth.

The church has grown all throughout the Bible and it continues to grow over the centuries. Now, granted some churches have experienced a decline in membership and attendance, but that doesn’t mean that the church has stopped growing.

Just because the Christian church seems to be declining in membership and attendance in one state or one country around the world, doesn’t mean the end of the church. We see an honest reality that the church in the United States has experienced a lot of decline. But Christian churches in other parts of the world—say on the African Continent, for example—are seeing growth.

This being the reality, that our specific congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod are seeing a decline in membership and attendance isn’t does not mean this is the end of the Christian church in America. The Christian church is not a set of buildings. The church is made up of the different parts of the Body of Christ. What part are you playing in the Body of Christ? How do you contribute to the Body of Christ here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church?

In our Gospel lesson for today, Jesus prays for the ministry of spreading the Good News. Even in the days when Jesus walked this planet, he saw that there were many spiritually-malnourished people all around him.

“³⁵ And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’” (Matthew 9:35-38)

Even in those days when Jesus walked this planet, there were lots of people, who didn’t know the truth about the person and work of Jesus Christ, and Jesus wanted them also to be with him in heaven for all eternity. Of course, in those days when Jesus walked this planet there were people, who refused to believe that Jesus was the Promised Messiah. So, goes it today.

But Jesus doesn’t make people become Christians. Jesus gives us a free will to choose to follow him. And in our Gospel lesson, we see how Jesus called 12 men to follow him—to learn from him—so that they could go out and disciple more people.

“And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and

to heal every disease and every affliction. ² The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.” (Matthew 10:1-4)

Jesus picked twelve average blue-collar workers to follow him and learn from him. Jesus didn’t make sure that his disciples had been educated at the best seminary for rabbis. Jesus didn’t even go to the priests to find twelve men to be his disciples. Instead, Jesus picked a handful of average guys to learn from him and then be sent out to teach others what they had been taught.

What this means is that Jesus is for EVERYONE—for you, for me, for all people on this planet. Jesus never expects high standards in order to come to him. So, if you keep thinking—Jesus would never want me, if he knew all that I have done—stop believing that lie! Jesus loves ALL people, and desires all people be saved and come to the knowledge of truth found in the Bible.

This is what Jesus started his ministry working with twelve average guys. ⁵ *These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. ⁹ Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food.”* (Matthew 10:5-9)

Part of the training for these twelve disciples included trusting and believing in God 100%—believing that Jesus IS the only way to heaven—believing that Jesus is able to work through each of them to do the tasks he told them to do: preach—heal the sick—raise the dead—cleanse lepers—cast out demons.

Jesus sends out these twelve men to do amazing miracles—not to be a traveling magic show—but to show that with God ALL things are possible. *“Then [Jesus] said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.’”* (Matthew 9:37-38)

Pray and ask God the Father to send out more disciples—more men and women, who will be willing to GO and make MORE DISCIPLES—so that more people will know Jesus and will spend eternity in heaven.

Do you ever pray for God to send out more Christians to share the hope that they have in Jesus? Gary Thies has said this before—that everyone of you is a missionary—and in a sense, you are. Every believer in Jesus Christ has plenty of opportunities to share the hope he or she has in Jesus.

Have you ever thought about how many more people—right here in Monona County and Western Iowa—don’t know Jesus and will never have a relationship with him. You are not responsible for saving people. Only Jesus can do that, but Jesus gives you “marching orders” to go out into this community and this part of the state and share the hope you have in Jesus as your Lord and Saviour.

Of course, as Jesus prepares to send out the twelve disciples, he gives them a dose of reality. ¹⁶ *“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. ¹⁹ When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”* (Matthew 10:16-20)

As a disciple of Jesus, when you go out to tell others about the hope you have in Jesus, you and your message will not always be welcomed. In fact, some people, who claim to be religious, but do not know Jesus, might even try and silence you by killing you.

Now, that can seem extreme, but it IS reality. Missionaries around the world spreading the Gospel in places that are hostile to the message about Jesus can struggle quite a lot. We here in America may not always grasp how difficult spreading the Gospel can be overseas.

And yet the problem of spreading the Gospel is not just confined to overseas missionaries. Here in America there are lots of people, who don't want to hear about Jesus. So, when we go out to share the hope we have in Jesus, we need to be prepared. *"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves."*

Sharing your faith—sharing the hope you have in Jesus—isn't easy, but Jesus never said that following him—committing your life to him forever—would be easy. In fact, Jesus tells us here in our text for today that when you go out to share the hope you have in Jesus, some people—even those close to you—will oppose you vehemently.

And when people push back and oppose you—whether in our church or outside our church, Jesus tells us to find strength in him alone. *"When they deliver you over [to governors and kings], do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. ²⁰ For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."* (Matthew 10:19-20)

This is why it's so important to fill up with Jesus—to fill up with the Word of God—so that when you are being harassed for being a Christian or when a fellow Christian is harassing you—then pray. *"Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles."*

When you are as wise a serpent—alert and knowing what is going on—and when you are as innocent as a dove—having a clean heart and mind—then the Holy Spirit will prompt you what to say to those people accusing you.

This is why it's also important to confess your sins and receive God's gracious forgiveness. After you have confessed your sins and received God's forgiveness, then continue to fill up more with Jesus so that the Holy Spirit can bring to your mind biblical truth. When you speak the truth from the Bible—even when those people in the church, who oppose you—will have heard the truth from God and his Word. Those people might not change their hearts or minds, but the Holy Spirit will work in their own hearts and minds with the truth of God. Fill up with Jesus so you can pour out to others. 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.

Scripture Readings 06-14-20

Old Testament Reading: Ex. 19: 2-8

Gradual: Ps. 145: 3, 5 b, 6 b

Psalm: Ps. 100

Epistle: Rom. 5: 6-15

Gospel: Matt. 9:35—10:8 (9—20)



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Sunday, June 14, 2020

Dear Members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus! Today is the 2nd Sunday after Pentecost. We had our first worship service after we were told by the state governor to temporarily suspend services three months ago to help reduce the spread of Covid-19.

Today going, we as a congregation we have to learn to live with Covid-19 as a regular part of our lives for the time being. This isn't a suggestion. We don't know how long Covid-19 will be with us, but we still need to follow guidelines from the CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) which includes wearing facemasks when gathering for worship, not shaking hands or hugging, keeping at least six feet between people in the church. You can check out there website here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

As more of us start gathering for worship again, I ask that you please be aware of your neighbor in and outside of church. *"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others."* (Philippians 2:4) And, the Second Greatest Commandment: *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (Matthew 22:38)

When we love our neighbor as ourselves—when we think about the health and well-being of our neighbor—then we are truly living the way God wants us to live. When we "help and support [our neighbor] in every physical need" (Small Catechism: 6th Commandment Meaning) such as being conscientious if we are too close to our neighbor in church, then we are living according to God's Word.

As you consider coming back to church, think about this question: What do you do when you get the flu? We need every member to think about how you can help your neighbor in the church or outside of the church, and stay healthy and safe. I would appreciate that from you.

Your offering to support this ministry is greatly appreciated and welcomed. If you don't want to come back to church right now, you can still mail your offering to the church office. You can also drop your offering off at First State Bank in Mapleton in the "night deposit box." Mark your offering "For St. Matthew Lutheran Church."

Getting back to regular church worship is something many of us want to do, and I totally agree. Even though some folks might be thinking about getting back to the way things were pre-Covid-19, I am not sure that will be possible.

Instead of trying to recreate church life the way it was before this pandemic, let's take this opportunity see what small changes we can make to our church life. Small changes can actually help our congregation grow. Doing nothing will simply result in nothing happening. Expecting the pastor or someone else in the church to do everything while you sit and do nothing will not be helpful at all.

I would really like to see what ideas you can come up with to make small changes to improve and grow our congregation. Please pray about how you can help make one small change to our church life. Then, call, text or email me and let me know your idea. After all, when we live the way God wants us to live according to his Word, then we will know the truth and that truth will set us free.

"Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others." (Philippians 2:4) And the Second Greatest Commandment: *"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."* (Matthew 22:38) To God be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Sincerely,

Pastor Chris LaBoube

Weakness, Suffering and *Hope*

by Kevin Armbrust

Weakness and suffering marked Paul's ministry, leading many to question if he was truly God's apostle. Instead of denying or minimizing the travails he faced, Paul expounded on them as examples of God's grace and mercy. He taught the Corinthians to trust in God's grace (2 COR. 12:9-10), won for us in Jesus' death and resurrection (2 COR. 5:14-15). He encouraged the church to join him in longing for the day when what is mortal will be swallowed up by life (2 COR. 5:4). Only such hope can make sense of the phrase "light momentary affliction" (2 COR. 4:17) when compared with Paul's list of personal suffering in 2 Corinthians 11:24-28.



1. Read 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.
What things tempt people to lose heart?

2. How does God renew His people day by day (see also Titus 3:4-7; Col. 3:16)?

3. Return to 2 Corinthians 4:16-18.
What is eternal and unseen?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:1-5. What is wrong with the tent/clothes that are your mortal flesh?

5. When will you be further clothed?

6. What is the basis for our hope for the eternal glory beyond comparison (see vv. 4:13-14; 5:6)?

Hope and anticipation marked Paul's apostolic service to the church. Walking by faith and not by sight (2 COR. 5:7), Paul and his companions rejoiced that, though daily handed over to death, the Gospel of Jesus Christ results in life (2 COR. 4:11-12). Each of us, as new creations (2 COR. 5:17), join with Paul and all those in Christ Jesus in the unseen hope of the faith that all God's promises are kept in Jesus (2 COR. 1:20). And in Jesus, even today is the day of salvation (2 COR. 6:2), and therefore we rejoice (2 COR. 13:11-14). **LW**



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BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS



GOD'S	CHILD	DATE
Banks	Bonnie	Jun 2, 1934
Greiner	Mark	Jun 14, 1954
Jacobson	Ferne	Jun 30, 1930
Johnson	Kay	Jun 8, 1941
Kelm	Max	Jun 10, 2012
Krusen	Joe	Jun 12, 1983
Livermore	Deloris	Jun 9, 1929
Ohlmeier	Tyler	Jun 6, 2004
Ohlmeier	Shawn	Jun 26, 1983
Scheer	Weston	Jun 28, 2015
Schmidt	Sarah	Jun 14, 1981
Witzel	Mark	Jun, 1959

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.



MAY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

GOD'S CHILDREN	50+ yrs.	DATE
Robert and Wanda Andre	52 yrs.	Jun 23, 1968
Doc and Kay Johnson	58 yrs.	Jun 23, 1962
Melvin and Selma Schrader	59 yrs.	Jun 15, 1961
Grant and Shirley Scoles	57 yrs.	Jun 28, 1963

BIRTHDAYS



GOD'S	CHILD	DATE
Banks	Bonnie	Jun 2, 1934 85
Bollig	Julie	Jun 18, 1958
Brodersen	Nathan	Jun 26, 1981
Brown	Brenda	Jun 26, 1963
Bruhn	Hudson	Jun 20, 2011
Fick	Phyllis	Jun 3, 1928 91
Ingram	Roger	Jun 12, 1935 84
Kelm	Raylyn	Jun 12, 2010
Kroll	Delbert	Jun 1, 1933 86
Kueny	Karen	Jun 8, 1948
Marsh	Durene	Jun 7, 1960
Meseck	Randi	Jun 20, 1948
Meseck	MaKenna	Jun 20, 2006
Pope	Sharon	Jun 16, 1940 80
Riesberg	Jeannette	Jun 30, 1957
Schauer	Diana	Jun 27, 1964
Wessling	Dorothy	Jun 29, 1942
Witzel	Ernest	Jun 18, 1936 83



Confirmation date is June 28th, we have 4 children being confirmed this year. If anyone wishes to send them a card I entered their address for your convenience

CHILD BEING CONFIRMED	CHILD'S BIRTHDATE	CHILD'S BAPTISM	AGE	PARENT'S NAME	ADDRESS
Autumn Brodersen	7/27/2006	09/07/06	13	Nathan & Betsy Brodersen	104 Chamberlain St
Kaylee Goslar	10/13/2005	11/20/05	14	Darren & Sarah Goslar	508 14th St. Onawa, IA 51040
Makenna Meseck	6/20/2006	06/16/06	13	Amy & the late Korey Meseck	217 N Day Ave. Ute, IA 51060
Paige Schmidt	1/11/2006	01/22/06	14	Kurt & Sarah Schmidt	405 S. 5th St Mapleton, IA 51034

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)

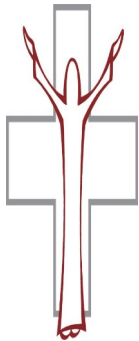
PRAYER WARRIORS—The prayer warriors desire to hear from you as to how they can pray for you. We have 14 prayer warriors. We welcome more men and women to join us. if you need prayer call Alice Miller phone number 712-880-2380.

Members of St. Matthew with Special Needs and Concerns needing our prayers. Please call the church office if you want to be added to this list for any reason, thank you.

Nazaria Kaderabek	Bud Dose	Kevin Dose	Selma Schrader	Elnora Dose
Robert Banks	Arlene Kiepe	Carol Dose	Marilyn Hamann	Joyce Kruse
Peg Jacobson	Charlotte Miller	Marla Hogan		

Family / Friends of Members with Special Needs and Concerns

Susan Miller (Alice Miller's daughter) **Sheri Heilman**— Sue Oberg's sister; **Ron Kraffle** friend of Marla & Joe Hogan; **Aiyanan Bowman** Darlene Bowman, (Christiansen) mother-in-law; Kirby **Reitz** son of Don & Carolyn former members their address: 7214 South Bitterroot Court Sioux falls SD 57108. ; **Randy Boysen**—son of Deloris Boysen **Steve Ashley**, (former member's address: Intensive care unit rm 4 Unity Point Health 2720 Stone Park Blvd Sioux City, IA 51104)



Lillian Wodtke went to her eternal home on 06-07-20 to be with Jesus. A Graveside Service was held on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 1:00 p.m., at the Mount Hope Cemetery of Mapleton, Iowa, with Pastor Chris LaBoube officiating. A prayer for her family for comfort and reassurance in; John 11: 25 *I am the Resurrection and the Life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.*

Boyd Yaden ,great uncle of Sarah Schmidt went to his eternal home on 06-10-20 to be with Jesus. A prayer for his family for comfort and reassurance in; John 11:25

Please drop them a line or two, they love getting mail and they would love hearing from their church family. Spread the Fruits of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Gentleness, Kindness, Self-Control, Goodness, and Faithfulness. You will be rewarded

Bob Banks 92 yrs. Aug 7, 1928

Maple Heights Nursing Home

Sunrise Ave

Mapleton, IA 51034

Wedding ann. Nov. 12, 1955

Bonnie Banks 86 yrs. Jun 2, 1934

Main Street Apartments

516 Main Street Apt 2

Mapleton, IA 51034

George Koithan 88 yrs. Sept. 2, 1932

1726 Marcella Heights

Carroll, IA 51040

Delbert Kroll 87 yrs. Jun. 1, 1933

Ring Street

Mapleton IA 51034

Myrna Gosch 79 yrs. Jan 9, 1941

Prime Living Apartments

725 Pearl St. Apt. 218

Sioux City, IA

Delores Boysen 81 yrs. Mar. 5, 1939

31153 Juinter Ave

Hinton, IA 51024

Elnora Dose 85 yrs. May 11, 1935

Embassy Rehab & Care Center

206 Port Neal Rd

Sergeant Bluff, IA 51054

Arlene Kiepe 103 yr. July 29, 1917

Maple Heights Nursing Home

Sunrise Ave

Mapleton, IA 51034

Phyllis Fick 92 yrs. Jun 3, 1928

Willow Dale Care—Assisted Living

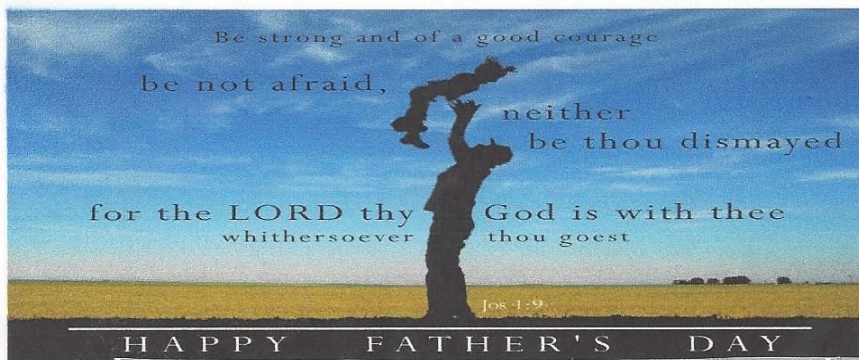
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Evelyn Christiansen 100 yrs. Jul 4, 1920

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June Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <u>Pastors Day off</u>	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 <u>Pastors Day off</u>	9	10	11 <u>In the Word</u> <u>1:30 pm to</u> <u>2:30 pm(not</u> <u>occurring at</u> <u>this time).</u>	12	13
14 <u>2nd Sunday</u> <u>after</u> <u>Pentecost:</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>Service with</u> <u>Holy</u> <u>Communion</u> <u>9:30 a.m.</u> <u>Board of</u> <u>Directors</u> <u>meet after</u> <u>services</u>	15 <u>Pastors Day off</u>	16	17	18	19	20
21 <u>3rd Sunday</u> <u>after</u> <u>Pentecost:</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>Service 9:30</u> <u>a.m.</u>	22 <u>Pastors Day off</u>	23	24	25	26	27
28 <u>4th Sunday</u> <u>after</u> <u>Pentecost:</u> <u>Worship</u> <u>Service with</u> <u>Holy</u> <u>Communion</u> <u>9:30 a.m.</u> <u>Confirmation</u>	29 <u>Pastors Day off</u>	30				



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Before going to hospital
Birth of your baby
Death in the family
Making wedding plans

Address or name changes
Private communion
Entering armed services
Desire to serve your Lord through the Church

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website: www.stmatthewmapleton.org — Our services posted weekly

WEB SITES: Iowa District West—www.idwlcms.org Camp Okoboji – www.campokoboji.org

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I asked the Lord to bless you as I prayed for you today. To guide you and protect you as you go along your way...His love is always with you, His promises are true. And when we give Him all our cares, you know He will see us through.