

St Matthews Service

Rev. Christopher LaBoube

June 21, 2020

3rd 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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HAPPY FATHERS DAY

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St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Mapleton, IA
Jeremiah 20:7–13 / Psalm 91:1–10 (11–16) / Romans 6:12–23 / Matthew 10:5 a, 21–33

Sermon Title: Who Leads and Guides You?
Sermon Text: Romans 6:12-23

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

Who tells you what to do? How do you know where to go? Who guides your steps? *“For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name’s sake you lead me and guide me.” (Psalm 31:3)*

Does God the Holy Spirit lead you through every part of your life? Or do you simply “check in” with Jesus once a week, when you pop into church and smile and greet a few people and get back home ASAP before the football games comes on?

In our Epistle lesson this morning from Romans chapter 6, Paul is talking about being slaves—that is, being owned by someone else—someone or something that pushes you along each day. So, what or who is driving you each day? Maybe it’s the Almighty Dollar? Maybe it’s power and prestige? What or who is driving you each day?

Paul is encouraging us today to use our bodies—our minds—our skills and abilities—ALL to glorify God and to edify—to build up other Christians. In order to glorify God and build up fellow Christians, we have to do what we know is right and true from God’s Word.

¹² Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. ¹³ Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.” (Romans 6:12-14)

Refrain from sinning. Sure, everyone sins, since we were all BORN into sin. And if you say—well, everyone sins, and act like it’s okay since everyone does it, and you don’t acknowledge your own sin—then you belittle God and His Word. Just because you once were dead to sin doesn’t mean you should just give up on living the way God desires you to live and to break every commandment multiple times a day. Instead, *“...present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.”*

Present yourself as members of God—as his child and heir to his heavenly kingdom—and present yourself as instruments of righteousness. A simpler way to think about this is: *“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 7:12)*

When you treat others the way you want to be treated, you are living according to the Second Greatest Commandment—Love your neighbor as yourself. When you treat others the way you want to be treated, then you are showing others your righteousness from God—you are showing Jesus to your neighbor.

Of course, when you don’t treat others the way you want to be treated, then you are belittling your neighbor. When you belittle your neighbor—then you are not living according to the Second Greatest Commandment—you’re not loving your neighbor as yourself. When you don’t love your neighbor as yourself, then you are not helping and supporting your neighbor in every physical need. And when we neglect our neighbor—even now as we live with Covid-19—then we set ourselves up for sinning.

¹⁵ *What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means!* ¹⁶ *Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, // or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?* ¹⁷ *But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,* ¹⁸ *and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.”* (Romans 6:15-18)

Here Paul asks the question who or what is leading you each day? “...if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?”

Basically, Paul is saying that what- or whoever is leading your life—is leading you each day—that is what you are a slave to. Now, maybe you don’t think about being a slave to an unethical boss, but if you let your unethical boss tell you what to think or say that is contrary to the Bible, then you are a slave to that person.

If you let a morally upright boss lead and guide you at work, then you are a slave to that person, too. Who- or whatever you let lead and guide you each day is what you are a slave to. This is why Paul wants you to remember WHO you are—a child of God, who has been brought out of spiritual darkness into God’s glorious light.

¹⁹ *I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.* ²⁰ *For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.”* (Romans 6:19-20)

Instead of being driven by lawlessness—seeing how many times you can sin against God and against your neighbor—be led and directed by the Holy Spirit, who is in you? “...so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification.”

As a child of God, you are now a slave to righteousness—that means that since the Holy Spirit lives in you, he leads and guides you all day long. But if you ignore the Holy Spirit—if you don’t fill up with Jesus every day—if you turn your back on God and declare that you’re going to lead and guide yourself—then you are no longer a slave to righteousness—but a slave to lawlessness.

When you demand that you’ve pulled yourself up by your own bootstraps and you don’t need anyone telling you what to do—then you are NOT being led by the Spirit, and your showing the world that you are a slave to something other than God. ²¹ *But what fruit were you getting // at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.* ²² *But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life.* ²³ *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 6:12-23)

As a child of God, you are no longer a slave to lawlessness—you are no longer a slave to the things of this world. Instead, you are a slave to righteousness—you are a slave of God. This means that you are bonded to God through the suffering death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

As a slave of God, you are led to eternal life through the person and work of Jesus Christ. As a slave of God, you are led by the Holy Spirit, who lives in you, teaching you all that Jesus wants you to know about him and his Word. Then, Paul summarizes this section of Scripture with this verse: “*For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” (Romans 6:23) When you are a slave to sin—a slave to lawlessness—you are destined for hell. When you are a slave to sin then you no hope. Sure, you might think that your life is pretty good without God, but eventually God will have the last Word. He always does.

When you are a slave to righteousness, then you are living a life that leads to eternal life in heaven with God our Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. When you are a slave to God, then you can sure that when you die, you will go to be with Jesus.

As you go through each day—learning to live with Covid-19—see how you can live as a slave to God—and living according to His Word. When you live as a slave to righteousness, then you will want to live according to the Two Greatest Commandments—love God and love your neighbor as yourself. *“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”* (Romans 6:23) 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 06-21-20

Old Testament Reading: Jer. 20: 7-13 page 770 in ESV Bible

Gradual: Ps. 145: 3, 5 b, 6 b page 621 in ESV Bible

Psalm: Ps. 91: 1-16 page 588-589 in ESV Bible

Epistle: Rom. 6: 12-23 page 1120-1121 in ESV Bible



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 Mapleton, IA 51034
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



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Sunday, June 21, 2020

Dear Members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the Name of Jesus! Today is the 3rd Sunday after Pentecost. Originally, we were scheduled to resume worship on Sunday, June 14, but after a few more positive Covid-19 cases were reported in Ute, the leaders decided we should wait a little longer. So, we did not have worship last Sunday.

The leaders have decided that there will be a Confirmation Worship Service on Sunday, June 28 at 9:30 a.m. This service will only be for the confirmands and their families. The leaders ask that the rest of the congregational members please stay home.

In order that the rest of the church members can watch the Confirmation service, the confirmands will have the opportunity to record and/or live stream the Confirmation Service for anyone, who was not able to attend the in-person worship service in the church building. This allows more people to watch the service from their own homes.

Those attending the Confirmation Worship Service will need to observe CDC (Center for Disease Control and Prevention) guidelines such as 1) wear a facemask, 2) stand/sit 6 feet apart from others, 3) don't shake hands or hug others, and 4) wash your hands and/or use hand sanitizer regularly.

We need to learn to live with Covid-19. It is going to be part of our lives for the foreseeable future so we need to take precautions to protect yourself and those around you. If you don't want to follow the CDC guidelines, then please respect those around you, who are trying to be cautious.

We will finally have Holy Communion, I will be offering Holy Communion at a different time and day. I will be offering Holy Communion Tuesday, June 30—Thursday, July 2 for individuals and families. You will need to sign up for the day and time that you would like to come to the church and receive Holy Communion. See the enclosed paper explaining how this will work.

The Board of Directors wants to encourage you to continue support our church with your offerings. You can 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."

Sincerely

Pastor Chris LaBoube



If you are not able to attend worship on Sunday, June 28, you are invited to sign up to receive Holy Communion at another time. I will offer Holy Communion to you in the Narthex (the entryway) of the church building Tuesday, June 30, Wednesday, July 1, and Thursday, July 2. You will need to call the church office (712-881-2243), and schedule a time and day that you would like to come to the church to have Holy Communion.

When you come to the church, please come in the main front doors of the church building. You can also use the lift if you need to get into the building that way. Please do not come through the sanctuary into the Narthex. Every time someone walks through the sanctuary, the sanctuary will need to be sanitized again. This is why we are having Holy Communion in the Narthex.

You must wear a facemask when you come to Holy Communion. I will make sure that the pastor's chair and your chair are six feet apart. There will be a bottle of hand sanitizer in the Narthex for you to use when you come into the building. I appreciate you following CDC guidelines to keep us all healthy as we prepare to receive Holy Communion.

You will be able to come for Holy Communion on Tuesday and Wednesday at 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m., 6:30 p.m., 7 p.m., and 7:30 p.m. On Thursday, you can also come for Holy Communion at 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 2 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3 p.m., 3:30 p.m. If you are not able to come for Holy Communion during one of the scheduled times and days, please call me at the church and we'll work out a time and day when you can have Holy Communion.

As you prepare to come to Holy Communion, I would like to encourage you to review the last section of *Luther's Small Catechism* titled: **Christian Questions with Their Answers:** Prepared by Dr. Martin Luther for Those Who Intend to Go to the Sacrament.

"After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

1. *Do you believe that you are a sinner?* Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.
2. *How do you know this?* From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.
3. *Are you sorry for your sins?* Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.
4. *What have you deserved from God because of your sins?* His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See **Rom. 6:21, 23.**
5. *Do you hope to be saved?* Yes, that is my hope.
6. *In whom then do you trust?* In my dear Lord Jesus Christ.
7. *Who is Christ?* The Son of God, true God and man.
8. *How many Gods are there?* Only one, but there are three persons: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
9. *What has Christ done for you that you trust in Him?* He died for me and shed His blood for me on the cross for the forgiveness of sins.

10. *Did the Father also die for you?* He did not. The Father is God only, as is the Holy Spirit; but the Son is both true God and true man. He died for me and shed His blood for me.

11. *How do you know this?* From the holy Gospel, from the words instituting the Sacrament, and by His body and blood given me as a pledge in the Sacrament.

12. *What are the words of institution?* Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

13. *Do you believe, then, that the true body and blood of Christ are in the Sacrament?* Yes, I believe it.

14. *What convinces you to believe this?* The word of Christ: Take, eat, this is My body; drink of it, all of you, this is My blood.

15. *What should we do when we eat His body and drink His blood, and in this way receive His pledge?*

We should remember and proclaim His death and the shedding of His blood, as He taught us: This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.

16. *Why should we remember and proclaim His death?* First, so we may learn to believe that no creature could make satisfaction for our sins. Only Christ, true God and man, could do that. Second, so we may learn to be horrified by our sins, and to regard them as very serious. Third, so we may find joy and comfort in Christ alone, and through faith in Him be saved.

17. *What motivated Christ to die and make full payment for your sins?* His great love for His Father and for me and other sinners, as it is written in **John 14; Romans 5; Galatians 2** and **Ephesians 5**.

18. *Finally, why do you wish to go to the Sacrament?* That I may learn to believe that Christ, out of great love, died for my sin, and also learn from Him to love God and my neighbor.

19. *What should admonish and encourage a Christian to receive the Sacrament frequently?* First, both the command and the promise of Christ the Lord. Second, his own pressing need, because of which the command, encouragement, and promise are given.

20. *But what should you do if you are not aware of this need and have no hunger and thirst for the Sacrament?* To such a person no better advice can be given than this: first, he should touch his body to see if he still has flesh and blood. Then he should believe what the Scriptures say of it in **Galatians 5** and **Romans 7**.

Second, he should look around to see whether he is still in the world, and remember that there will be no lack of sin and trouble, as the Scriptures say in **John 15–16** and in **1 John 2** and **5**.

Third, he will certainly have the devil also around him, who with his lying and murdering day and night will let him have no peace, within or without, as the Scriptures picture him in **John 8** and **16; 1 Peter 5; Ephesians 6; and 2 Timothy 2**.

NOTE: These questions and answers are no child’s play, but are drawn up with great earnestness of purpose by the venerable and devout Dr. Luther for both young and old. Let each one pay attention and consider it a serious matter; for St Paul writes to the Galatians in chapter six: “*Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked.*”

BAPTISMAL BIRTHDAYS

GOD'S	CHILD	DATE
Banks	Bonnie	Jun 2, 1934
Bruhn	Byron	Jun. 25, 1967
Goslar	Jennifer	Jun 10, 1975
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
Bruhn	Byron	Jun 11, 1967
Bruhn	Jared	Jun 23, 1986
Bollig	Julie	Jun. 18, 1968
Brodersen	Nathan	6/26/1981
Brown	Brenda	6/26/1963
Bruhn	Hudson	6/20/2011
Fick	Phyllis	Jun 3, 1928 91
Goslar	Zachery	Jun 16, 1993
Ingram	Roger	Jun 12, 1935 84
Kelm	Raylyn	6/12/2010
Kroll	Delbert	Jun 1, 1933 86
Kueny	Karen	6/8/1948
Marsh	Durene	6/7/1960
Meseck	Randi	6/20/1948
Meseck	MaKenna	6/20/2006
Pope	Sharon	Jun 16, 1940 80
Riesberg	Jeannette	6/30/1957
Schauer	Diana	6/27/1964
Wessling	Dorothy	6/29/1942
Witzel	Ernest	Jun 18, 1936 83

If your birthday or baptism birthday or the birthday or baptism birthday of any church member you know doesn't appear on the list – it is because we don't have it on file. Please contact the church office so this information can be added to our information data.

It is important that all information on our church members be kept updated – including birthday, baptism, confirmation, marriage, children and change of address. Please keep the office updated

Give the office a call or the Pastor...

Before going to hospital
Private communion
Making wedding plans
Death in the family

Address or name changes
Birth of your baby
Entering armed services
Desire to serve you Lord through the Church



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	Sue Kruse	

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)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY Triston Twedt, Ryan Trucke, Jackie Cardwell

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

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
404 1st St.
Battle Creek, IA 51006

Evelyn Christiansen 100 yrs. Jul 4, 1920
4204 SE. 29th Ave.
Amarillo, TX 79103 % Joan Valdez

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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OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU TO CONTINUE TO FILL UP WITH JESUS BY READING AND LISTENING TO THE BIBLE:

Facebook page: St. Matthew Lutheran-Mapleton— Our services at 9 am every Sunday

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.