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Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist



Evangelical Lutheran Worship - Setting 10, page 203
Please leave your offering in the plate at the door
You may stand at times marked with an asterisk (*)

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude and Contemplation

Tena Rackow

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord ☩ Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

* Hymn *Lord of the Dance*

* Greeting *ELW page 203*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

* Kyrie *Have Mercy On Us, Lord* *ELW page 203*

C: Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word;
it saves us from despair.

Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole
that new life may begin.

Have mercy on us, Lord; make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving power, create in us new hearts!

* Canticle *Glory Be to God in Heaven* *ELW page 204*

C: Glory be to God in heaven;
peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.

Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heaven above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us;
in your promise firm we stand.

Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!

* Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, your Son our Savior called a despised tax collector to become one of his apostles. Help us, like Matthew, to respond to the transforming call of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: *Ezekiel 2:8--3:11*

L: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel:

8 "But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Be not rebellious like
that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you." 9 And
when I looked, behold, a hand was stretched out to me, and behold, a
scroll of a book was in it. 10 And he spread it before me. And it had writ-
ing on the front and on the back, and there were written on it words of
lamentation and mourning and woe.

3 And he said to me, "Son of man, eat whatever you find here. Eat this
scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel." 2 So I opened my mouth,
and he gave me this scroll to eat. 3 And he said to me, "Son of man,
feed your belly with this scroll that I give you and fill your stomach with
it." Then I ate it, and it was in my mouth as sweet as honey.

4 And he said to me, "Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak
with my words to them. 5 For you are not sent to a people of foreign
speech and a hard language, but to the house of Israel— 6 not to many
peoples of foreign speech and a hard language, whose words you can-
not understand. Surely, if I sent you to such, they would listen to you.

[7] But the house of Israel will not be willing to listen to you, for they are not willing to listen to me: because all the house of Israel have a hard forehead and a stubborn heart. [8] Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces, and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. [9] Like emery harder than flint have I made your forehead. Fear them not, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." [10] Moreover, he said to me, "Son of man, all my words that I shall speak to you receive in your heart, and hear with your ears. [11] And go to the exiles, to your people, and speak to them and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' whether they hear or refuse to hear." *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: *119:33-40*

L: Let us read responsively from Psalm 119:

[33] Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

[34] **Give me understanding, that I may keep your law**
and observe it with my whole heart.

[35] Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

[36] **Incline my heart to your testimonies,**
and not to selfish gain!

[37] Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things;
and give me life in your ways.

[38] **Confirm to your servant your promise,**
that you may be feared.

[39] Turn away the reproach that I dread,
for your rules are good.

[40] **Behold, I long for your precepts;**
in your righteousness give me life! *[ESV]*

Second Reading: *Ephesians 2:4-10*

L: A reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians:

4 God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he
loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive
together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— 6 and raised us
up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Je-
sus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable rich-
es of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace
you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is
the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For
we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which
God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them. *[ESV]*

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

* Gospel Acclamation *ELW page 205*

C: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.
Let it burn like fire within us,
speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

* Gospel: *Matthew 9:9-13*

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

9 As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting
at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and fol-
lowed him.

[10] And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. [11] And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" [12] But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. [13] Go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners." *[ESV]*

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Thomas Mosbo

* Hymn *Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God* WOV # 783

* Apostles' Creed

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P: Let us confess together the faith into which we were baptized.

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, died, and was buried.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Recognition of Sunday School Teachers

Prayers of Intercession *ELW page 206*

L: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation

Please respond to each petition with the following:

L: … God of grace,
C: receive our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C: Amen.

We lift our prayers for

Lynn Lyvers, Jerry, Fern Harnish, Denny Bergmann, Rene', Paul Fahr, Marilyn Fulfs, Gary Hudik, Virgil Martin, Caroline Jam, Cyndy Schumacher, Virgil Gordon, Jerry Martin, Donna Christen, Richard Frietag, Connor Stadermann, Brooke, Diane, Randy, Brian, Paul Heller, Janet, Ryse Stone, Nicole, Meghan and her baby, John, Chuck, Joyce, Terri, Tina, Julie, Jamie, Crystal, Katie, Christian, Anna, Abby, Karla, Jacob and his family, Richard Gordon, Kay, Kathy, Charlie, Brad, Jack, Tina, Joe, Sue, Emma, Cindy, Lamar Hail, Connie, Rachel Collins, Mr. & Mrs. Ron Heckman, Bruce Stewart, Pam, Caroline, Tina D., Jim DeMontigny Jr., Linda Kruger-Kleckler, Norman, Vivian, Tina Cheeney, Brenda, Kara Allen, Christine Beyer, Judy, Bob Schulz, Kenny Frie, Steve Rothschadl, Gary L. Hartwig Josh, Hannah, Ray Phillips, Susan, Allison Biddick, Brad Rackow, Gene Medeke, Demetrio Velazco, Kim Choin, Jeannie, Dianne, Nancy and Pat McCluskey.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Peace *ELW page 206*

P: The peace of the Lord be with you all.
C: And also with you.

Please greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

Chime Anthem ***Morning Has Broken***

Responses *ELW page 206*

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy…
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy *ELW page 207*

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Eucharistic Prayer

P: We give you thanks, Father, through Jesus Christ…
be all honor and glory now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer *ELW page 208*

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us;

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil,

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Lamb of God *ELW page 208*

C: O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save:
have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave:
have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made:
give us your peace, we pray.

Communion

All are welcome to come to receive Christ's body and blood
or you may come to receive a blessing

Post-Communion *ELW page 208*

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Blessing *ELW page 209*

P: The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you,
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace,
In the name of the Father, ☩ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit..

C: Amen.

* Hymn ***Children of the Heavenly Father*** **ELW # 781**

* Dismissal *ELW page 209*

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude Tena Rackow

Chime and Choir Practice

Chimes at 10:45am.

Choir at 11:15am.

Sunday School begins on September 28th.

Men's Group

Saturday, September 27th at 4:30pm

Hannah Circle Meeting

Sunday, October 5th after worship service.

Friendship Club

Friendship Club will meet on Thursday, October 9th at 12:30pm for potluck.

Entertainment will be provided by Steve Sheffy.

Good Shepherd Council Meeting

Thursday, October 9th at 6:30pm

Piece Corps Quilting Group

Meets every Wednesday from 8:00am-11:30am.

Attendance September 7th

In-person - 26, on-line - 69