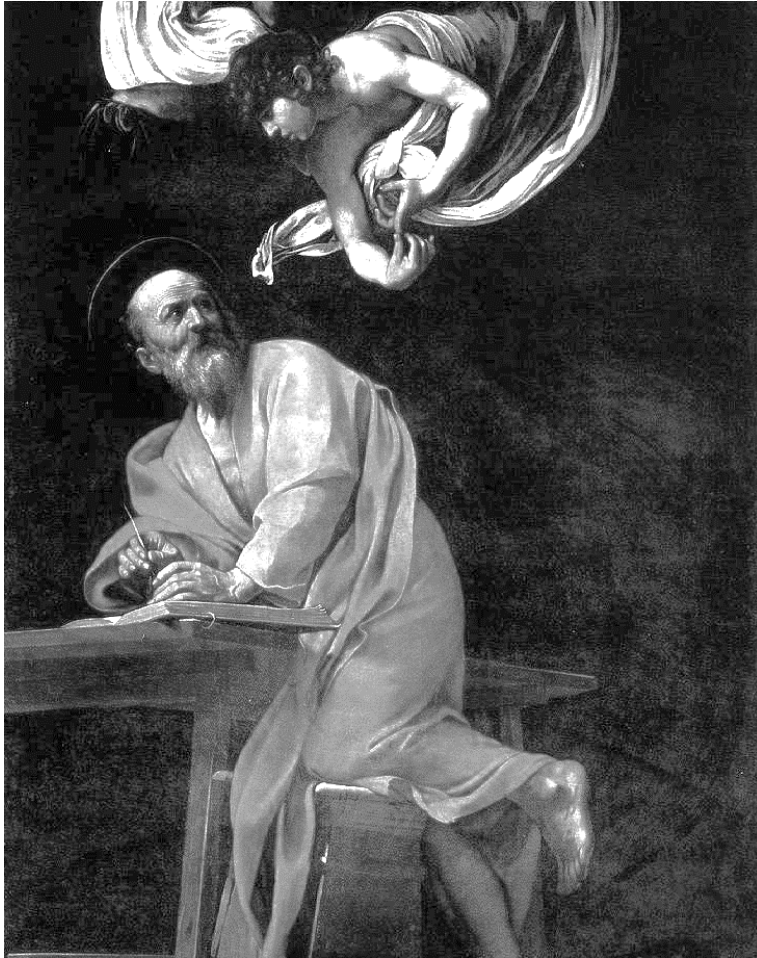


# St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist

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*THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD*

*Prelude: Rhapsody on King's Lynn by Henry Coleman*

## Hymn of Invocation: 518 By All Your Saints in Warfare

*sts. 1, 25, 3*

Order of Worship: p. 184

### Introit

*Psalm 139:1-2a; antiphon: v17*



To me Thy friends, O God, are made exceedingly | honorable:\*  
their principality is exceedingly | strengthened.

O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and | known me.\*

Thou knowest my | downsitting.



**G**lo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

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### Kyrie - Salutation *p. 186 ff*

#### Collect of the Day

**P** O Almighty God, who by Thy blessed Son didst call Saint Matthew from the receipt of custom to be an Apostle and Evangelist, grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires and inordinate love of riches and to follow the same; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*Sit*

#### Prophecy

*Ezekiel 2:8—3:11*

In those days the word of the LORD came to me, saying: “Son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.” Now when I looked, there was a hand stretched out to me; and behold, a scroll of a book was in it. Then He spread it before me; and there was writing on the inside and on the outside, and written on it were lamentations and mourning and woe. Moreover He said to me, “Son of man, eat what you find; eat this scroll, and go, speak to the house of Israel.” So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that scroll. And He said to me, “Son of man, feed your belly, and fill your stomach with this scroll that I give you.” So I ate, and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness. Then He said to me: “Son of man, go to the house of Israel and speak with My words to them. For you are not sent to a people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, but to the house of Israel, not to many people of unfamiliar speech and of hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, had I sent

you to them, they would have listened to you. But the house of Israel will not listen to you, because they will not listen to Me; for all the house of Israel are impudent and hard-hearted. Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces, and your forehead strong against their foreheads. Like adamant stone, harder than flint, I have made your forehead; do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house.” Moreover He said to me: “Son of man, receive into your heart all My words that I speak to you, and hear with your ears. And go, get to the captives, to the children of your people, and speak to them and tell them, ‘Thus says the Lord GOD,’ whether they hear, or whether they refuse.”

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Gradual

*Psalm 45:16b–17a; Psalm 45:16a; 45:17c*



Thou shalt make them princes over | all the earth.\*

They shall remember Thy name, | O Lord.

Instead of thy fathers, sons are | born to thee:\*

therefore shall the people | praise thee.

## Epistle

*Ephesians 4:7–13*

Brethren: To each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ’s gift. Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, and gave gifts to men.” (Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints, for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ Jesus our Lord.

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Stand

## Alleluia and Verse of the Day

*Psalm 19:4a*



**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

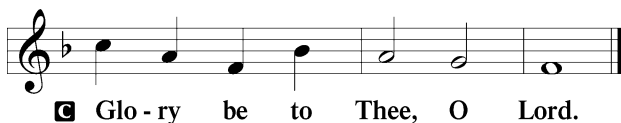
**Alleluia.** Their line is gone out through | all the earth, and their words to the end | of the world.

**Alleluia.**

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 9:9–13*

**P** The continuation of the Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.



At that time: Jesus saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, “Follow Me.” So he arose and followed Him. Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, that behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said to His disciples, “Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” When Jesus heard that, He said to them, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy and not sacrifice.’ For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.”



## Nicene Creed

*Sit*

**Hymn of the Day: 940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

*sts. 1–5*

**Sermon**

**Offering Hymn: 688 “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake**

*Stand*

**Offertory** *p. 192 ff*

**Prayer of the Church** [P] let us pray to the Lord: [C] **Lord, have mercy.**

**Proper Preface**

[P] It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God; for You have mightily governed and protected Your holy Church, in which the blessed apostles and evangelists proclaimed Your divine and saving Gospel. Therefore with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and evangelists, with Your servant Matthew, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

**Sanctus - Agnus Dei** *p. 195 ff*

*Sit*

**Distribution Hymns:**

**628 Your Table I Approach /**

**644 The Church’s One Foundation /**

**647 Lord Jesus Christ, the Church’s Head /**

**586 Preach You the Word /**

**682 God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons**

*Stand*

**Nunc Dimittis - Benediction** *p. 199 ff*

## **Hymn to Depart: 582 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage**

*Postlude:* Holy God We Praise Thy Name by Jefferey Blersch

### **Looking Forward to Wednesday**

Lessons: II Corinthians 6:14–7:1; Mark 1:40-45

Hymns: 901-585-637-525-919

### **Looking forward to next Sunday (Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity)**

Lessons: Ezekiel 2:8–3:11; Ephesians 4:7-13; Matthew 9:9-13

Hymns: 740-760-TLH 520(printed)/632/864/732/725-922

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## We Welcome Our Guests Today!

We're glad you've joined us in worship today. Please fill out a Visitor Card (located in the pew rack) and hand it to an usher or place it in the offering plate. We also ask that you read *"Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion"* printed below. Please visit our **Welcome Center** in the narthex and worship with us again soon.

### Our Practice Concerning Holy Communion

In keeping with the tradition of the early Church and the Lutheran Confessions, we celebrate the Lord's Supper every Lord's Day. Because Holy Communion is an expression of complete unity of faith and doctrine, only active and repentant members of St. Peter or a sister Missouri Synod congregation may commune. This is not a judgment of the faith of others, but rather an indication of our obedience to the Lord's command that those who kneel together at His altar be in complete unity regarding what they believe and teach. Your respect for our practice concerning the Lord's Supper is appreciated. Please talk to Pastor if you have any questions.

If communing with individual cup, please hold your empty cup until Pastor has passed you with the chalice. And please remember to fill out a Communion card.

### The Gathering of the Offerings

God finances His church. The gathering of the offerings is, therefore, not merely collecting money. It is a holy privilege for those who believe in Jesus Christ. This is our opportunity to gratefully respond to God's love and grace by returning a portion of the gifts He has given us. As God's children, we consider it a special honor to build and extend His kingdom through our offerings. St. Paul writes, "God loves a cheerful giver" (II Cor. 9:7b NKJV). Our visitors and guests are in no way compelled to contribute to this offering. We ask nothing of our guests except that they return here often to hear more about God's great love in Jesus Christ, our Lord. If anyone wishes to give electronically, you may scan this QR code to set up an account.



### Small Children

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:14). Jesus wants your little ones present with Him during our worship service. And so do we.

When you're little, it's hard to sit without fidgeting or making some noise. And of course babies join us with their songs, too! We consider their small voices to be a part of our sacred music as they learn with us what it is to be a Christian. We encourage their presence throughout the entire service.

If you feel that your children are being too disruptive, please feel free to take them to the nursery that is located on the other side of the Conference Room. A closed-circuit television will bring the service to you. An usher will be happy to direct you.

*"Repetitio est mater studiorum:* Repetition is the mother of all learning." The more they're here, the easier it will get.

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