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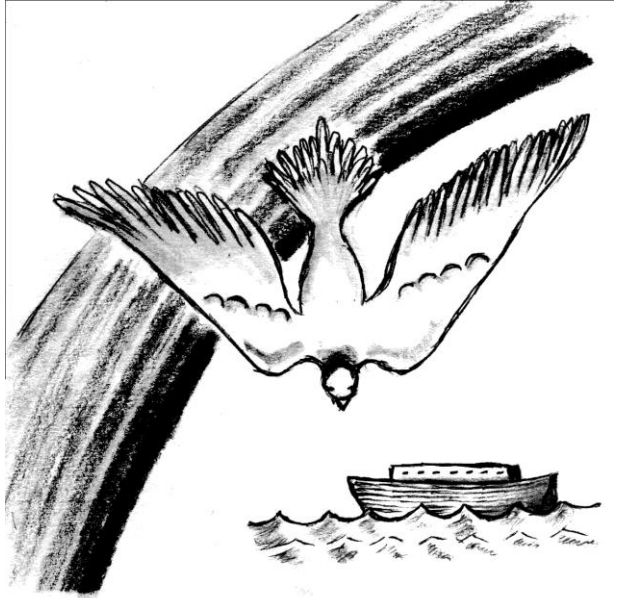
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**“Truly, truly, I say to
you, whatever you ask
of the Father in my
name, he will give it to
you.”**

We welcome our members and visitors at St. Matthew Lutheran Church.
We use Setting 3, p. 184 in the Lutheran Service Book.

TODAY'S SERVICE
Setting 3, p. 184

Opening Hymn: 480 He's Risen, He's Risen

1 He's risen, He's risen, Christ Jesus, the Lord;
He opened death's prison, the _incarnate, true Word.
Break forth, hosts of heaven, in jubilant song
And earth, sea, and mountain their praises prolong.

2 The foe was triumphant when on Calvary
The Lord of creation was nailed to the tree.
In Satan's domain did the hosts shout and jeer,
For Jesus was slain, whom the evil ones fear.

3 But short was their triumph; the Savior arose,
And death, hell, and Satan He vanquished, His foes.
The conquering Lord lifts His banner on high;
He lives, yes, He lives, and will nevermore die.

4 O, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;
Christ rose, and now open is fair Eden's door.
For all our transgressions His blood does atone;
Redeemed and forgiven, we now are His own.

△ 5 Then sing your hosannas and raise your glad voice;
Proclaim the blest tidings that all may rejoice.
Laud, honor, and praise to the Lamb that was slain:
With Father and Spirit He ever shall reign.

Stand

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 184

PIn the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
CAmen.

PBeloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

POur help is in the name of the Lord,
Cwho made heaven and earth.
PI said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
Cand You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Kneel/Stand

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession of Sins

LSB 184

PO almighty God, merciful Father,
CI, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

Absolution

LSB 185

PUpon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive

you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☩ Amen.

Service of the Word

Introit

Ps. 55:4, 16–18; antiphon: Ps. 55:22

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;
he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

My heart is in anguish within me;
the terrors of death have fallen upon me.

But I call to God,
and the LORD will save me.

Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,
and he hears my voice.

He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,
for many are arrayed against me.

Gloria Patri

**☩ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.**

Kyrie

LSB 186

**☩ Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Gloria in Excelsis

☐ Glory be to God on high:

☩ and on earth peace, goodwill toward men.

**We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee,
we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.**

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy
upon us.
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

PThe Lord be with you.

CAnd with thy spirit.

PLet us pray.

O God, the Giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

CAmen.

Sit

First Reading

Acts 16:9–15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and

stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

AThis is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed— ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . . ²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. ²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

AThis is the Word of the Lord.

CThanks be to God.

Verse of the Day

Alleluia. We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. Alleluia. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world. Alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Stand

Holy Gospel

John 16:23-33

¶The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 16th chapter.

☩Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²³[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵“I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.”²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

¶This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**☩ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His 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.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Hymn of the Day: 484 Make Songs of Joy

1 Make songs of joy to Christ, our head;
Alleluia!
He lives again who once was dead!
Alleluia!

2 Our life was purchased by His loss;
Alleluia!
He died our death upon the cross.
Alleluia!

3 O death, where is your deadly sting?
Alleluia!

Assumed by our triumphant King!
Alleluia!

4 And where your victory, O grave,
Alleluia!
When one like Christ has come to save?
Alleluia!

5 Behold, the tyrants, one and all,
Alleluia!
Before our mighty Savior fall!
Alleluia!

△ 6 For this be praised the Son who rose,
Alleluia!
The Father, and the Holy Ghost!
Alleluia!

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Sermon

Offertory

LSB 192

☐ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Sit

Offering

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Sharing of the Peace

Service of the Sacrament

Preface

LSB 194

PThe Lord be with you.

CAnd with thy spirit.

PLift up your hearts.

CWe lift them up unto the Lord.

PLet us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

CIt is meet and right so to do.

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. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He, blessed is He, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Lord's Prayer

☩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.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

☐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."

Pax Domini

LSB 197

☐The peace of the Lord be with you always.
☩Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

CO Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. Amen.

Sit

Distribution

The pastor and those who assist him receive the body and blood of Christ first and then distribute them to those who come to receive, saying:

LSB 199

P Take, eat; this is the true body of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, given into death for your sins.

Amen.

P Take, drink; this is the true blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, shed for the forgiveness of your sins.

Amen.

In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:

The Dismissal

LSB 199

PThe body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

CAmen.

Communion Hymn: 490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

1 Jesus lives! The vict'ry's won!
Death no longer can appall me;
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!

From the grave will Christ recall me.
Brighter scenes will then commence;
This shall be my confidence.

2 Jesus lives! To Him the throne
High above all things is given.
I shall go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
God is faithful; doubtings, hence!
This shall be my confidence.

3 Jesus lives! For me He died,
Hence will I, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
All I need God will dispense;
This shall be my confidence.

4 Jesus lives! I know full well
Nothing me from Him shall sever.
Neither death nor pow'rs of hell
Part me now from Christ forever.
God will be my sure defense;
This shall be my confidence.

5 Jesus lives! And now is death
But the gate of life immortal;
This shall calm my trembling breath
When I pass its gloomy portal.
Faith shall cry, as fails each sense:
Jesus is my confidence!

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700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in Thee inherit;
Let us find Thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty, to deliver;
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee,

Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise!

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Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

**☩ Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word,
for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

☩ O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
☩ and His mercy endureth forever.

Post-Communion Collect

☩ Let us pray.
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
☩ Amen.

Salutation

LSB 201

☩ The Lord be with you.
☩ And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen, amen, amen.

Closing Hymn: 488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

1 He is arisen! Glorious Word!
Now reconciled is God, my Lord;
The gates of heav'n are open.
My Jesus did triumphant die,
And Satan's arrows broken lie,
Destroyed hell's fiercest weapon.
O hear what cheer!
Christ victorious,
Rising glorious,
Life is giving.
He was dead but now is living!

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REQUESTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

THANK YOU: to those who helped out so we could celebrate this worship service: Altar guild, ushers, our musicians (organist & soloist), today's reader and Warren, for posting on our website. Your service to the Lord is appreciated!

EDUCATIONAL LUNCHEON: Lutheran Hospital Ministries will be hosting a Free Education Luncheon on **May 31, 2025, starting at 11:30 am**

at St. Matthew Lutheran Church (in the basement). The topic is: "Caring for the Pessimist" by Jessica Tonn. Most of us will act as a caregiver for a member of your family at some point in time. This talk may provide some tools when caring for an individual. Everyone is welcome to attend. We just ask you to call (403-264-4045) or email the office (lhmsac@gmail.com) so that we have numbers for the luncheon. You can also attend the talk if you wish. The talk should start around 12:30 pm.

GERMAN MALE CHOIR NEXT SUNDAY: We will receive Edmonton's German Male Choir called "Männerchor Liederkranz" next Sunday (June 1). They will sing in both services. We hope to see you here. You don't want to miss it!

GIFTING AND RECEIPTS: If you write a cheque to St. Matthew Lutheran Church but then identify a person or family to be the recipient of the cheque on the Memo line or in some other fashion, St. Matthew cannot issue a tax donation receipt for this value. The reason is that this person or family is not a charity. You can write cheques or donate to St. Matthew Lutheran "the church" or to a specific project that St. Matthew Lutheran Church is doing like the stairs or stained-glass windows or a mission and get a tax receipt. This information is directly from the CRA.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: The board of Elders is hosting a Men's Breakfast on the morning of the 2nd Saturday of every month, with the next one being held on June 14th, 2025. A complimentary breakfast is served at 9am followed by a 1-hour bible study starting at 10am. We have just started an interesting study on the Psalter and will be continuing that study for the next several months. Hope to see you all there for a morning of food, fun and fellowship.

OPEN HOUSE: Our Board of Elders decided to open our church doors to our neighbours. Mark it on your calendar! We will have an Open House event on **June 14th, from 12 to 3 pm**. We need volunteers to help planning and just be there for our community, welcome them, and tell them what we are all about!

SUMMER PICNIC: Please come and join us in a fellowship and fun for our annual church picnic on **Saturday, June 21st, 2025**. The picnic will be held at **North Glenmore Park, the Snowy Owl Picnic site**. **We will start to set-up at 11 am. The site is booked until 2:45 pm.** We will have the hotdogs

and burgers going on the grill around noon. The site has shelter, a main fire pit, several picnic tables and smaller fire boxes. The washrooms and playground are close by and there are lots of grassy areas to play some games. St. Matthew will provide hotdogs and burgers and buns with some condiments. We ask you to bring a salad or snack or fruit or dessert to share. There are several parking areas around the picnic sites, but lot L is closest. **Please RSVP to the church office if you are coming by June 17th** so we have enough food supplies. Please also let us know if you are bringing something to the picnic to share. If You have a portable BBQ we could borrow, please contact Lori. WE truly hope to see you there!

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Office hours for the summer are 8 am – 2 pm. We will be back to regular office hours after Labor Day in September.

OUR CONGREGATON

Since 1913 St. Matthew has been sharing God's word throughout the Calgary area. We are a bi-lingual congregation serving people in the English and German languages. St. Matthew has been at its present location since 1945.

FAMILY ROOM

This room is located in our parish hall and is available to families with children who need special attention during the worship service (crying, changing, feeding etc.). Please feel free to use it.

PARKING

Our parking lot on the east side has handicap access. Please note that the following stalls are available during the week, Monday-Friday: # **1-2**.

DAILY READING PLAN FOR THE WEEK MAY 26TH:

Mon.	Num. 8:5-26	Luke 15:11-32
Tue.	Num. 9:1-23	Luke 16:1-18
Wed.	Num. 10:11-36	Luke 16:19-31
Thur.	Num. 11:1-23, 31-35	Luke 17:1-19
Fri.	Num. 11:24-29	Luke 17:20-37
Sat.	Num. 13:1-3, 17-33	Luke 18:1-17

**IF THE BRIDEGROOM TARRIES -THE FOLLOWING WILL TAKE
PLACE THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW**

Tuesday:	Bible Study via ZOOM	7 PM
Sunday:	<i>7. Sunday of Easter</i>	
	German Service	9:30 AM
	English Service	11 AM

LUTHERAN HOUR

June 1: "God's Gumbo"; Lutheran Hour Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler. The Church is like a pot of Louisiana gumbo, a diverse stew bound together by the power of Jesus' love. (John 17:20-21) Hear this inspirational message on CHRB 1140 AM, on Sunday mornings at 8:00 am. Available in Real Audio at www.lll.ca/TLHstnlist.html. Streaming audio and podcasts at www.lutheranhour.ca

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