

Announcements

SERVING THIS WEEK

Organist: Kathy May

Altar Committee: Sherry Prowatzke

Communion Committee: Sharon Murphy, Doreen Corso,
Nicola Giordano, Anna Steinhilb

Sunday 7:45am Elder: Mark Schneider

Sunday 10:30am Elder: Philip Gehlbach

Wednesday 6:30pm Elder: Thomas Aidich

LAST WEEK AT PEACE

Sunday, August 24th – 130 (7:45) 73 (10:30) Bible Class – 81

Wednesday, August 27th – 40

Thursday, August 28th – Chapel Matins – 39 Coffee Break – 39

Flowers: given by Anna Steinhilb

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Last Week's Offering

General fund:	\$ 6,160.00
Capital Improvement fund:	\$ 00.00
Goehner Scholarship fund:	\$ 00.00
International Mission fund:	\$ 00.00
Mercy fund:	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
	\$ 6,160.00

TOTAL OFFERINGS GIVEN IN AUGUST 2025:

General funds received in August:	\$ 34,231.00
Capital Improvement funds received in August:	\$ 50.00
Goehner Scholarship funds received in August:	\$ 90.00
International Mission funds received in August:	\$ 271.10
Mercy funds received in August:	<u>\$ 96.00</u>
	\$ 34,738.10

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The Rev. Gary V. Gehlbach, Asst. Pastor — (262) 325-3032

Divine Service: Sunday – 7:45 and 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday – 6:30 p.m.

Bible Class and Sunday School: Sunday – 9:15 a.m.

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The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 31, 2025

THEME: God be Merciful to Me, a Sinner

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector teaches us the difference between “works righteous faith” and faith in the grace of God. The two men who went up to the Temple to pray came at the time of the daily sacrifice. They were both coming to the same liturgy of the Divine Service, but one came with faith in himself and his own works, and the other came as a penitent. In the daily sacrifice, the congregation gathered to confess sin and to plead for forgiveness in broken and contrite hearts. Instead, the Pharisee worshiped himself, saying, “God, I thank you that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.” This was no confession of sin. It was a confession of self-righteousness. He not only worshipped himself, but it turned him into a very selfish man. The Tax Collector confessed in shame and contrition, “God be merciful to me, a sinner!” Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others. God, deliver us from self-righteous impenitence and give us truly repentant hearts.

Guests—Welcome to our Divine Service! We are pleased that you are with us. If we can assist you in any way with questions about our confession of faith, spiritual struggles, understanding our liturgical service, or any other need, please let us know. It is our prayer that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will strengthen and comfort you. Before you leave this morning, please sign our guest register in the narthex.

Pastoral Care and Guests at the Lord's Supper We are concerned about the spiritual welfare of all who commune at the Lord's Table. If you are a guest and desire to commune, please speak to the pastor before the service. Our altar is open to those who confess oneness with us in doctrine, are members of our congregation or sister congregations of the LCMS and are not under church discipline in another congregation.

Holy Baptism: We rejoice with Keith and Hannah Gierach as their daughter Esther Rose is received into the kingdom of God through the waters of Holy Baptism at the 7:45 service this morning. “Be baptized ... for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit ... the promise is to you and your children” (Acts 2:38-39). Esther's sponsors are Joshua Shull, Rhaya Shull, Anders Ekblad, and Elizabeth Ekblad.

WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD — “*I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.*” (1 Cor. 12:3). Each week the faithful gather to receive the Word of their Lord.

THIS WEEK:

- **Private Confession and Absolution:** *Sundays 6:30 to 7:00 a.m. or by appointment, by calling Pastor Bender at 262-370-1189*
- **Sunday:** **Divine Service at 7:45 & 10:30 — Trinity 11**
 Bible Class at 9:15 — The Family
- **Tues-Fri:** **Daily Chapel at 8:00** (*note the earlier time*)
- **Wednesday:** **Divine Service at 6:30 — Trinity 11**
- **Thursday:** **Matins with Communion at 8:00**
 Coffee Break Bible Study at 9:00

No Chapel on Monday, September 1st due to Labor Day.

Ordination and Installation: We give thanks to God for **James Bruss**, son of Jon and Marty Bruss, who will be ordained and installed as pastor of The Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Matthew in Eau Claire this Saturday, September 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. All are invited to attend the event.

Summer Sunday Bible Class: Concluding this morning, our Bible class focuses upon the last mission priority of the Office of National Mission: Families. Next week the Fall Bible Class schedule will be released.

Coffee Break Bible Study – has resumed our study of the Gospel of St. Luke on Thursday mornings at **9:00 a.m.** (*Please note the earlier time.*)

Family Prayer Devotional Studies will continue to be recorded by Pastor Bender and posted online weekly. The lesson this week is ***Mary Sits at Jesus’ Feet – Luke 10:38.42.*** Look for the Family Prayer lesson and podcast on the congregation website under the Family Prayer tab.

NEWS AND NOTES

Congregational Assembly will meet **next Sunday**, September 7th at 9:15 a.m. The agenda and minutes are available in the narthex. Installation of new officers and all new board members will take place at the end of the assembly meeting.

Regular Office Hours (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) have resumed. The office will be **closed on Monday, September 1st for Labor Day.**

Senior Choir Rehearsal has resumed and meets on Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. New members are welcome and encouraged to join. If you are even remotely interested, please talk to Pastor Bender. He will be happy to answer your questions and give you guidance.

Headed off to college? Check out LCMS U, an initiative to connect and support Lutheran students as they head off to college and face countless challenges to their biblical worldview, doctrine, ethics and practices. LCMS U helps connect students to a faithful Lutheran congregation. To register a student, learn more, or to find a chapter, go to www.lcms.org/how-we-serve/national/campus-ministry.

The Gold Standard for Lutheran Radio & Podcasting - Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Making Your Congregation Easier to Find on the Internet, The 2025 Movie “Superman,” A Freedom of Speech & Religion Case Involving Lutheran Leaders in Finland, The Hymn “Jesus, Priceless Treasure” and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Weekly RaiseRight Report: Week of 8/24/2025

Number of families participating: 5 (in-person) + 5 (online)

Attendance: 227

Gross sales: \$1050.00 Profit earned this week \$19.51

Total profits earned this fiscal year: \$993.54

Profit paid to the Academy: \$518.33

Sign up for the RaiseRight App to use on your phone while shopping. The app is available from the App Store or Google Play as ***RaiseRight Fundraising***. You will need our specific Enrollment Code: 9L292E7881L5.

Please Note: No RaiseRight order will be placed this week. The next order will be placed on **September 8, 2025.**

Sunday Order of Service

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
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Please follow the order of service printed in the hymnal beginning on page 184. The propers for the day (readings, hymns) are listed below.

Hymn of Invocation 433
“Glory Be to Jesus”

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (in the 7:45 a.m. service)
Esther Rose Gierach

Introit sung responsively with the pastor

Antiphon (Ps. 68:5b, 6a, 35b)

God is in His holy habi-| tation. *
God sets the solitary in | families.
The God of Isra-| el is He *
who gives strength and power to His | people.

Psalm (Ps. 68:1, 3, 7a, 10b, 19)

Let God arise, let His enemies be | scattered; *
let those also who hate Him flee be-| fore Him.
But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice be-| fore God; *
yes, let them rejoice ex-| ceedingly.
O God, when You went out before Your | people, *
You, O God, provided from Your goodness | for the poor.
Blessèd be the Lord, who daily loads us with | benefits, *
the God of our sal- | vation!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen. (*Antiphon is repeated.*)

Old Testament Reading **Genesis 4:1-15**
Cain murders Abel.

Psalm 50:7-23 (antiphon: v. 14) *prayed responsively by whole verse beginning with the pastor singing the antiphon, followed by verse 7.*

Epistle **Ephesians 2:1-10**
For by grace you have been saved.

Alleluia Verse (Ps. 90:1)
The congregation sings the alleluia before and after the verse. The pastor sings the verse.

Lord, You have been our | dwelling place *
in all gener- | ations.

Holy Gospel **Luke 18:9-14**
Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

Hymn of the Day 559
“Oh, How Great Is Your Compassion”

Proper Preface
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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: Holy, Holy, Holy...

Distribution Hymns
“In the Shattered Bless of Eden” 572
“Just As I Am” 570
“Wide Open Stand the Gates” 639

Hymn to Depart 598
“Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters”