

A warm welcome to you. Members & Visitors: Please complete a yellow "caring card" **each time you attend a service.** They can be found in the pew racks. Please place your card in the offering plate. If you have a **Prayer Request**, please put that information on the back of the card. Thank You!

ABOUT HOLY COMMUNION - *Using Scripture as our guide, we believe that when we eat this bread and drink this wine, we receive the true body and blood of our Savior. It assures us of His love for us, of the forgiveness of our sins, and of His empowering presence in our daily lives. Any who have not been instructed, are in doubt, or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or one of our elders. *Non-alcoholic wine is located in the center of each tray.* NOTE: If you would like to receive communion at any service from the pew, please tell the pastor or an elder before the service. Thank You!*

THOSE MINISTERING AMONG US TODAY

Organist	(8) Lorenda
Keyboardist	(10:15) Lorenda
Elders	(8) Greg, Ron (10:15) Paul, David
Ushers	(8) Craig; (10:15) Jason
Acolytes	(8) Jaxon; (10:15) Jordan
Readers	(8) David; (10:15) Holly
Tech Crew	(8) Bryon & Bev, Avery (10:15) Greg & Dominic, Monroe

Altar flowers were given "To the Glory of God" by Jerry & Diane Vogt.

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: Short-term Specific Prayer Requests: *Jan, Logan, and those we name in our hearts.*

ATTENTION PARENTS: Sunday School begins TODAY and runs from 9:15–10:00 a.m. each week. If you have not yet filled out a registration form, a table for that is downstairs at the bottom of the steps coming from the north entrance. There are also a few forms on the welcome table in the Great Hall. A Parent Sunday School will take place at the same time in the Fireside Room. Feel free to join other parents as your child is in class.

Our LWML (Lutheran Women in Mission) will have their monthly meeting on **Thursday, October 1 at 1:30 p.m.** in the basement Fellowship Hall. We will finalize plans for the Harvest Dinner. Join us! New members are always welcome to join at any time!

The Story

Weekly studies include:

- *Sunday mornings in the basement 9:15-10:00 a.m.
- *Tuesday mornings in Conference Room 8:30-9:30
- *Wednesday mornings (Women in the Word) in the Fireside Room 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- *Thursday evenings in the basement 7:00-8:00 p.m.

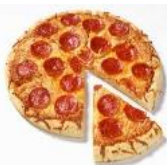
This week:

- *Bible studies will focus on Chapter 2.
- *Please read Chapter 3: *"Joseph: From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh"* (pgs. 30-42) to prep for next Sunday's message.

BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GREAT HALL!

Trinity Lutheran Church in Brewster, MN will have their **Annual Spaghetti Supper** TODAY, September 27th from 4-7 p.m. Please see the flyer posted on our north entrance bulletin board for more information.

NEXT SUNDAY, October 4 is LWML Sunday, and our women will be participating in the service. This will include special music at the 8:00 service. **All women who love to sing are invited to participate.** We will rehearse today in the Sanctuary after the 8 a.m. service and on Wednesday, September 30 at 6:15 p.m. in the choir room. Warm-up next Sunday is in the Sanctuary at 7:30 a.m.



Our youth have started their **first fundraiser** for their 2027 summer mission trip. **They are taking orders for pizzas!** All orders and money will be due October 14th. **If you would like to order, please reach out to a youth or Alexie Cross.**

Watch your emails and mailboxes – our church's October Newsletter was sent out this last Friday. Be sure to read all about upcoming events/activities!

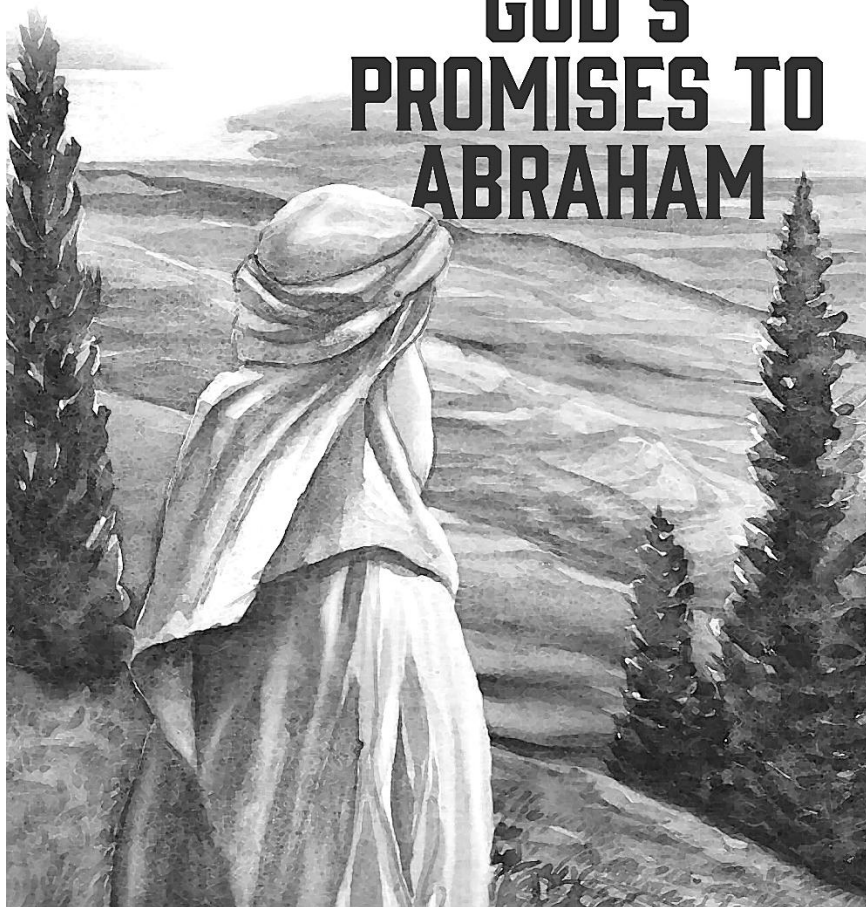
Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in Lakefield will have a PULLED PORK DINNER (served drive-thru style) on Wednesday, October 7 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Freewill donation accepted. Pull up on the south side of Immanuel (604 Bush St, Lakefield) and let them know how many meals you would like. Please see more information on the flyer on our north entrance bulletin board.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

Monday	11:00 a.m. Staff Meeting 5:15 p.m. Widows in Fireside Room
Tuesday	8:30 a.m. Bible Study in Conference Room
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. Women in the Word 12:00 p.m. Bulletin & Screen Deadline 5:10 p.m. Confirmation Supper 5:30 p.m. Confirmation & Kids in the Word classes 5:30 p.m. Youth Group 6:30 p.m. Adult Choir 7:15 a.m. Handbell Choir
Thursday	<i>Roxie's Day Off</i> 1:30 p.m. LWML Meeting 7:00 p.m. <u>The Story</u> Bible Study in basement
Friday	<i>Pastor's Day Off</i>
Sunday	8:00 a.m. Classic Worship, Communion 9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship in basement 9:15 a.m. The Story Bible Study in basement 9:15 a.m. Sunday School 9:15 a.m. Parent Sunday School in Fireside Room 10:15 a.m. Modern Worship

Attention Everyone: ALL worship bulletins, children's bulletins, registration forms, and any other important handouts are on the table near the "Welcome" banner in the Great Hall. Please use the Great Hall for fellowship before and after worship services. Please keep the elevator area uncongested for those who need to use that service. Thank You!

GOD'S PROMISES TO ABRAHAM



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Worthington, MN (507) 376-6168**

Administrative Pastor, Rev. David G. Hahn – ext. 3

Administrative Assistant, Bev Spittle – ext. 2

Director of Human Care & Children's Ministries, Roxann Leckband – ext. 5

Director of Music, Lorenda Glade – ext. 6

Youth, Alexie Cross – ext. 4

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8:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE – Divine Service Setting 3

Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Welcome/Ringing of the Bell

Call to Worship "*Sanctuary*"

Invocation

Hymn "*Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear*" LSB 908 (stand on vs. 3)

Confession & Absolution (pg. 184)

Gloria Patri (pg. 186)

Kyrie (pg. 186)

Gloria in Excelsis (pg. 187-189)

Salutation & Collect of the Day

Scripture Lessons Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Philippians 2:1-18

Alleluia (p. 190)

Matthew 21:23-32

Nicene Creed

First Sunday School Blessing and Children's Message

Hymn "*The God of Abraham Praise*" (vs. 1,3,6,9) LSB 798
(stand on vs. 9)

Sermon "*God Builds a Nation*" *The Story Chapter 2*

Christian Education Teachers & Helpers Installation

Prayers of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Offertory "*Create in Me*" (pg. 192-193)

Offering & Bell Choir "*I Love to Tell the Story*"
Louise Clausen, Director

Salutation & Benedicamus (pg. 201)

Benediction (pg. 202)

Closing Hymn "*Sing Praise to the God of Israel*" LSB 936

10:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Preservice Countdown Video

Welcome/Announcements/Birthdays/Anniversaries

Psalm of the Day *Psalm 25:1-2*

Bell Choir *"I Love to Tell the Story"* Louise Clausen, Director

Ringling of the Bells

Call To Worship *"Sanctuary"*

Invocation

Worship Song *"Jesus, Name Above All Names"*

Confession of Sins

God's Assurance of Forgiveness

Confession of Faith Song *"We Believe"*

Apostles' Creed

God' Word

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32

Philippians 2:1-18

Matthew 21:23-32

First Sunday School Blessing and Children's Message

Message *"God Builds a Nation"* *The Story Chapter 2*

Christian Education Teachers & Helpers Installation

Prayers of the Church

Offering

High School Senior Recognition

Singing of the Lord's Prayer (It's Yours)

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

The Lord's Supper

Distribution Song *"At the Cross"* Band & Congregation

Closing Prayer

Benediction Song *"The Blessing"*

Closing Song *"Jesus Messiah"*