

ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH

July 4 & 5, 2020

RISE!

Sermon Notes

Greetings Friends,

Happy Independence Day weekend to all of you. This is a great time to thank God for the gifts of grace that are ours as citizens of this nation.

French writer Alexis de Tocqueville, after visiting America in 1831, said, "I sought for the greatness of the United States in her commodious harbors, her ample rivers, her fertile fields, and boundless forests--and it was not there. I sought for it in her rich mines, her vast world commerce, her public school system, and in her institutions of higher learning--and it was not there. I looked for it in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution--and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great!"

God has called us to make that difference in our community and our country.

Grace and Peace and alleluia!,
Pastor Bill Hugo

WORSHIP NOTES: Our thanks to trumpeters Andrew Wagner and Will Hugo, the Music Team, and to other worship assistants for their leadership in the recording process for this weekend. To God be the glory!

Prayers for the Week of July 5

Mel and Joan Kuehni are celebrating 63 years of marriage.

GIVING TO THE LORD

Weekly Worship Attendance: 0
June Tithes & Offerings to date: \$43,772
June Budgeted Offerings: \$30,783

Bill Hugo, Pastor † Carol Blase, Coordinator of Music
Brenda Hugo, Coordinator of Children's Ministries † Faustina Allen, Director of Teen Ministries
Kathy Rosenberg and Rose Davis, Parish Nurses † Sarai Kretschman, Pastoral Care Assistant
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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Tuesday, July 7

6:30 AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Wednesday, July 8

1:00 PM BEFRIENDERS

7:00 PM TEEN MINISTRY on ZOOM

Thursday, July 9

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin again on July 16

Saturday, July 11

9:00 AM SPRING CLEAN-UP

Sunday, July 12

9:00 AM BIBLE CLASS on ZOOM

10:00 AM WORSHIP ONLINE

TAKE HOME DETAILS AVAILABLE IN NARTHEX

Pick one up today!

FREE MEALS for KIDS:

“Greetings from Columbia Heights Public Schools. We want to encourage all families with children 18 years and younger to pick up FREE breakfast and lunch meals daily at our neighborhood locations every Monday-Friday. Canned goods are provided on Wednesdays and meals for the weekend provided on Thursday and Friday. Meals are available at St. Matthew every weekday from 12:20-12:40.



Please spread the word to your neighbors and friends as this is available to all children 18 year and younger. Thank you!”

Safe Giving: As we continue to take precautions to be safe given our current environment and cannot gather together as a church family, please prayerfully consider giving electronically. Our new GivePlus+ system is even easier than before. You can elect one-time or recurring contributions; and choose from among all the various giving areas including missions, general operating, savings, building and DCLC. Signing up is simple; go to the **Electronic Giving link found on our St Matthew website** for more information or to schedule your contributions today.

