

[We rise]  
**The Prayer of the Church**  
**The Our Father** (inside back cover of Service Book)  
**“God Bless Our Native Land”** #965

**The Service of the Sacrament** p. 194  
[Please review our Communion Policy on  
Page 1 of this Service Guide]

[We are seated]  
**Hymn “Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling”** #630  
[We rise for stanza 5]

**The Nunc Dimittis** p. 199  
**Thanksgiving,** p. 200  
**Salutation, *Benedicamus,*** p. 201  
**Benediction** p. 202  
[We are seated for announcements]

[We rise for the Final Hymn]  
**Final Hymn “On Galilee’s High Mountain”** #835

### **Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist (21 September)**

St. Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles, is the author of the first Gospel. This has been the constant tradition of the Church and is confirmed by the Gospel itself. He was the son of Alpheus and was called to be an Apostle while sitting in the tax collectors place at Capernaum. Before his conversion he was a publican, i.e., a tax collector by profession. He is to be identified with the "Levi" of Mark and Luke. His apostolic activity was at first restricted to the communities of Palestine. Nothing definite is known about his later life. There is a tradition that points to Ethiopia as his field of labor; other traditions mention of Parthia and Persia. It is uncertain whether he died a natural death or received the crown of martyrdom.

### **Next Sunday: The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity;** **The Feast of St. Michael & All Angels, 29 Sept.**

Old Testament of the Day.	Daniel 10.10-14; 12.1-3
Psalm of the Week.	Psalm 91.1-16 (v. 11)
Epistle of the Day.	Revelation 12.7-12
Holy Gospel of the Day.	Matthew 18.1-11

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# A Guide to The Divine Service

9:00 A.M.

20 September 2009



(J.C. Weigel: *The Apostle, St. Matthew*, 1695)

*Misericordiam volo et non sacrificium*  
“I will have mercy, and not sacrifice!”  
The Feast of St. Matthew, 21 September  
The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

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**NOTE ON PARTICIPATING IN THE LORD'S SUPPER**

As intended by Christ and as practiced by the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church throughout history, "closed communion" is observed here, in which the Lord's Supper is distributed only to those who:

- (a) are baptized in the Name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
- (b) have been instructed in the truth of Holy Scriptures as taught in the Lutheran Confessions, have been confirmed in this Lutheran faith and practice, and now embrace this same Lutheran faith in the same way that it is believed, taught, confessed, and practiced in this congregation;
- (c) believe that in this Sacrament the real body and blood of Christ are truly distributed to them and orally received by them, bestowing on them the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation;
- (d) repent of all their sins, and desire to receive God's forgiveness in this holy meal.

Guests at our services who are able to affirm these facts should speak to our pastor or the elder on duty before receiving the Sacrament. To other guests with us today, we express to you our sincere interest, friendship, and concern, and we assure you that it is for the spiritual welfare of all that we practice "closed communion," even as we continue to work toward the day in which all divisions over doctrine and practice within Christ's Church will be resolved. Those desiring to learn more about our beliefs are asked to speak with one of our pastors.

[We rise and face the Processional Cross]

**Confession of Sins and Holy Absolution p.185**

Entr. Hymn "Today Your Mercy Calls Us" #915

**The Service of the Word begins with the Introit**



*Antiphon:* Go ye and learn / what this / meaneth: \* I will have / mercy / and not / sacrifice: || For I am not come to / call the / righteous, \* but / sinners / to re- / pentance.

**It is a good thing to give thanks un- / to the / Lord: \*  
And to sing praises unto / Thy name, / O Most / High; ||  
To show forth Thy lovingkindness / in the / morning, \*  
And Thy / faithful - ness / every / night!**

For Thou, Lord, hast made me glad / through Thy / work: \* I will triumph / in the works / of Thy / hands. || O Lord, how great / are Thy / works: \* And Thy / thoughts are / very / deep.

**Go ye and learn / what this / meaneth: \* I will have / mercy / and not / sacrifice: || For I am not come to / call the / righteous, \* but / sinners / to re- / pentance.**

**The Gloria Patri, The Kyrie p. 186  
The Gloria in Excelsis p. 187  
Salutation, Collect p. 189**

**The Collect for the 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity:** O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church, and because she cannot continue in safety without Thy help, preserve her evermore by Thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

**The Collect for the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle &**

**Evangelist:** O Almighty God, who hast instructed Thy Holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of Thy Evangelist and Apostle, give us grace, that, being not like children, carried away with every wind of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of Thy Holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. **Amen!**

[We are seated]

Old Testament of the Day . . . . . Ezekiel 2.8 – 3.11

[God calls the son of Buzi to be the Prophet Ezekiel]

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God!**



**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 119**

Pastor: antiphon, v. 35; vs. 33-37, responsively by half-verses; **Gloria Patri; All: antiphon repeated**

Epistle of the Day . . . . . Ephesians 4.7-16

[The Gospel builds up the Church]

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

[We rise] **The Holy Gospel of the Day  
The Gradual and Triple Alleluia**

Thy word is a lamp un- / to my / feet: \* **and a / light un- / to my path; ||**

How sweet are Thy words un- / to my / taste! \* **Yea, sweeter than / honey / to my / mouth.**

My heart is inditing / a good / matter: \* **My tongue is the pen / of a / ready / writer. ||**

Thou art fairer than the / children of / men: \* **Grace is / poured in- / to Thy / lips.**

**The Triple Alleluia p. 190**

**The Holy Gospel  
Announcement of the Holy Gospel**

Holy Gospel of the Day Matthew 9.9-13

[Jesus calls St. Matthew to be His Apostle & Evangelist]

Responses to the Holy Gospel p. 190-191

**The Nicene Creed p. 191**  
[We are seated]

Chief Hymn "By all Your Saints in Warfare" #518  
[stanza 1, 25; rise, st. 3]

Sermon "Called to Speak"  
Ezekiel 3.10-11; Ephesians 4.15; Matthew 9.12-13

[We rise] **The Offertory  
"Not What These Hands Have Done" Insert**

[We are seated]

**The offering is received**

*God richly bless you for your support of His work among us!*