

*Jesus called the twelve
and began to send them
out two by two.*

Mark 6:7

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Now the Feast & Celebration

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“Living God’s Love”

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St. Matthew invites you to join us in celebration of Holy Communion!

The Lord's table is open to all who believe and are baptized.

Please join us as we receive the means of grace, where Jesus promises to meet us in the bread and the wine.

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"Pages" are found in the Now the Feast & Celebration booklet.

"Hymns" are located toward the back of the red hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹ A voice said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.² And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³ He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴ The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD." ⁵ Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

- ¹ To you I lift up my eyes,
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- ² **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**
- ³ Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- ⁴ **too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

² I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³ And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴ was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵ On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶ But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷ even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸ Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹ but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰ Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.***Gospel Verse**

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P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.***Gospel**

Mark 6:1-13

¹ Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ² On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³ Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and

Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴ Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵ And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶ And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷ He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸ He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹ but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰ He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹ If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹² So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³ They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

***Hymn of the Day**

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

Hymn 802

***Apostles' Creed**

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***Prayers of Intercession**

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: Glorious God, you bend down to wash the feet of your disciples. Let the servant church arise in our teaching, our praying, our healing, and our doing. Make all your faithful people powerful in weakness and strong in grace. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Life-giving God, your fingers trace the heavens and your hands mold the earth. Where there is drought, bring nourishing rain. Where there is devastation from fire or flood, bring relief. Sustain the well-being of every living thing. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Merciful God, you speak and the nations listen. Open those who govern to the cries of all who journey with no food or shelter, particularly people fleeing violence, those seeking freedom, and those in search of community. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gracious God, your embrace brings wholeness to those who are troubled. We lift up to you Jerry, Marliese, Catherine, Sylvia, Karen, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Anoint all who suffer in any way with the oil of healing and grant them renewal. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Welcoming God, in your presence strangers become companions and enemies become neighbors. Open our doors to those we have so easily shut out, particularly people who are different from us or who are marginalized by church or society. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Eternal God, you gather us into your house of many dwelling places. We give you thanks for our faithful departed. Inspire us by their lives of faith until, with them, we rest forever at our journey's end. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory

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Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

Eat This Bread

Hymn 472

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Hymn 461

***Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table.
May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be
made known through us.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Sending Song**

We All Are One In Mission

Hymn 576

***Trinitarian Blessing & Dismissal**

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Postlude

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	Marin Gerspacher
Reader:	Adam Scheid
Communion Servers:	Melody Costello Carol Elkins
Ushers:	Alan & Delores Ivan Bruce Reed
Sound:	Joe Obermeier
Video:	Rick Sullivan
Altar Guild:	Julie Crow, Kelly Obermeier

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration and thanks for their 50 years of marriage by Dean and LaVonne Hauptman.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Tom's mom, Mary McCourt, by Joyce and Tom Davis.

Prayers for Healing: Jerry Jakovcic, Marliese Leggett, Catherine Forsythe, Sylvia, Karen Rupert, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m., Now the Feast and holy communion.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 14, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Third Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m. with Praise and holy communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A very big THANK YOU to John Baker for sharing his woodworking gifts with us! He has made these beautiful tables and this additional hand rail for the alter steps. Thank you for adding these beautiful pieces!

Attention Seniors - Activity Planning: Would you enjoy having fellowship with other seniors at St. Matthew? Please come to a meeting to share ideas of things we could do and what sounds like fun to you. Please meet at the church in the Brown Room on Monday, July 22, at 1:30.

Mid-Year Statements - If you would like a mid year statement please contact Mary Dunham at jadunham@zoominternet.net or 330-421-4730.

Looms of Love next couple gatherings will be on July 8 & 22, 6:30 pm, at Faith House.

Blood Pressure Screening - July 21, before and after worship in Brenda's office.

Shoe Drive Fundraiser - We are collecting new and *Gently Used* Shoes to benefit our High School Youth Group! Please clean out your closets and drop them in the box in the narthex or contact Amanda Kotick for a pick-up, 330-321-5318. Please make sure they are clean and have no holes! Any size, ANY style!! Our GOAL is 2250 PAIRS of shoes! Every pair you donate turns into funds for us, is kept out of landfills and helps micro-entrepreneurs around the world! Please share the word and ask your family and friends! Thank you so much!!!

Musicians Wanted - If you are a musician/vocalist who would like to share your gifts at St. Matthew during worship, please contact Rachel Knaggs at rknaggsmusic@gmail.com or Nancy McNeal at 330-722-1948.

Morning Coffee Bar - We are looking for your help to prepare and clean-up the coffee bar in the Narthex. Responsibilities include, arriving at 7:45 to plug the coffee maker in and prep the coffee maker to brew. You would also be responsible for clean-up. Thank you so much for your help with this enjoyable part of our Sunday morning experience together. Specific instructions can be found in the Shout-Out and posted by the coffee maker. A sign-up link is available through the Shout-Outs.

Silent Book Club! Meets every other Monday at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). Upcoming dates are 7/15, 7/29 @ 6:30 pm. BYOBook! See you there!

Free Library - Help us build a free library at Faith House. The best books are shared! Leave a book, take a book, love a book, keep a book. Bring books to Silent Book Club gatherings or contact Jen Knaggs. *As a reminder: You can also borrow books from the library on the first floor of the church, as well as take a free book from the Don Hodek Memorial Library on the lower level.*

St. Matthew Risk Management Team - In years past, faithful members organized this group to develop plans/coordinate ideas to promote safety for our St. Matthew family, our building and facilities. Thank you! Congregational Council is actively wanting to move forward with what they put together, add to it, and implement an overall preparedness/safety plan.

Members of Congregational Council had the opportunity to attend a presentation by the Medina Police Department and Ohio Homeland Security to discuss safety/security-oriented resources for Faith Based Organizations and Houses of Worship. It was a very informative presentation with a wealth of information and resources that are available to us, including grants and funding options. This would serve in a variety of safety/security ways including medical, weather, fire, accident, and personal safety. A working knowledge or background in any of those areas would be helpful, but is not needed. We will be forming a group to move forward with these ideas and procedures, and are looking for people who would feel called to work on this. Please reach out to Jen Knaggs, or any member of Congregational Council if you have any questions or you would be willing to participate. Thank you!

Gift Cards - The church office has a need for gift cards (Buehler's, Walmart, Fast Food, etc.) for local residents in need. Any denomination you wish to donate is greatly appreciated!

Cross Penny Ministry - TAKE A PENNY. SHARE A PENNY. Cross pennies remind us that Jesus was the One sent (cent) to set us free (liberty) from our sins. He rose from the dead so that we could be saved when "In God We Trust". Please take and share cross pennies which can be found in the narthex.

The Getting to Know You segment has been received very positively! Please take a couple minutes to respond to the few questions through the link in the Shout-Out or you can find the form in the Narthex. We would love to Get to Know You better!

Bible & Brew in July

July 11 - We will meet for social time at Red Wagon Farm's brewery in Columbia Station at 6:30.
All are welcome!

July 18 - No Class

July 25 - No Class

We will resume normal classes on August 1 at 7:00 pm at Forest Meadows Villas. We hope to see you there!

Offering Envelopes - If you are not receiving offering envelopes and would like to, please contact Deb in the office. If you are receiving offering envelopes in the mail and no longer need/want them, please contact Deb in the office.

Electronic Giving - To set up an online giving account or to make changes to your online giving, go to stmatthewmedina.org, click on the Give tab, scroll down to “*How Can I Give?*” and click on Give Here. If you already have an account, log in. You can then update any of your information (contact information, giving amount, and which funds you support). If you wish to *begin* donating electronically, click on Sign Up. You will fill each field as you are prompted to set up your account. If you have questions about your current account or setting up your account, contact a member of our Finance Committee.

Sunday Sermons are Online! - Sunday Sermons are up on all the platforms, just in case you are looking for something to listen to on that 15 minute walk.

Members Only Website Page - If you do not already have it, contact Deb Musil in the church office for the password to the Member’s Only page of our church website. This page contains Congregation Council reports (Financial reports and Council/Team reports), Congregation documents (Annual Reports, Constitution, By Laws), Renovation Updates, and other documents of interest.

Sunshine Meals - If you would like to join our group of volunteers who periodically make or purchase meals (and deliver them) to parishioners at a time of need, please contact Sue Schwab.

Altar Flowers - 2024 Flower charts are posted in the Narthex. When signing up for Memorial or Altar Flowers, please fill out a form (located at the bottom of the charts) for the office. The form should include your name, the date you selected, and the dedication that you would like to appear in the bulletin. (One sheet for each date chosen.) Please place completed forms and payment in the office administrator’s mailbox or the mail slot in the office door. Price per arrangement is \$15.

Church Directory Photographs - The Evangelism & Communication Committee will be adding and updating photos for St. Matthew's Online Church Directory on an ongoing basis. If your individual or family photo is not currently available in the directory or you would like to update it, please contact Stephanie Hess at hessstephanie15@gmail.com or 330-441-1130. You can provide your own image or a photograph of you can be taken at St. Matthew before or after church services.

Do You Have OLD St. Matthew Treasures? The Archival Committee of St. Matthew is desiring to scan all old, archival, documents and/or photos related to St. Matthew and its ministry, dating back to the late 1930's. If you have old treasures, please share them! Bring them to the church office, or to one of the members of the Archive Committee (Dale Weygandt, Chair, Mary Dunham, Rebekah Neidig, Beth Johnson, Barb Woodard). Once scanned, the documents and/or photos will be safely stored in acid-free folders and boxes in an archival safe... unless you prefer to have them returned for sentimental reasons. Any questions? Contact Dale at (330) 725-5894.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

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Hearing Loop
System available.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Friday: Office Closed