



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024
9:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 8

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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.

*"Pages" are in the front of the hymnal.
"Hymns" are located toward the back of the hymnal.*

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Hymn 858

*Greeting

D: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***Kyrie** *Kyrie Eleison* Page 184

***Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast* Page 187

*Prayer of the Day

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

VBS Showcase

WORD

First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-33

- ²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
²⁴“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
²⁹to put one’s mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
³⁰to give one’s cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.
³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

R: The word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 30

- ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**
³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

⁶**While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**

¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

"The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go

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*Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. ³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Hymn 733

***Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

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

A brief silence.

D: God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for Jen, Catherine, Sylvia, Karen, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts, all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: 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.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Hymn 184

***Offertory Prayer**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

***Proper Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those

who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymn

I Love to Tell the Story

Hymn 661

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, +
be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

Hymn 860

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God by Scott and Beth Johnson.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, we worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m., ELW 8 and holy communion.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 7, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Reader: Beth Johnson

Ushers: Alan & Delores Ivan

Sound: Larry Mohler

Video: Melody Costello

Altar Guild: Nancy McNeal, Becky Malloy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Seniors: 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.

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 7/1, 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.*

Organ Focus Group - Our organ was installed in 1972. In addition to its needed yearly maintenance, it is in need of repair. The worship team has been proactive in having our organ evaluated by three different reputable organ companies and have received feedback on both the needed basic maintenance and repairs, as well as costs involved at all levels of service. In order to make the best decisions not only for the current status of our organ but for its future, we would like to think about how we want the organ to serve us as a congregation. How do we see the organ impacting our worship experience? We would like to create an Organ Focus Group to further discuss the impact of our second most valuable church asset, behind number one, our physical building. If you are

interested in participating in this focus group, please contact Rachel Knaggs (330-591-7093/rknaggsmusic@gmail.com) or Kristin Weight (330-416-5730/kristinweight@gmail.com).

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!

Lunch for our Law Enforcement Officers

By

Medina County Churches & Businesses

Wednesday
JULY



150 W. Friendship St.
Medina, OH 44256

Drop Off Time Is
11:30AM - 11:45AM

Thank you for the sacrifice you make to serve our community.

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————— Blessed are the Peacemakers —————

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Hearing Loop
System available.

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

Friday: Office Closed