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Mark 12: 44b

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 4

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

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Prelude

I Will Keep My Eyes On You

arr. by Cindy Berry

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end.

C: Amen.

P: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

C: we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P: These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are † forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

As Saints of Old

Hymn 695

*Greeting

P: 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

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*Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

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*Prayer of the Day

C: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

⁸ The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, ⁹ "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." ¹¹ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹² But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." ¹³ Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son." ¹⁴ For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." ¹⁵ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶ The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 146

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in rulers,

in mortals in whom there is no help.

⁴ **When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

⁵ Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever;**

⁷ who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.
The LORD sets the captive free.

⁸ **The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are
bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD cares for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴ Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself.

²⁷ And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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*Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸ As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, ³⁹ and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! ⁴⁰ They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

⁴¹ He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. ⁴³ Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those

who are contributing to the treasury. ⁴⁴ For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Take My Life, That I May Be

Hymn 583

***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

A: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Renew your church, O God. Make us servants to one another for the sake of the gospel. Instill a heart for service and a passion for justice in our bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Renew your creation, O God. Sustain the earth and seas and all that is in them. Kindle in us a reverent awe for all creatures great and small, and strengthen us in our pursuit of climate justice. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Renew the nations, O God. Heal our nation's veterans from the unseen wounds of war. Tend to their trauma and soothe burdened consciences. Guide leaders of the world to end conflicts and pursue peace. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Renew your people, O God. Protect those in our communities who are vulnerable or ill especially Susie, Julie, Marge, Jenna, Jerry, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Accompany persons who are unemployed or underemployed, children who are in foster care, and those who live alone. Watch over and uphold them. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Renew this congregation, O God. Give us clarity in our mission and boldness in our witness. Bless our ministries that attend to basic needs of any who lack sufficient resources, that all may live with dignity. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Happy are those whose help was in you. We give thanks for all your faithful ones who praised you as their God all their life long. As we eagerly wait for you, inspire us by their lives of service. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Luther Choir Anthem (8:30)	<i>Wonderful Words of Life</i>	Bliss/Christopher
Offertory (11:00)	<i>Joy Overflowing</i>	arr. by Cindy Berry
Offertory Response	<i>Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful</i>	Hymn 184

*Offertory Prayer

P: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.

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: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

*Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn:

Blessed Assurance

Hymn 638

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand

Hymn 441

***Dismissal:**

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolytes:	8:30 - Faith Taraschke	11:00 - Brooke Haycook
Reader:	8:30 - Adam Scheid	11:00 - Fran Koenig
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Mary Dunham Delores Ivan	11:00 - Sandy Andrews Peg Huber
Ushers:	8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan	11:00 -
Sound:	8:30 - Larry Mohler	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	Rick Sullivan	
Altar Guild:	Becky Malloy, Brittany Thompson	
Assisting Minister:	Scott Johnson	

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the marriage of Caroline Obermeier and Daniel Kane, Jr. with joy from the Obermeier family..

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in honor of her son's, Todd Straub, birthday by Pat Straub.

Prayers for Healing: Susie Siebert, Julie, Marge Murray, Jenna Saleker, Jerry Jakovcic, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with ELW 4 and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30.*

Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m. (No adult class this week)

Budget Discussions, between services (9:45) in the Fellowship Hall.

Looms of Love, 9:45 a.m., in the Library.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

Congregational Meeting, 10:45 a.m., in the Sanctuary.

65+ Thanksgiving Dinner, 5:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall.



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Please join us for our congregational meeting where we will review and vote on the 2025 budget, select four new benevolent organizations for 2025, and elect one at-large council member .

Prepare for the Congregation Annual meeting by thinking about Benevolence for 2025

In 2025 we will continue to give 5% of our general offerings to the Northeastern Ohio Synod for ELCA Mission Support.

As we did last year, we will open up the floor for nominations for other organizations to donate to in 2025. We will vote for four organizations who will each receive \$1,000. As a reminder, the organizations we donated to in 2024 are:

- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (Hopewood)
- Feeding Medina County
- Cups Cafe
- Operation Homes

Other organizations that were nominated last year:

- Out Support
- SPCA of Medina County
- Love, Inc.
- United Protestant Campus Ministries (UPCaM)

Start thinking about the organizations you would like to nominate for 2025! If you are unable to attend the annual meeting but would like to nominate an organization please email your choice to Teri Uttech at treasurer@stmatthewmedina.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Girl Scout Gold Award Project - To complete her Girl Scout journey, Anna Holthouse is working on her Gold Award project here at St. Matthew. She is building two benches and beautifying the area around the creek by Broadway Street. If you would like to donate to the project, you can do so using the offering envelopes in the pew rack and designating "Anna Holthouse Gold Award Project" in the memo. Thank you for your support!

Red Cross Blood Drive - Here at St. Matthew on Saturday, November 9, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can schedule your appointment at www.redcrossblood.org.

Bible & Brews will resume Thursday, November 14.

Blood Pressure Screening Sunday, November 24, before and between services in Brenda's office.

Looms of Love meets the **second and fourth Sundays** each month at 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

Children's Sermons - Is your talent sharing God's word with others-particularly children? Over the next 6 months (but actually always!), to assist Pastor Steve while Deacon Lindsay is on leave, would you be willing to share a children's sermon? These short sermons can be based on the day's scripture readings, personal stories, or just sharing the Good News in a way to help children understand. Please let Pastor Steve know if you would like to sign up! *"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."* -Leo Buscaglia



**Luther League Invites You to
65+ Thanksgiving Dinner**
[For our members 65 and over]

Sunday, November 17, 2024
5:00 p.m.
in the Fellowship Hall

*RSVP through the link in the
Shout-Out or sign-up in the Narthex.*

Dine in or Carry-Out

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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