



...and whoever does
not take up the cross
and follow me is not
worthy of me.

Matthew 10:38

Fourth Sunday in Pentecost

June 25, 2023

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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Confession and Forgiveness *(You may stand or kneel)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *Rise Up, O Saints of God* Hymn 669

*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.

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*Prayer of the Day

C: Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek

for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

⁷O LORD, you have enticed me,
and I was enticed;
you have overpowered me,
and you have prevailed.
I have become a laughingstock all day long;
everyone mocks me.
⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out,
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"
For the word of the LORD has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.
⁹If I say, "I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,"
then within me there is something like a burning fire
shut up in my bones;
I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.
¹⁰For I hear many whispering:
"Terror is all around!
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"
All my close friends
are watching for me to stumble.
"Perhaps he can be enticed,
and we can prevail against him,
and take our revenge on him."
¹¹But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
and they will not prevail.
They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.
Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.
¹²O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,
you see the heart and the mind;
let me see your retribution upon them,
for to you I have committed my cause.

¹³Sing to the LORD;
praise the LORD!
For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hands of evildoers.

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

Psalm

Psalm 69:7-18

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

⁸**I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

¹⁰**I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹¹I put on sackcloth also,
and became a byword among them.

¹²**Those who sit at the gate murmur against me,
and the drunkards make songs about me.**

¹³But as for me, this is my prayer to you, at the time you have set, O LORD:
"In your great mercy, O God, answer me with your unfailing help.

¹⁴**Save me from the mire; do not let me sink;
let me be rescued from those who hate me and out of the deep waters.**

¹⁵Let not the torrent of waters wash over me, neither let the deep swallow me up;
do not let the pit shut its mouth upon me.

¹⁶**Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.**

¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.

¹⁸**Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.**

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we

believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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**

Matthew 10:24-39

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

³⁶and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

O God, My Faithful God

Hymn 806

*Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession (You may stand or kneel.)

P: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

P: You entice your church to speak truth that challenges false notions of peace. Prevail upon us with the good news of Christ's death and resurrection, that we are compelled to share the gospel with all the world. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Under your watch not even a sparrow goes unnoticed. Safeguard plant and animal habitats threatened by melting glaciers, rising oceans, and receding coastlines. Amplify the voices of those calling for responsible stewardship of the earth's resources. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Our world is enduring violence and destruction. Rescue your people in nations experiencing conflict or crisis. Thwart the efforts of those who sow chaos and terror, and guide those working to bring about peace and reconciliation. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You have counted even the hairs of our heads. Reassure anyone experiencing poverty, homelessness, unemployment, or exploitation that every life has value. Look favorably upon all who struggle, especially June, Pat, Ann, Adam and

Family, Carl, Loretta, Dorothy, Leithea, Lindsay, Al, Heidi, Becky, Sandi, Judy, Steve and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Answer us, for your steadfast love is good. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Even when we experience rejection your love invites us to new life. Lift up anyone who feels shunned or excluded on account of their gender, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or any other human distinction. Make your people one. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: All who have died with Christ also live with him. We give thanks for all the saints whose faithful confession inspired our own discipleship, and raise us, with them, to eternal life. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: 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: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymn

*Children of the Heavenly Father
Will You Come and Follow Me*

Hymn 781
Hymn 798

***Prayer after Communion**

P: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed +
bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

I Love to Tell the Story

Hymn 661

***Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in honor of their fathers and step fathers (Walter Harvey, Ed Christman, Louis Kelling, and Frank Donaldson) by Sandy and Gary Kelling.

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of Ryan and Jenna's birthdays by their parents, Ron and Karen Saleker.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in memory of loved ones by Ron and Ann Kolzing.

Prayers for Healing: June Trenty, Pat Straub, Ann Kolzing, Adam and Family, Carl Ulich, Loretta Thornton, Dorothy Ulich, Leithea Obermeier, Deacon Lindsay, Al, Heidi Jones, Becky, Sandi, Judy McLaughlin, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Fourth Sunday in Pentecost, we worship in-person and via livestream at 9:30 with ELW setting 8 and holy communion.

Thank you and Welcome to Cindy Piovarchy, our accompanist for worship this morning.

Blood Pressure Screening - Before and after worship in Brenda's office.

THIS WEEK

Vacation Bible School - Monday - Friday, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m., for children who have completed Pre-School through 5th grade.

Join us Friday, June 30, in the sanctuary, as we close out our VBS week with a showcase at Noon. *A VBS highlight video will be shown during worship on Sunday, July 2.*

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 2, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Fifth Sunday in Pentecost, we will worship in-person and via livestream at 9:30 with Now the Feast and Celebration and holy communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDED - Nursery Attendant - In order to keep the nursery open for our young members of St. Matthew and young guests, we are in need of a nursery attendant on **July 23**. If you are willing and able to sit with the children at 9:30 to 10:30, please call Barb Woodard at barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com. If we don't have an attendant, the nursery will be open for parents to sit with their children.

Blood Drive at St. Matthew, Saturday, July 1, 8 am - 1 pm. (last appointment time is 12:45). If you're a donor, please consider giving and supporting this drive. New donors are always welcome! You can schedule at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time> or download the Blood App on your phone and schedule/create a profile. If you any questions, please contact Melody.

Iced Coffee & Smoothies will be offered before and after worship on Sunday, July 2. We will serve patriotic iced coffee with toppings, smoothies, and other goodies. Please note: we will NOT serve hot coffee this day.

Cedar Point - Kids of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday, July 12. If you would like to carpool, a group will meet in the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. If you drive to the park, we will meet at the gates at 10 a.m. We will stay until closing at 10 p.m. If you do not have a season pass and need a ticket, please visit the Cedar Point website <https://www.cedarpoint.com/daily-tickets>. Everyone is responsible for their own meals. Contact Julie Shrader with any questions at 330-635-8685. RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CADAA2DA5F49-cedar>.

Ladies Night on the Square! Thursday, July 13 at 5 pm. Please meet us at 5 pm at the gazebo for a goodie bag and then we will walk around the square and enjoy what our community has to offer. Hope you are able to join us! Note: Bible and Brews begins at 7 pm that night.

Key Inventory - If you have a key to the church and do not need it, please return it to the office! Otherwise, contact the church office (330-725-8885 or office@stmatthewmedina.org) and let us know what type of key you have and the number shown on the key.

Share your favorite hymns with us! Forms are located in the narthex for you to fill out. Please place completed lists in Pastor Steve's mailbox.

**Finance Report for April, May & Year-to-Date
St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

St. Matthew had the following donations
received and expenses for Year 2023

	<u>Month of April, 2023</u>	<u>Month of May, 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date January-May, 2023</u>
Total Income	\$ 29,820.54	\$ 24,525.18	\$ 148,995.57
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 45,845.88</u>	<u>\$ 35,262.24</u>	<u>\$ 205,659.71</u>
Net Operating Income or (Loss)	\$ (16,025.34)	\$ (10,737.06)	\$ (56,664.14)

Financial Update: *St. Matthew Lutheran Church had the detailed contributions and expenses shown for the months of April, May and 2023 year-to-date. Please consider increasing your offering to support the church and its mission of Living God's Love.*

With the summer months upon us, online giving one-time or recurring donations are convenient to set-up and continue even from the beach, on the road or right at home. Your generous donations continue to support our mission, operations and the many ministries of our congregation. By setting up recurring donations online, you enable us to maintain financial stability and plan for the future of St. Matthew.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolytes:	Lexi & Avri Hess
Reader:	Beth Johnson
Ushers:	Toddy Costello Cindy & Rex Rickly
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Video:	Melody Costello
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Hearing Loop
System available.