



“... and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

Matthew 10:42

Fifth Sunday in Pentecost

July 2, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Now the Feast & Celebration

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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St. Mathew 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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Now the Feast and Celebration

Marty Haugen

"Pages" found in the Now the Feast and Celebration booklet.

"Hymns" found toward the back of the red hymnal.

(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Confession and Forgiveness Page 2

*Gathering Song *All Are Welcome* Hymn 641

*Greeting Page 2

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*Song *Now the Feast* Page 4

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*Prayer of the Day

O God, you direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

VBS Recap

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

⁵The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; ⁶and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. ⁷But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the

people. ⁸The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet.”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18

¹Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing;

from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

²**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever;
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

³“I have made a covenant with my chosen one;

I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴**‘I will establish your line forever,
and preserve your throne for all generations.’”**

¹⁵Happy are the people who know the festal shout!

They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

¹⁶**They rejoice daily in your name;
they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

¹⁷For you are the glory of their strength,
and by your favor our might is exalted.

¹⁸**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD;
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

¹²Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?

¹⁷But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

²⁰When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness.
²¹So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²²But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

***Gospel Verse**

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***Gospel**

Matthew 10:40-42

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the twelve: ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (*see insert*)

***Prayers of Intercession**

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

A brief silence.

D: We pray for the church. For wisdom to heed the voices of prophets in our midst who cast a vision of God’s promised future. For courage to welcome people whom society rejects. For resolve to serve all in need. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: We pray for creation. For all rivers, lakes, oceans, and streams. For lands experiencing scorching heat, drought, or wildfires. For conservation organizations and environmental activists. For scientists working on

clean energy solutions. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: We pray for this nation and all nations. For presidents, governors, and legislators. For judges, juries, district attorneys, and public defenders. For military personnel. For those who are incarcerated. Guide us in ways of freedom that promote the common good. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: We pray for those in need. For exiles, immigrants, refugees, and those seeking asylum. For victims of harassment, torture, or abuse. For those who are ill, especially Sammy, June, Pat, Ann, Adam and Family, Carl, Loretta, Dorothy, Leithea, Al, Heidi, Becky, Sandi, Judy, Steve, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. For any near death and for all who grieve. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: We pray for children. For their safety at home and in childcare settings. For their flourishing at summer programs and camps. For the many people who care for them including parents and grandparents; childcare workers and teachers; coaches, counselors, and mentors; pediatricians and psychologists. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: We give thanks for all the saints and prophets who have received the free gift of God, which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. May their lives of humble service inspire us in faith. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: Amen.

***Peace**

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

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering	<i>This is My Song</i>	Sandy Andrews, Solo
Offertory	<i>As the Grains of Wheat</i>	Page 10
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*Song	<i>Holy</i>	Page 11
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Song	<i>Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ</i>	Page 13
*Lord's Prayer		Page 13
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Communion Hymns	<i>Eat This Bread</i>	Hymn 472
	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	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	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	Hymn 547
*Trinitarian Blessing & Dismissal		Page 16
Postlude		

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	Eli Cooper
Reader:	Adam Scheid
Ushers:	Kotick Family
Communion	Melody Costello
Servers:	David & Marcia George
Sound:	Joe Obermeier
Video:	Owen Blakslee
Altar Guild:	Lisa Burke & Liz Linden

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary by John and Mary Baker.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

Baptism of Isaac Dale Linden during this morning's worship service. You are invited to join the family for a reception following worship.

Iced Coffee & Smoothie Bar before and after worship.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 9, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Lindsay on Vacation* July 3-8. She will be away for continuing education July 9-13.

**Please know that while seeking renewal and rest, Deacon Lindsay will not be looking at nor responding to emails. Additionally, please honor this important and necessary time away by refraining from texts, calls, instant messages, or other forms of social media communication. If there is an emergency, we are blessed to have two rostered leaders serving St. Matthew. Please contact the other leader, who will make the decision as to whether the other should be contacted while away. Thank you for showing care for your pastor and deacon in honoring healthy boundaries.*

Office Closed for July 4th holiday. (Deb will be out of the office Monday, July 3-Wednesday, July 5.)

Parish Nurse - As July 4th falls on a Tuesday, Brenda will be in the office on Thursday, July 6.

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

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

	<i>Month of April, 2023</i>	<i>Month of May, 2023</i>	<i>Year-to-Date January-May, 2023</i>
General Offering Unrestricted	\$ 27,780.49	\$ 22,487.86	\$ 132,574.42
2023 Approved Mission Plan	<u>\$ 33,333.33</u>	<u>\$ 33,333.33</u>	<u>\$ 166,666.65</u>
Budget Variance (Loss)	\$ (5,552.84)	\$ (10,845.47)	\$ (34,092.23)

Financial Update: *St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church received the unrestricted offerings as compared to the 2023 approved Mission Plan objective 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. Thank you for your continued generosity.*

*By setting up recurring donations online, you enable us to maintain financial stability and plan for the future of St. Matthew. Please consider signing up for Simply Giving at:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4MP/home>*

If you have any questions about your current account or setting up your account, contact our Financial Director Bruce Reed at (412) 848-0219 or email Bruce at brucerreed@comcast.net.

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