

*Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt His name together!*

Praise service

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024
9:30 a.m.

“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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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Good News Moment

***Gathering Song** *Multiplied*

***Greeting**

A: 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.

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, your sovereign purpose brings salvation to birth. Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world, trusting that your kingdom comes and your will is done through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Kids of the Kingdom *Lord, We Give Thanks* arr. by Mark Patterson

WORD

First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. ² Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

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

- ¹ Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."
- ² **All my delight is in the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.**
- ³ But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- ⁴ **I will not pour out drink offerings to such gods,
never take their names upon my lips.**
- ⁵ O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
- ⁶ **My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a rich inheritance.**
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me night after night.
- ⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me;
because God is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**
- ⁹ My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ **For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the pit.**
- ¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures
forevermore.

Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-25

- ¹¹ Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," ¹³ and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,
- ¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:
I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds,"
- ¹⁷ he also adds,
"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."
- ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.
- ¹⁹ Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), ²¹ and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²² let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with

our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

***Gospel**

Mark 13:1-8

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" ² Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

³ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ⁴ "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" ⁵ Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. ⁶ Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. ⁷ When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. ⁸ For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

***Hymn of the Day**

Lord, I Need You

***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**

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: O God, in the washing of water you set us free from the power of sin and death. Unite all the baptized in the covenant you have made with us, as we strive for your justice and peace in all the earth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: By your merciful might you sustain all creation. Stir us from complacency with the harm we inflict on the earth, and urge us to adopt sustainable ways of life that protect and restore our planet. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: With a selfless power you protect all who take refuge in you. As nations rise against nations, defend all who are displaced or affected by war or violence. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: In your presence you give fullness of joy and healing. Care for all for whom joy feels distant. Be present with persons experiencing depression, anxiety, addiction, and all illness, especially the family of Steve, the family of Rosemary, Susie, Julie, Marge, Jenna, Jerry, June, Tom, Adam and Family, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Bring them healing and wholeness. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: Through the years you have gathered your church and this community for worship, fellowship, formation, and service. Enable us to look beyond the walls of our building to perceive where you are calling us forward. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: With thanksgiving we remember saints and angels who delight in your everlasting presence. As their lives inspire ours, provoke us always to love, holding fast to the confession of our hope in you. 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

Offering

How Firm a Foundation (11:00)
arr. by L. Shackley

Luther Choir

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**

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.

***Words of Institution**

***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.**

Communion Song

The Table

***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:**

Build Your Kingdom Here

***Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Praise Band

Song Leader: Heather Rohde

Guitar: Shaun Faust

Drums: Tom Kotick

Pianist: Cindy Piovarchy

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	9:30 - Luke Rohde
Reader:	9:30 - Beth Johnson
Communion Servers:	9:30 - Delores Ivan Jen Knaggs
Ushers:	9:30 - Linda & Jeff Taraschke
Sound:	9:30 - Joe Obermeier
Video:	9:30 - Bobby Forsythe
Altar Guild:	Becky Malloy, Brittany Thompson
Assisting Minister:	Larry Mohler

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of Todd Costello's 56th birthday (November 27), with praise and thanksgiving. Love, Melody, Emily, and Kacey

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God by Joe and Sarah Robinson.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Lorin and Mary Frances McNeal by Nancy McNeal

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

No Sunday School or confirmation Classes This Morning!

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

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

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Christ the King, we will worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with Praise and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30 a.m.*

Blood Pressure Screening before and between services in Brenda's office.

Sunday School, for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

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



**The Deadline for
Care Package Materials is
Sunday, November 24**
See next page for more details →

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Luther Littles & Middles - Our annual Christmas program will take place on Sunday, December 15 during the 9:30 a.m. service. We will rehearse during the Sunday School hour on the following three Sundays: November 24, December 1 and 8, in the Sanctuary.

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. Thank you for your support!

Bible & Brews - On November 21, we will meet at church in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m.

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.

Thrivent T-Shirts - We have an overabundance of Thrivent Action Team T-Shirts! There are children and adult sizes available. They are displayed in the Fellowship hall and lower level hallway. Grab one for yourself or for everyone in your family.

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

College Student and Military Personnel Addresses Needed! The Care Package Ministry team is continuing to support our college students and military personnel with care packages, letters and other developing means of communication. Please help the team update and continue to build its network of students and military personnel by filling out the forms in the links through the Shout-Out.

We are collecting gift cards, notes, and words of encouragement to include in the care packages. Monetary donations are also welcome and appreciated to help cover shipping costs and purchase items for the packages. There is a container in the Narthex for notes, gift cards, and monetary donations. You can also purchase items directly from our Amazon wish list to help fill the packages! Simply use the link in the Shout-Out to view our Wishlist, add the item you wish to purchase to your cart, and select St. Matthew as the shipping address, and it will be delivered directly to the church to be included in the packages!



From Our Parish Nurse ...

Keeping Your Independence with Medical Alert Systems

Remember the TV commercial that started with, “I’ve fallen and I can’t get up!” It first ran in 1989 – 35 years ago. It may not have resonated with you then, but could it be closer to a reality now?

When you hear the term “medical alert” you may think of that old advertisement, but there is so much more to MedicAlert devices. These devices can be a great way to remain independent while living alone or aging in place. They also offer peace of mind to loved ones and caregivers.

What are MedicAlert devices?

- MedicAlert IDs – wearable jewelry-like bracelets or necklaces that are engraved with important medical information. These alert first responders if there is a life-threatening medical condition or allergy (e.g., penicillin). Medical IDs can *act as your voice* if you’re unconscious or otherwise unable to speak.
- MedicAlert Devices – Small, often-wearable devices (like a watch) that remain dormant until there is a fall or other medical event that alerts first responders and/or loved ones that there has been an emergency, and the wearer needs assistance. Some devices send out an alert automatically (like with a fall), while others may have a button that the user needs to push.

Who Could Benefit from MedicAlert Devices?

- Individuals living with chronic conditions that could result in complications or medical emergencies. (diabetes, heart disease)
- Individuals with life-threatening allergies.
- Older adults living alone who may be at risk for falling (or who live with medical conditions that increase their risk of falling).
- Individuals at risk of wandering (e.g., living with Dementia or Alzheimer’s Disease).

What do MediAlert Devices Look Like?

You may picture large, clunky, medical-looking necklaces and bracelets when you picture MedicAlert IDs or systems, but MedicAlerts have come a long way. The BEST MedicAlert ID/system is one that you actually wear/use. Medical alert IDs come in a variety of styles, from traditional to jewelry that doesn’t look much different from everyday jewelry. Alert buttons for MedicAlert systems can be basic necklaces that you tuck under your shirt or a regular-looking necklace secretly housing the alert

button. In fact, some smart watches and cell phones that you might use right now can be used as a fall detection device. (If need be, *ask a family member or friend to assist you to research what you current smart watch or cell phone options might be.)

Electronics with Fall Detection

- Apple Watch - Available on Apple Watch SE, Series 4 or later, Apple Watch Ultra and later. If your watch detects a “hard fall,” it will tap you on the wrist, sound an alarm and/or display an alert. You can then decide whether to automatically contact emergency services or dismiss the alert.
- iPhone – all models after iPhone 14 have built-in fall detection notifications to emergency SOS via satellite.
- Samsung Galaxy Watch – Available on Galaxy Watch Active2, Galaxy Watch3, and all Wear OS models. If your watch detects a “hard fall” it will immediately contact your emergency contacts.

Tips for Choosing a MedicAlert Device

- Check to see where the device/system you are looking at charges monthly fees.
- Check to make sure the device/system offers 24/7 emergency monitoring.

Providers

- Check your medical insurance policy for a summary of benefits and coverage.
- If you have Medical Part C/Medicare Advantage, you **MIGHT** have coverage for a MediAlert Device (it may be called a medical alert system, personal emergency response system, or PERS).
- If you have Medicaid, you **MIGHT** have coverage for a medical alert system or PERS.
- The US Department of Veterans Affairs **MAY** cover a medical alert system.
*Call your local offices for more information. (Medina County Veterans Service Office is 330-722-9368.)
- AARP members may qualify for discounts – check your benefits.

I realize this is a lot of information to absorb. But as it is a life-saving decision, it will be worth the time and effort for you to research what would benefit you best. It is a personal and financial decision – only you can make.

As there are a multitude of systems available, I cannot recommend one. But, if you need my assistance with process of choosing one PLEASE contact me at the church office.

Brenda

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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Hearing Loop
System available.

Church Office Hours

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

Friday: Office Closed