



Holy Trinity

May 26, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 4

“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.

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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

Fantasy on Kingsfold

A.D. Miller

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:**

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

Hymn 412

***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: Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Children's Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”

⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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*Gospel

John 3:1-17

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the third chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things

and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?
¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven,
the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so
must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal
life.

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who
believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in
order that the world might be saved through him.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Father, Most Holy

Hymn 415

***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**

P: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

P: Abba God, you have brought us into your family, claiming us as beloved children. Bless your family of faith with gifts of cooperation and graciousness. Increase our hospitality toward all expressions of faith and teach us to honor our shared humanity. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Your love and power burst forth in the flashes of lightning, the dance of the wind, and the deeply rooted trees of the forest. Sustain fragile and interconnected ecosystems, that they flourish for generations to come. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Give your blessing of peace to the nations. Shelter all who risk life and livelihood to protect others from violence, conflict, and injustice. On this Memorial Day weekend, we remember those who have lost their lives in war and conflict. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You are a God of love and not of condemnation. Quiet the hearts of all who struggle with shame, regret, or questions of self-worth. Teach us to forgive ourselves and one another. Restore wholeness to all who seek hope and healing especially Michael, John, Isaac, Ron, Catherine, Sylvia, Karen, Richard, Ken, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Jerry, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Strengthen bonds between parents, children, and families of all varieties. We pray especially for adoptive and foster families, multi-generational households, and blended families. Grant gifts of nurture and patience to all caregivers. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: The Spirit bears grateful witness to all children of God who have now come into their inheritance among the saints. As they lived with hope in your gift of eternal life, so strengthen us in faith, that we recognize your eternal presence even in this mortal life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Wonderful Words of Life
Blisaa/Christopher

Luther Choir

Offertory Response

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 884

***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 Hymns:

Come, Thou Almighty King

Hymn 408

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Hymn 414

***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:**

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

Hymn 413

***Dismissal:**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

Italian Hymn

A. Travis

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God and in celebration of their grandson Oliver's 12th birthday, by Ron and Ann Kolzing.

Prayers for Healing: Michael Minen, John Ramsey, Isaac Linden, Ron Umscheid, Catherine Forsythe, Sylvia, Karen Rupert, Richard, Ken Ault, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Jerry Jakovcic, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Holy Trinity Sunday, we worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with ELW 4 and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

Welcome and Thank You to Jane Irvine, our guest accompanist this morning.

Hat Making - 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 2, AT ST. MATTHEW

Summer Worship Schedule Begins!

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

Luther Middles Bake Sale before and after worship in the Narthex.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolytes:	8:30 - Eli Cooper	11:00 - Addison Wierzchowski
Reader:	8:30 - Helen Graf	11:00 - Delores Ivan
Ushers:	8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan Bruce Reed	
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Helen Graf Becky Malloy	11:00 - Sandy Andrews
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	Melody Costello	
Altar Guild:	Kelly Obermeier	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bake Sale - Next Sunday -The Luther Middles will be holding their annual bake sale on Sunday, June 2 before and after worship in the Narthex. The funds raised from this sale will be used for fellowship activities in the upcoming program year.

Sunday 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.

Collection for Birthcare of Medina - The Evangelism and Communication team will be collecting items to donate to Birthcare of Medina County throughout the month of May. Please see lists of their needs by the collection box in the narthex. Also look for the article in the Shout-Out for more information about this collection ministry.

Vacation Bible School registration is open for all children who have completed Preschool through 5th grade. VBS will take place at St. Matthew June 24-28, 9-11:30 a.m. All registrations must be received by Sunday, June 2. Register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4cdM9dzJV7xUcce1sXgDD_YrHtQXmHmpAZc8OdO8Xxyo9mw/viewform or by using the link through the Shout-Out. **Volunteers needed!**

Silent Book Club! Meets every other Monday at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). Upcoming dates are 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, & 7/15 @ 6:30 pm. BYOBook! See you there!

Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, June 9, before and after the 9:30 worship service in Brenda's office.

Loads of Love - Sunday, June 9, 1:00-4:00 p.m. North Court Laundry, 739 W. Liberty St., Medina. St. Matthew will once again be spreading joy and covering the cost of laundry for all of the clients during this three-hour period. Please sign up here if you would like to volunteer your time to help supervise, hand out coins...and spread LOVE and JOY! We only need two volunteers per hour...but if the time slots are filled, please feel free to shop up anyway. The link to volunteer can be found in the Shout-Out and on our website.

Come out and celebrate Father's Day with Pastor Steve! Come hang out and socialize. Not just for fathers ... All are Welcome! Sunday, June 9, 5-8 pm at Ignite Brewing Co., 1255 N. Carpenter Rd., Brunswick.

Hats for Cups Café - On June 10, we will begin meeting at Faith House (432 N. Broadway) every other Monday, 6:30-8:00 pm.

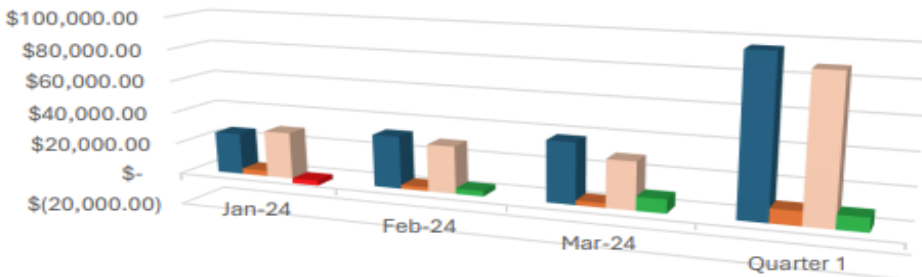
Cross Penny Ministry - Jesus is the One Sent (cent) to die and set us free (liberty) from our sins. He rose from the dead so that we could be saved when "In God We Trust". You will find the cross pennies in the narthex and you are invited to take one for yourself and several to share with family, friends, and strangers. Use the simple message above or

open a conversation about the Good News, your faith journey, or even our church. Some other ideas for using your cross penny: *send one in a greeting card *attach one to your keychain *give to someone who is struggling *include one along with a generous tip to your waiter or waitress *leave one on a park bench, a store shelf, in a take one/leave one change dish, on the sidewalk...the options are limitless! Pennies from heaven!! If you have a special story to share about one of your cross pennies, please let someone from the Evangelism/Communication team know or share on St. Matthew's Facebook page!!

The Pierstorf College Fund, established in 1994 is a one-of-a-kind Lutheran financial aid program for all Lutheran students pursuing a higher education who live in Ohio. First time borrowers may be new or returning college students. We do not ask for family income information. The pastor of the applicant is their sole reference. For more information, please visit www.Pierstorf.org to complete the online application. Applications are open from April 15 through June 30, 2024. Please contact us at Pierstorf@messiahfp.org or call 440-665-3653 with questions.

“Getting to Know You” - The *Getting to Know You* segment in the Shout-Out has been received very positively! Please take a couple minutes to respond to the few questions through the link in the Shout-Out or you can find the form in the Narthex. We would love to *Get to Know You* better!

Finance Report Update for Q1 2024



	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Quarter 1
General Offering Unrestricted	\$26,064.41	\$32,438.94	\$37,593.45	\$96,096.80
Restricted Offerings	\$3,481.84	\$2,428.20	\$2,838.11	\$8,748.15
2023 Approved Mission Plan	\$29,166.67	\$29,166.67	\$29,166.67	\$87,500.01
Budget Variance	-\$3,102.26	\$3,272.27	\$8,426.78	\$8,596.79

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach	Director of Youth & Family Ministries
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Church Office Hours

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

Friday: Office Closed



Hearing Loop
System available.