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LOVE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Now the Feast & Celebration

Marty Haugen

“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 found in the Now the Feast & Celebration booklet.

"Hymns" are located toward the back of the red hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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***Gathering Song** *In Christ There is No East or West* Hymn 650

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***Prayer of the Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach

WORD

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge
the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Verse

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D: The holy gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

John 15:9-17

Jesus said: ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.
¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.
¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

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

Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach

***Hymn of the Day** *Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds* Hymn 367

***Apostles’ Creed** Page 9

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

P: Your Holy Spirit falls upon all who hear the word. Fill your church with the gifts of your Spirit and give understanding hearts to those who strengthen our commitments with our ecumenical and interreligious partners. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You speak and the face of the earth is renewed. Revive your creation, that habitats and every kind of living thing might flourish. Protect endangered species and help us to care for all your creatures. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your world is divided and the nations rage. Grant wisdom and vision to world leaders, that they may seek justice, peace, and the good of all. Strengthen international partnerships and cooperation. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your children are in need. Comfort all those who suffer, especially those afflicted by anxiety, depression, and mental illness. Help us to be conduits of your love in our care for one another. We pray especially for Isaac, Ron, Catherine, Sylvia, Karen, Richard, Ken, Karen, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Jerry, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your work is done in this place with our hands. Bless the ministries of this congregation, that we may embody your love for the world. Inspire those who plan and lead worship, council members, committee members, and volunteers. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Your blessed saints now rest in you. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us. At the last, bring us all together around your heavenly banquet table. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

***Peace**

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

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory	<i>How Deep the Father's Love For Us</i> (11:00) Shackley	Luther Choir
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Communion Hymn	<i>Beautiful Savior</i> <i>We Come to the Hungry Feast</i>	Hymn 838 Hymn 479
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***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** *We Know That Christ is Raised*

Hymn 449

***Trinitarian Blessing & Dismissal**

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Postlude

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	8:30 - Reagan Stuchal	11:00 - Emma Kotick
Reader:	8:30 - Adam Scheid	11:00 - Helen Graf
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Melody Costello Becky Malloy	11:00 - Jen Knaggs Julie Shrader
Ushers:	8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan Bruce Reed	11:00 - Tom & Amanda Kotick
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	8:30 - Scott Johnson	
Altar Guild:	Becky Malloy	

First Communion

May 5, 2023

Aylin Gerspacher

Sophie Hogan

Kara Landes

Evelyn Pignato

Maya SenGuptal

Wyatt Terihay



*TASTE AND SEE
THAT THE
LORD IS GOOD.*

PSALM 3:4-8

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Medina, Ohio

PRAYERS

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 Tom's Grandma, Mabel Bluhm, by Joyce and Tom Davis.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Sixth Sunday of Easter, we worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with Now the Feast and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

Welcome and Thank you to Paul Watkins, our accompanist this morning.

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

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

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

Gathering Prep - 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

First Communion - six youth will be welcomed to the communion table for the first time at the 11:00 service. Join us for a **cake and punch reception** in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 12, AT ST. MATTHEW

Happy Mother's Day!

Next Sunday, Seventh Sunday of Easter, we will worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with Youth-Led Praise and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Needed for two small girls - two twin bed frames, and small dresser. Please contact Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse at 330-461-6750 for details. Thank you.

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! A big THANK YOU to everyone that came to our first Silent Book Club Meeting! Upcoming dates are 5/6, 5/20, 6/3, and 6/17 @6:30pm at Faith House. Mark your calendars! B. Y. O. Book and hope to see you there!

Annual Spring Clean Up - Saturday, May 11, beginning at 9:00 a.m. We will be mulching, cutting back trees/bushes around the parking lot, cleaning up around the church, cleaning up the yard at Faith House, cleaning up around the creek. Please bring yard tools, chainsaws, wheelbarrows, etc. Please contact Bill Knaggs with any questions or to volunteer. *Rain Date: May 18.*

Potluck - The Fun Fellowship group has planned an old fashioned potluck Saturday, May 11 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us! Feel free to bring a friend and offer a ride to someone who needs transportation. Beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish from the list below, based on the first letter of your last name Please make sure to sign-up using the Sign-Up Genius link https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E084EAEA728A2F49-49237793-may11potluck/38499969#

A-F Main dish; **K-N** Side dish; **O-S** Finger food/appetizer; **T-W** Dessert

Nursery Notice: There will not be an attendant in the nursery on May 12. Parents, you may use the nursery to supervise your own child. We are still in need of a list of people to call to fill the nursery on these occasional times. Also, for the safety of the children and of the attendants, there should be two attendants every Sunday. If you are interested in assisting in the nursery, please let the office know.

Bike Ride, May 25, followed by a cookout at Pastor Steve's house. Watch for additional details to come.

The Pierstorf College Fund was established in 1994 and is a one-of-a-kind Lutheran financial aid program for all Lutheran students pursuing a higher education who live in Ohio. We have awarded over \$13 million in loans to more than 4,000 students since 1994. 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. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for further updates. We are here to answer your questions. Please contact us at Pierstorf@messiahfp.org or call 440-665-3653.

“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!

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

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Hearing Loop
System available.

Church Office Hours

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

Friday: Office Closed