



All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Now the Feast & Celebration

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Now the Feast and Celebration

Marty Haugen

(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

² **For the LORD has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴ **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?**

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory?**

Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth
had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new
Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned
for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a} Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel**

John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day

For All the Saints (vs. 1,3,5,6)

Hymn 422

***Apostles' Creed**

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***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 of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering, especially Susie, Julie, Marge, Jenna, Jerry, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you: Charles Buchanan, Ken Strebelow, Gary Kelling, Beverly Carter, Joan Batke, Marliese Leggett, and those whom we hold dear to our hearts or who we now name aloud. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

A: O God of new life, today we also give thanks for those saints who have joined the body of Christ this past year as they passed through the waters of baptism: Olivia Naysmith, Oliver Schaller, and Elijah McDaniels.

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.

***Peace**

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

C: **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering

Offertory

Wonderful Words of Life (11:00)
Bliss/Christopher

Luther Choir

***Song**

As the Grains of Wheat

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***Prayer**

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Communion Hymn

As We Gather at Your Table

Hymn 522

SENDING

***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 Song**

For All Your Saints, O Lord

Hymn 427

***Trinitarian Blessing & Dismissal**

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***Dismissal**

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Postlude

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ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 3



Charles O. Buchanan, November 8, 2023. Although Charles traveled widely during his time in the U.S. Coast Gard, Medina was always his home. It was the where he and his wife, Gretchen, raised their three daughters and visited with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Charles had an infectiously witty and dry sense of humor. He loved animals and was a life-long learner, always trying new hobbies and looking to discover new things.

Kenneth W. Strebelow, December 10, 2024. Ken had many interests and hobbies including hunting, fishing, canoeing, hiking, biking, and walks with his dog, Buddy. He approached every adventure with enthusiasm, gratitude, and always a map. Ken found his purpose in being of service to others and fulfillment in his church and it's community. Spending time with his family and friends brought him the most joy.

Gary Kelling, August 21, 2024. Gary served in the U.S. Navy from 1954-1958. He married Sandy in 1957 in Angola, IN. He retired from General Motors, Parma Plant. Gary was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He coached Little League Baseball in Lodi and Pee Wee football in Seville.

Beverly Mae Carter, September 8, 2024. Beverly was an entrepreneur and owned several small businesses. She was a Life Master Bridge player and enjoyed doing puzzles and playing board games with her family. She was an avid Browns fan.

Joan Carol Batke, October 6, 2024. Joan's daughter, Karen Saleker shared, *"Joan loved the simple things in life. She was always there for family and friends. We miss you and cherish our memories of you."*

Margarete "Marliese" Anneliese Leggett, October 7, 2024. Marliese's daughter, Linda Ciricione shared, *"Marliese Leggett was a beloved wife, mom, grandma (Oma) and great grandma. She was a devout member of St. Matthew Lutheran Church and served on the Alter Guild. She was also a member of Lund Loni Circle of King's Daughters and Order of the Eastern Star #266. She enjoyed camping, traveling and spending time with her friends and family. She especially enjoyed her annual trip to Frankenmuth, Michigan (27 consecutive years) and shared her love of Frankenmuth with her family, who continue to frequently visit."*

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of their granddaughters birthdays by Mary and Andy Dunham.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Carol Estock by Joe and Kelly Obermeier ad family.

Prayers for Healing: Susie Siebert, Julie, Marge Murray, Jenna Saleker, Jerry Jakovic, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

All Saints Sunday, we worship in person at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with Now the Feast and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30.*

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

Adult Sunday School class resumes today.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with ELW 4 and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30.*

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

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

On Sunday, November 10 - Between Services - in the Sanctuary the Congregation Council and Finance Committee invite you to come to discuss the 2025 budget that will be presented at the Congregational Meeting.

The budget details will be sent out the week prior to this meeting.

There is no formal agenda for this session - come with your questions!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



Following one worship service at 9:30 a.m., **please join us for our congregational meeting on November 17, 2024**, where we will review and vote on the 2025 budget, select four new benevolent organizations for 2025, and elect one at-large council member .

A Zoom link with voting capability will be available for those that are not able to be here in person.

Prepare for the Congregation Annual meeting by thinking about Benevolence for 2025

In 2025 we will continue to give 5% of our general offerings to the Northeastern Ohio Synod for ELCA Mission Support.

As we did last year, we will open up the floor for nominations for other organizations to donate to in 2025. We will vote for four organizations who will each receive \$1,000. As a reminder, the organizations we donated to in 2024 are:

- Lutheran Outdoor Ministries (Hopewood)
- Feeding Medina County
- Cups Cafe
- Operation Homes

Other organizations that were nominated last year:

- Out Support
- SPCA of Medina County
- Love, Inc.
- United Protestant Campus Ministries (UPCaM)

Start thinking about the organizations you would like to nominate for 2025! If you are unable to attend the annual meeting but would like to nominate an organization please email your choice to Teri Uttech at treasurer@stmatthewmedina.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Silent Book Club is Canceled November 4! We will resume later in November in a new location To Be Determined. Stay tuned!

Thank You - The Batke/Saleker families send a HUGE THANK YOU to all volunteers who brought in bakery and/or volunteered for Joan Batke's Celebration of Life luncheon on Monday, October 21. All of the support and condolences we received are truly appreciated.

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. If you would like to donate to the project, you can do so using the offering envelopes in the pew rack and designating "Anna Holthouse Gold Award Project" in the memo. Thank you for your support!

Red Cross Blood Drive - Here at St. Matthew on Saturday, November 9, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You can schedule your appointment at www.redcrossblood.org.

Bible & Brews will resume Thursday, November 14.

Luther League 65+ Thanksgiving Dinner - Please join us on Sunday, November 17 at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to say Thank You to the seniors of our congregation for the faithful support that you continually give to the high school youth. Thank you for supporting and encouraging us. We hope to see you on the 17th. Sincerely, The St. Matthew Luther League. RSVP through the link in the Shout-Out or on the poster in the Narthex.

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.

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

Come and Join the Kids of the Kingdom!! We have a NEW MEETING TIME, Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are always looking for new members and would love for you to join us! Everyone from 1st through 8th grade is welcome! Contact Rachel Knaggs (330-591-7093) with any questions.

As a Thank You to our senior members ...

**Luther League Invites You to
65+ Thanksgiving Dinner**
(For our members 65 and over)

Sunday, November 17, 2024
5:00 p.m.
in the
Fellowship Hall

Dine in or Carry-Out

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolytes:	8:30 - Bennett Alt	11:00 - Jacob Shook
Reader:	8:30 - Helen Graf	11:00 - Fran Koenig
Ushers:	8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan	
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Sandy Andrews Mary Dunham	11:00 - Jen Knaggs
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	11:00 - Mike Holthouse
Video:	Scott Johnson	
Altar Guild:	Mary Dunham, Brittany Thompson	
Assisting Minister:	Larry Mohler	

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Church Office Hours

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

Friday: Office Closed



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