

*Mark 10:43*

“But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant.”



## *Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost*

October 17, 2021

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*ELW Liturgy*

*“Living God’s Love”*

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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# GATHERING

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Good News Moment

Melody Costello

### Prelude

### \*Confession & Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: God, our comforter,

**C: like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

P: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in ✚ Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

**C: Amen.**

### \*Gathering Song

*How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*

No. 580

### \*Greeting

### \*Prayer of the Day

**Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

## WORD

### First Reading

Isaiah 53:4-12

<sup>4</sup>Surely he has borne our infirmities  
and carried our diseases;  
yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup>But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,  
and by his bruises we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the LORD has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

<sup>7</sup>He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

<sup>8</sup>By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.

<sup>9</sup>They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

<sup>11</sup>Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

## Psalm

Psalm 91:9-16

<sup>9</sup>Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
and the Most High your habitation,

<sup>10</sup>**no evil will befall you,  
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

<sup>11</sup>For God will give the angels charge over you,  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup>**Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

<sup>13</sup>You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;  
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

<sup>14</sup>**I will deliver those who cling to me;  
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

<sup>15</sup>They will call me, and I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

<sup>16</sup>**With long life will I satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. <sup>2</sup>He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; <sup>3</sup>and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. <sup>4</sup>And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

<sup>5</sup>So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,  
today I have begotten you”;  
<sup>6</sup>as he says also in another place,  
“You are a priest forever,  
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

<sup>7</sup>In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. <sup>8</sup>Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; <sup>9</sup>and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, <sup>10</sup>having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

**\*Gospel**

Mark 10:35-45

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>35</sup>James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” <sup>36</sup>And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” <sup>37</sup>And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” <sup>38</sup>But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” <sup>39</sup>They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; <sup>40</sup>but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

<sup>41</sup>When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. <sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them.

<sup>43</sup>But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. <sup>45</sup>For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor John Butchko

**Hymn of the Day:** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

No. 712

**\*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**

P: Set free from sin and death and nourished by the word of truth, we join in prayer for all of God's creation

*A brief silence.*

P: Holy One, for the gift of the church handed down through the ages and for all who carry on the servant ministry of Jesus, we praise you. Send your Holy Spirit upon all who are discerning calls to ministry in its many forms and equip them with your gifts. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Creating One, for the lush and abundant habitat you provide for all your creatures, we praise you. Provide healing for the earth so that waterfowl, reptiles, wild horses, dolphins, and all living things flourish as you intend. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Suffering One, for all who work toward peace and who lead nations with a servant's heart, we praise you. Bring justice for all who suffer violence, persecution, discrimination, hunger, poverty, and homelessness, and create places of refuge for all people. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Merciful One, for all who do the work of healing in mind, body, and spirit, we praise you. Surround and comfort all who struggle with depression, anxiety, cancer, diabetes, dementia, or any illness especially Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Jerry Spears, Brenda Disbrow, Mary Baker, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, Greg Mckee, and Ed Berchert, that all may be healed. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Sustaining One, for all who volunteer for the vitality of this congregation, we praise you. Strengthen and encourage greeters, ushers, office volunteers, bakers, counters, committee and group leaders, teachers, students, evangelists, singers, builders, nurturers, and all who serve with generous hearts. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Guiding One, we ask your blessing upon St. Matthew's call committee. Give them insight and a spirit of enthusiasm for their work and raise up for our people a pastor to help lead us. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: Risen One, we thank you for those who have shaped your church and shared your gospel. Through the witness of your saints, continue to inspire us with hope until we all are gathered at your eternal feast. Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Peace:** *The peace will be an acknowledgement with your neighbor of God's reconciling love by nod or bow.*

## MEAL

**Offertory**

*How Deep the Father's Love for Us (8:30)*  
Townend/Shackley

Luther Choir

### Offering Prayer

P: God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### \*Great Thanksgiving

### \*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: All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

### Communion Hymns:

*We Are An Offering*

No. 692

### \*Table Blessing

### \*Prayer after Communion

P: Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

### Blessing

### \*Sending Song:

*To Be Your Presence*

No. 546

### \*Dismissal

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### \*Postlude

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## PRAYERS

**Prayers for Healing:** Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Jerry Spears, Brenda Disbrow, Mary Baker, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, Greg Mckee, and Ed Berchert.

**Altar Flowers and Memorial Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Ron Svoboda by Esther Svoboda and family.

**Harvest Home Sunday** - Thank you to everyone who donated items to help beautify our sanctuary today and to the Altar Guild members who decorated. The Lord provides and we all get to enjoy the benefits. We will enjoy the harvests today and next Sunday.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

**Today, Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost,** we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW* liturgy and communion, livestreaming at 8:30 a.m.

**We Welcome** Pastor John Butchko, our supply pastor this morning.

**Youth Sunday School** - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room.

**Adult Sunday School** - 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Butchko will lead a discussion on "What I learned during Covid from Luther Seminary in St. Paul."

**Celebration of Life** service for Ron Svoboda at St. Matthew, 1:30 p.m.

## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost,** we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *Rhythm & Blues* liturgy and communion and at 11:00 a.m. with *ELW* liturgy and communion, livestreaming at 8:30 a.m.

**We Will Welcome** Pastor Lisa Arledge, Executive Director/Pastor Developer at Oasis Outreach Opportunity, Inc., as our supply pastor.

**Youth Sunday School** - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room.

**Adult Sunday School** - 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Arledge will discuss "Oasis: Space for Grace."

<b>WORSHIP SERVANTS</b>				
<b>Date</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>October 17</b>	<b>October 24</b>	<b>October 24</b>
<b>Service</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mason & Eli Cooper	Lucas Hogan	Logan Naida	Marin Gerspacher
<b>Reader</b>	Beth Johnson			Beth Johnson
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Reed		Bruce Reed	
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Melody Costello	Sandy Kelling		
<b>Sound</b>	Joe Obermeier	Mike & Alex Holthouse	Joe Obermeier	Mike & Alex Holthouse
<b>Video</b>	Owen Blakslee	--	Brian Harris	--
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy McNeal			

### **COVID-19 PROTOCOLS**

**HVAC anti-COVID air treatment / Equipment installed earlier this year**  
**No Singing / Restrictions Lifted**  
**Limiting Attendance / Restrictions Lifted**  
**Keep Exterior Doors Open / Restrictions Lifted**  
**Mask Mandate / Masks are now optional**  
**Fellowship After Worship / Casual fellowship after church is resuming**  
**Ropes to Encourage Social Distance / Ropes removed June 18**  
**Hymnals / Hymnals returned to pews June 18**  
**Communion / Covid protocol still in place**  
**Sharing of the Peace / Covid protocol still in place**  
**Masks and Sanitizer available / Covid protocol still in place**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Advent Devotional Beer Exchange** originally scheduled for Friday, November 19 has been cancelled due to various time conflicts.

**Update From Our Parish Nurse** - "I continue rehabilitation, now in outpatient PT and OT. I am humbled by the continued support of the members of St. Matthew Lutheran Church."

~Brenda Disbrow

**Operation HOMES Meal Sign Up** - St. Matthew is scheduled to provide meals **October 18-24**. You may sign up to provide a meal through Sign-Up Genius by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090a4eafa722aafc1-stmatthew>. The instructions for dropping off meals and number of guests are listed in this link. Thank you!

**Small Groups - Foundry Event** - Sunday, November 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at 333 Foundry Street, Medina, in the "Big Room". Please come and enjoy an afternoon of fun, including games such as Duckpin Bowling, Shuffleboard, Cards, and more. We will provide lunch during this time, including water and soda. *We are asking for donations toward the cost of food. Collection baskets will be provided at the event.* Hope to see you there for fun and fellowship with your St. Matthew friends! Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0549A5A622A4F49-foundry> or in the narthex. *NOTE: If you and your family wish to stay later, please contact The Foundry directly for reservations - 330-333-9000.*

**Advent Devotions** - This year, St. Matthew invites you to participate in creating our own Advent devotions. A new devotion will be shared each day, via our website, beginning November 28, 2021. Please consider using your God-given gifts to be a blessing to our congregation and community. Go to <https://www.stmatthewmedina.org/advent-devotions> for instructions on signing up and submitting your devotion.

**Seeking Nursery Volunteers** - Our nursery at St. Matthew is an important service that we provide to our families with young children. It allows the parents the opportunity to worship without the disruption of their children allowing them to fully take in and participate in worship. As we continue to search for a full-time person (or 2 part-time people) to staff the nursery, we are looking for volunteers to be present with our younger members during worship and Sunday School in the nursery. In the interim, member Corey Neururer has agreed to help during Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149.

**Nursery Attendant Needed** - Our nursery at St. Matthew is an important service that we provide to our families with young children. It allows the parents the opportunity to worship without the disruption of their children allowing them to fully take in and participate in worship.

We are currently looking for one full-time person (or 2 part-time) to staff the nursery. The right candidate should enjoy children; be willing to play with them; change diapers/help them use the toilet, etc. The position would involve, roughly, 4 hours each Sunday (fall through spring) and 1 ½ hours during the summer and is a paid position.

If anyone in the church is interested, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149. If you know someone who could be a fit, please pass along my contact information for further discussion.

**Electronic Offering Updates** - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Thaddeus Neururer 617-360-1342 or email at [thaddeus.neururer@gmail.com](mailto:thaddeus.neururer@gmail.com).

**Finance Report for August and Year-to-Date  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

St. Matthew had the following revenue  
and expenses for August.

	<b>Month of August 2021</b>	<b>Year-to-Date August 2021</b>
Total Revenue	\$ 33,147.78	\$ 250,178.61
Total Expenses	\$ 29,191.53	\$ 238,405.18
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 3,956.25	\$ 11,773.43
Net Other	\$ --	\$ 118.18
Net Revenue	\$ 3,956.25	\$ 11,891.61

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff**

Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Heather Rohde	Youth Worship Music Director

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**