



*Alleluia!
Christ
Is Risen!*

Easter Sunday

April 20, 2025
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 4

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Please note: The 8:30 am worship service is livestreamed and recorded onto Facebook and YouTube, and an edited copy posted onto the St. Matthew website. By attending this worship service, you may appear as a part of this digital recording. Thank you.

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

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Smith/Busted

Luther Choir

Christ is Risen!

Sanborn

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

P: We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Hymn 365

***Greeting**

D: 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: O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Children's Sermon

Jennifer Knaggs

WORD

First Reading

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴Peter began to speak to the people: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;
God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare,
"God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The LORD is my strength and my song,
and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

¹⁶The right hand of the LORD is exalted!
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.**

¹⁸The LORD indeed punished me sorely,
but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

²⁰"This is the gate of the LORD;
here the righteous may enter."

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the LORD has this been done;
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. ²¹ For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; ²² for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. ²³ But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴ Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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*Gospel

Luke 24:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ On the first day of the week, at early dawn, [the women] came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. ² They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³ but when they went in, they did not find the body. ⁴ While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. ⁵ The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. ⁶ Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, ⁷ that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." ⁸ Then they remembered his words, ⁹ and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. ¹⁰ Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹ But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. ¹² But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia!

Hymn 369

*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**

D: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church,
the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

D: Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share
the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new
ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and
mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in
all that grows this season. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring
new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up
leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation.
God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes
or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all
who are fearful, ill, or grieving especially Margery, John, Ingrid, Una Mae,
Rosemary, Alan, Loretta, Ed, Judy, Jerry, Tom, and those we now name aloud
or hold tenderly in our hearts. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Sound the Trumpet

Luther Choir

Offertory Response

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Hymn 884

***Offertory Prayer**

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in 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**

P: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

***Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God.

Prayers for Healing: Margery Murray, John Ivan, Ingrid Schaller, Una Mae Gill, Rosemary Evans, Alan Ivan, Jr., Loretta Thornton, Ed, Judy Weir, Jerry Jakovcic, & Tom Thornton.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

Easter Breakfast, hosted by Luther League, will be served 8:00-8:25 and 9:30-10:50 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

No Sunday School.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 27, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Second Sunday of Easter, we will worship in person at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with ELW 10 and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

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

Looms of Love - 9:45 a.m., Library.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE	
8:30 - 82	11:00 - 45

WORSHIP SERVANTS

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Acolytes:	8:30 - Kara Landes	8:30 - Faith Taraschke
	11:00 - Aubrey Terihay	11:00 - Bennett Alt
Reader:	8:30 - Adam Scheid	8:30 - Delores Ivan
	11:00 - Melody Costello	11:00 - Jen Knaggs
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Helen Graf	8:30 - Scott Johnson
	Jen Knaggs	Rick Grice
	11:00 - Melody Costello	11:00 - Donna Flanagan
	Donna Flanagan	Rebekah Knaggs
Ushers:	8:30 - Bruce Reed	8:30 - Becky Malloy
	John Baker	Kathy Grice
	11:00 - Linden Family	11:00 - Todd & Melody Costello
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	8:30 - Joe Obermeier
	11:00 - Larry Mohler	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	Scott Johnson	Bobby Forsythe
Altar Guild:	All Altar Guild	Brittany Thompson

Brass Ensemble

Jules Davies

Jenna Malloy

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Monday - The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, April 21, in observance of the Easter holiday.

New Easter Banner - Our Quilter Bees have been very busy! Fabric and supplies were purchased, thanks to a Thrivent grant, in mid-February. Beth Johnson led the project, by first completing the piece in early March. Since then, our awesome quilters have met weekly with their masterful hand-stitching. Many thanks to Sandy Andrews, Beverly Beard, Carol Elkins, Stephanie Hess, Delores Ivan, Sandy Kelling, Connie Mohler, Karen Salekar, Julie Shrader, Julie Simko, Kristin Weight, and Beth Johnson.



Blood Pressure Screening - April 27, before and between services in Brenda's office.

Drive-Through Food Drive - The St. Matthew Evangelism and Communication team will sponsor a "Drive-Through Food Drive" on Sunday, **May 4**, from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the church parking lot. Enter the lot off of Broadway, and depart the lot via Pearl Street. Volunteers will be present to unload your vehicle and place the donations directly onto a truck bed ready for distribution to area food banks in Medina County. *(Some items will go directly to our own soon-to-be-available food shelves!)* We desire food that can be paired for a meal (such as pasta and sauce, tuna and noodles), as well as canned meats (tuna fish, chicken, beef stew), breakfast items, soup, canned vegetables, canned fruit, fruit cups, rice, peanut butter, and jelly. We also desire items not covered by government programs, such as baby diapers, adult briefs, toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, and cleaning supplies. Please check the expiration dates on canned goods. Volunteers are also needed ... Just show up on Sunday, May 4!

Annual Spring Clean-Up - Saturday, May 10, beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will be mulching, cutting back trees/bushes around the parking lot, cleaning up around the church, the yards at Faith House and Grace House, and 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 17.*

Are you interested in ... helping spread the Good News? Sharing information about church, and the great things that are happening at St. Matthew? Working with social media (Facebook, YouTube, our website)? Helping with our Audio/Video teams? Reaching out to those in need? Please consider joining our Evangelism and Communication Team! We meet on the second Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m., in the library. All are welcome! Please contact Beth Johnson (301-501-0473) with any questions.

Help Wanted - Treasurer - The Congregation Council is looking for an individual to take over the Treasurer duties beginning in January 2026, due to the current Treasurer, Teri Uttech, completing her term at the end of this year. Ideally, a replacement will be identified early enough to begin training in the fall to allow for a smooth transition. The Treasurer is responsible for paying the church bills and managing the church finances along with the finance committee. If you have any interest in learning more about the responsibilities, please contact Teri Uttech at 330-321-7569 or at teriuttech@gmail.com.

Recycle “Old, Broken, and Unused Technology” - Medina UCC youth group is collecting “old, broken and unused technology” to recycle. Including: cell phones, tablets, MP3 players, smart watches, laptops, desktops, all-in-one computers, gaming consoles, video games, metal encased stereo receivers, SMALL metal appliances, VHS/DVD players, cords and cables. They recommend removing your personal data before donating (or let them know if you need help doing so). Smartphones and tablets must be unlocked and removed from your personal accounts before donating. *Disposable batteries should be removed as well, and recycled appropriately.

Drop-off at the church parking lot at 217 East Liberty Street, Medina:

Saturday, April 12, 8:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, April 22, 4:30-6:30 p.m.,

Saturday, April 26, 4:30-6:30 pm

Questions? Email Meghan@uccmedina.org or call 330-725-4559 for more information.

Silent Book Club - Meets the first Monday of every month in the Upper Room. 6:30-7:00 p.m. gather and fellowship, 7:00-8:00 p.m. enjoy silent reading of your choice. The Free Library is back as well in The Upper Room - donate a book, borrow a book, keep it if you like it. All types of books are welcome.

Looms of Love meets the **second and fourth Sundays** each month at 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

Men’s Breakfast meets the **third Monday** of the month at 8:00 a.m. at Yours Truly restaurant.

Bible & Brews meets **each Thursday** at 7 p.m. at Forest Meadows. Watch bulletin announcements, Shout-Outs, and Facebook for occasional location changes.

From Deacon Lindsay

THANK YOU for the warm welcome upon my return from maternity leave and sabbatical! Austin, Ellie, and I are grateful for my time away and the ability to rest, connect, and enjoy life as a new family of three. And, thank you for blessing us with your generous baby shower gifts, love, thoughts, and prayers over the last several months. They have been of great support to us and we sincerely appreciate them!

Be on the lookout for a “sabbatical recap” in the next several weeks, which will give the highlights of my time away, as well as what to expect as I continue to transition back into my role as your deacon at St. Matthew.

With love and deep gratitude for your presence in my life, Deacon Lindsay



Thank you to those who donated Lilies and Spring Flowers for Easter!

Flowers may be picked up following the 11:00 worship service.

Shannon Turney	Bob & Carla Maas	Kristine Neate
Ron & Ann Kolzing	Dale & Nancy Weygandt	Fran Koenig
Steve & Ann Pamer	Bruce Reed	Carol Muhlbach
Pat Straub	Dave & Marcia George	Sue Ogle

Alan & Delores Ivan in memory of family and friends
Brittany Thompson in memory of Kathy Jenewein
Tim & Melanie Brown to the glory of God
Nancy McNeal in memory of Lorin & Mary Frances McNeal
Scott & Beth Johnson to the glory of God
Todd & Melody Costello to the glory of God
Barbara Schwehm in memory of loved ones
Sandy Kelling in memory of Gary Kelling
The Obermeier Family in memory of loved ones
The Kane Family in memory of loved ones
The Sullivan Family in memory of loved ones
Jim & Jean Waite in memory of our fathers
Tom & Joyce Davis in honor of loved ones
The Walker Family in memory of loved ones
Becky Malloy in memory of loved ones
Chris & Kristin Weight in honor of Otto, Martha, and August
Una Mae Gill in memory of John Gill
Joe & Sarah Robinson in memory of Gladie Stoner
Rick & Kathy Grice in memory of Ken Strebelow
Jeff & Debbie Hicks in honor of Tom & Loretta Thornton
Bob & Teri Maddy in memory of loved ones
Lois Davis in memory of Dad & Mom Schnettler
The Saleker Family in memory of Joan Batke
Sandy Andrews in honor of loved ones

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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Church Office Hours

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

Friday: Office Closed

