



*Peace I leave with you;
my peace I give to you.
Not as the world
gives do I give to you.*

John 14:27

**Let not your hearts
be troubled,
neither
let them be afraid**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

8:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 8

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

No. 392

***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**

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***Prayer of the Day**

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Acts 16:9-15

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 67

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us;
may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase;
God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:10, 22--22:5

¹⁰And in the spirit one of the angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and

its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

John 14:23-29

²³Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

When Peace Like a River

No. 785

*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**

D: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

D: God of new life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your peace. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Give a vision of increase and abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. Join their efforts with the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them yield to your humble authority. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Give safe haven to those who seek healing, liberation, or peace especially Ron Huber, Justin, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, and John Siebert. Create places filled with hospitality where hurting people find your loving presence and wholeness. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Uphold the work of ministries and organizations in our communities who assist people experiencing homelessness, citizens returning from prison, and all

marginalized people. Accomplish your will through their efforts. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: Assemble your people at rivers, streams, and fonts, where we remember our baptism and welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

When in Our Music God is Glorified
Green, Sanford, Schwalm

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

D: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

No. 182

***Great Thanksgiving**

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 him thanks and praise.

***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.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

No. 465

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✠ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

My Life Flows on in Endless Song

No. 763

***Dismissal:**

D: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

D: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary on May 24, by Gary and Sandy Kelling.

Prayers for Healing: Ron Huber, Justin, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, and John Siebert.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Sixth Sunday of Easter, we worship in-person at 8:30 with ELW (Setting 8) liturgy and communion and at 11:00 with Praise liturgy and communion. Livestream at 8:30.

Luther Littles Sunday School (Pre-School-5th grade) - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room.

Luther Middles/Catechism (6-8 grades) - 9:45 a.m. in the green room.

Luther Middles Bake Sale before and after the 11:00 service in the narthex.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 29, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Seventh Sunday of Easter, we will worship in-person at 8:30 with ELW (Setting 8) liturgy and communion and at 11:00 with Praise liturgy and communion. Livestream at 8:30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Name Tags - Let's help Pastor Steve put names to our faces. Name tags and markers are available in the Narthex, Room of the Cross, and the Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Steve's Contact Information - Pastor Steve can be reached by email at pastorsteve@stmatthewmedina.org or by cell phone at 740-525-6149.

Deacon Lindsay on Vacation May 24-June 1.

Operation HOMES Meals - Thank you to everyone who signed up to provide meals for Operation HOMES guests.

Bicycle Ride - Celebrate World Bicycle Day, June 3, with a ride on the Chippewa Inlet Trail to the home of Howard and Kris Wolff in Chippewa Lake. The ride is approximately 3 miles; safe and relatively flat. We will meet at Buckeye Woods Park at 5:30 p.m.; Pastor Steve will have a blessing of the bikes; and we'll ride the path south to the trailhead at Chippewa Road. From there, we'll ride to the Wolff home for pizza, snacks, and drinks. Sign up on the poster in the narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c094ca8ac22abfc1-bike> by May 31.

Golf Outing - Come enjoy a fun evening of golf at Bunker Hill Golf Course with St. Matthew friends and guests on Thursday, June 16. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. for warm-ups. Tee times begin at 6:00 p.m. Guests are welcome. The cost for nine holes, a cart, and a light dinner following golf is \$45 per person. Dinner will include honey rosemary baked chicken, tenderloin tips over noodles, green beans, and roasted red skin potatoes. Register at <https://birdease.com/17841>. *Sponsored by Small Groups*

Recycle and Reuse - We will begin collecting egg cartons again in an effort to recycle and reuse. Egg cartons that are brought in will be given to local egg farmers for them to use for their eggs. A box will be in the narthex for you to drop off your cartons. Thank you for your help.

Pull Tab Collection - Join in tab collecting with others in our area to support Ronald McDonald House in Akron and Cleveland. All pull tabs are accepted! (pet food, soup, veggies, beverages, etc.) There are containers located in the Narthex and the Room of the Cross to deposit your pull tabs. If you have any questions, call Joyce at 216-780-0965.

Interest-Free Loans for Lutheran Students - Students, attain the life you're called to live. The Pierstorf Memorial Fund offers zero-interest educational loans to Lutherans living in the state of Ohio. Students must be enrolled full-time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. Explore academic pursuits, discover your unique gifts, and grow in the Spirit with yearly loans of up to \$3,000. For more information and to apply, visit Pierstorf.org.



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If you have questions about your current account or setting up your account, contact our Financial Director, John Baker at 330-607-0667 or financedir@stmatthewmedina.org.

Hearing Loop System Funds - On behalf of the Communication Evangelism Team, thank you to those who donated funds to help pay for the new Loop System. We have received more than what was needed and those funds will carryover for future projects for video/sound needs within the church. We appreciate the support from the congregation for this vital project for our brothers and sisters with hearing loss. We also thank Dale Weygandt for his time and energy in getting this system installed.

Melody Costello and Bobby Forsythe - Co-Chairs

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	May 22	May 22	May 29	May 29
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte		Trevor Rohde	Eli Cooper	Logan Naida
Reader	Delores Ivan	Linda Kostelnik	Adam Scheid	
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan			
Communion Assistants	Melanie Brown Mary Dunham	Melody Costello Bekah Knaggs		
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Owen Blakslee	--	Rex Rickly	--
Altar Guild	Mary Dunham		Becky Malloy	

UPDATE

HEARING LOOP SYSTEM

Designated Funds	\$3,815.68
Donations	<u>\$ 375.00</u>
Source of funds	Tot. \$4,190.68
Initial Cost	<u>\$4,900.00</u>
Shortfall	(\$ 709.32)
Received 4/17/22	\$ 150.00
Received 5/1/22	\$ 170.00
Received 5/8/22	\$ 150.00
Received 5/9/22	\$ 486.37
Overage	\$ 247.05

This overage will be put into Communication Evangelism audio/visual account.

Thank you, all who helped financially, to pay for the Loop System. Dale Weygandt

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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
Kaitlyn Taraschke	Nursery Attendant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop
System available.