



**“Give thanks to the Lord,
for the Lord is good.”**

Psalm 107:1

Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 20, 2021

10:00 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

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the father, ✝ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

No. 756

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Bill Diehm

WORD

First Reading

Job 38:1-11

¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
⁸“Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, ‘Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped’?”

Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God’s mercy endures forever.
²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
²³**Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.**
²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
God’s wonderful works in the deep.
²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**
²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.
²⁷They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.
²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.
²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea.**
³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.
³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**
³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain.

²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. ¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

*Gospel

Mark 4:35-41

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] “Let us go across to the other side.” ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, “Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?” ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!” Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, “Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?” ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Bill Diehm

Hymn of the Day:

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me

No. 755

*Apostle’s Creed

*Prayers of Intercession

P: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. We pray for all those on our prayer list: Marty Davis, David George, Greg McKee, Jim Apana, and Chuck Payne. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Risen Lord, 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 lead us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

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

MEAL

Offertory

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Communion Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand* No. 773

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

***Sending Song:** *My Life Flows On In Endless Song* No. 763

***Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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Thank you for observing our protocols for gathering this Sunday.

UPDATED 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 will be removed June 20th
Communion / Covid protocol still in place
Hymnals / Hymnals are not distributed just yet
Sharing of the Peace / Covid protocol still in place
Masks and Sanitizer available / Covid protocol still in place

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: Marty Davis, David George, Greg McKee, Jim Apana, and Chuck Payne.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by the Costello family in celebration of Todd this Father's Day and to celebrate Todd and Melody's 24th wedding anniversary on Monday.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, we worship in person and online at 10:00 a.m. with ELW hymns and Holy Communion.

Parking Lot Communion at 10:15 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 27, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Fifth Sunday After Pentecost, we will worship in person and online at 10:00 a.m. with Praise hymns and Holy Communion.

Parking Lot Communion at 10:15 a.m.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE
FROM AN USHER UPON REQUEST.**

WORSHIP SERVANTS		
Date	June 20	June 27
Service	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Song Leader	Nancy McNeal	
Reader	Melody Costello	LaVonne Hauptman
Ushers	Bruce Reed Cindy Rickly	
Communion Servers	Melody Costello	
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Owen Blakslee	Brian Harris
Altar Guild	Loretta Thornton & Sharron Sudimak	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation HOMES Meals - A big thank you to those that prepared and delivered meals to our Operation HOMES guests this past week. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Iced Coffee Bar next week before worship and again on July 4.

Fishing With Pastor Bill - Sunday, June 27 - 2:30 p.m. (will arrive back at port at 9:30 p.m. and back at church by 11:30.) Open to anyone who wants an evening on the lake! \$75 per person, includes cost of bait and fish cleaning. Rods and reels available for rent or you may borrow them from Pastor Bill. Bring your own supper sandwiches and beverages. **Call the church office to reserve your spot ASAP!**

Outdoor Worship at Buckeye Woods on Sunday, August 8, 10:00 a.m.

Should I get the Covid vaccine? If anyone in the parish is pondering the COVID-19 vaccine(s) and would like counsel on this concern, PLEASE contact Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse, at the church, or you can leave a voicemail at her home 330-667-2998.

Anyone entering St. Matthew's Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall can breathe easy: Thanks to the good efforts of our Property Team, including Troy Gerspacher, and Tom and Joyce Davis, St Matthew now has installed and functioning Anti-Covid air treatment units on the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall HVAC systems. What this means is that any pathogens in the HVAC air will be reduced if not eliminated, further improving the safety of our in-person worship.

Electronic Offering Updates - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Dean Hauptman 216-280-7472 or email at dlhauptman73@gmail.com.

Save the Dates!



Sunday, July 25 • 10:00 a.m.

At the Burke residence - 3938 Nichols Road, Medina

Please bring a lawn chair.

Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the picnic will follow.

See the Friday Shout-Out to sign up or you may sign up in the narthex. We ask you to bring one of the following items, based on the first letter of your last name:

A-G: Case of water or soda

H-P: side dish/salad (include serving utensils)

Q-Z: dessert

In addition to your lawn chairs, the following items are also recommended:

- Swim suits & towels
- ALL children MUST have a life jacket or puddle jumper
- Sunscreen
- Fishing Poles and bait if you wish to catch a big fish!
- Hand sanitizer



Feel free to bring friends to enjoy this day of fellowship!

A colorful graphic for a 'Broadway Block Party'. It features a rainbow arching over a row of colorful houses (purple, pink, green, orange). In the background, there's a church building, musical notes, and a tree. The text 'BROADWAY BLOCK PARTY' is written in large, colorful letters across the rainbow.

Saturday,
August 28
4:00 - 7:00 PM
(Preceded by 3:30 PM Worship)
St. Matthew Parking Lot
400 N. Broadway Street, Medina, Ohio 44256

FREE FOOD LIVE MUSIC

MAGICIAN JUGGLER ICE CREAM BALLOONS

RAFFLE CARNIVAL GAMES FACE PAINTING

Finance Report for May and Year-to-Date
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
 St. Matthew had the following revenue
 and expenses for May.

	Month of May 2021	Year-to-Date May 2021
Total Revenue	\$ 27,488.73	\$ 154,083.24
Total Expenses	\$ 26,776.18	\$ 146,044.71
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 712.55	\$ 8,038.53
Net Other	\$ 29.55	\$ 88.62
Net Revenue	<u>\$ 742.10</u>	<u>\$ 8,127.15</u>

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. William Diehm	Interim Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Sue Gircsis	Nursery Attendant
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Heather Rohde	Youth Worship Music Director

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM