

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

Psalm 126:3



Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

October 24 2021

8:30 a.m.

Rhythm & Blues Liturgy

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Gathering Songs

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Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-9

⁷Thus says the LORD:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
"Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel."
⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

Psalm

Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
²**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."**
³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.
⁴**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

⁵Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

⁶**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

²⁶For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. ²⁸For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect

*Gospel Acclamation

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*Gospel

Mark 10:46-52

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"

⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Lisa Arledge

Hymn of the Day:

Amazing Grace

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*Apostle's Creed

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*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: Risen One, we give you thanks for congregations and ministries throughout the world that serve as centers of prayer and action. Empower missionaries, teachers, healers, evangelists, and all who are sent to share your song of joy. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Holy One, we give you thanks for generous land that produces abundant harvests. Strengthen and protect all soils, from rooftop gardens to prairie farmlands, to patio planters to fertile valleys, and bless all who lovingly tend them. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Ruling One, we give you thanks for leaders of nations who work to build up the common good. Strengthen efforts of reconciliation among all nations, that peace extends in every direction. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Healing One, we give you thanks for all who labor for the health of others. Comfort and strengthen all who struggle with chronic pain. Send healing and relief to all who are sick, especially Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, Jerry Spears, Brenda Disbrow, Mary Baker, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, Greg McKee, and Ed Berchert . Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Providing One, we give you thanks for all who provide for others. Inspire generosity in your people, so that we carry out the work of making disciples of all nations. 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: Living One, we give you thanks for the saints who have increased our faith. Give us courage to follow in hope until you gather us all around your table of abundance. 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.

MEAL

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*Dismissal:

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

C: Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

WORSHIP SERVANTS				
Date	October 24	October 24	October 31	October 31
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Logan Naida	Marin Gerspacher		Addy Shook
Reader		Beth Johnson	Adam Scheid	Melody Costello
Ushers	Bruce Reed	Todd & Melody Costello	Bruce Reed	Jeremy, Christy, Jesse & Jacob Gabler
Communion Servers	Mary Dunham	Cindy Rickly	Nancy McNeal	Melody Costello
Sound	Larry Mohler	Mike Holthouse	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Brian Harris	--	Brian Harris	--
Altar Guild	Nancy McNeal			

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 this morning are given to the glory of God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost, we 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 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 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Arledge will discuss "Oasis: Space for Grace."

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

We Will Welcome Pastor Elizabeth Hazelton as our supply pastor.

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) at 11:00 a.m. service. Reception for confirmands at 9:45 a.m.

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

Call Committee Update

Greetings. The Ministry Site Profile has been activated! The Call Committee met on October 12, with Pastor Mitch Phillips, Assistant to the Bishop. We reviewed the next steps and process to prepare for and interview candidates. Pastor Mitch and the Bishop reviewed our Profile and have reached out to a few possible candidates.

Continue to keep us in your prayers as the Call Committee moves to this next important phase of interviewing. We are anxious to share the vision for our church and to let the Holy Spirit work as we Call a new pastor.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any of us.

Your Faithful Servants,

Jill Heck, Chair

Christy Gabler, Vice-Chair

Troy Gerspacher, Liaison to Executive Council

Todd Costello, Liaison to Congregation

Jenn Knaggs, Prayer Warrior and Devotional Leader

Kate Ilg, Historian & Scribe

John Burke and Aaron Reising, Technology

COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Mask Mandate / Masks optional, but recommended

HVAC anti-COVID air treatment / Equipment installed earlier this year

No Singing / Restrictions Lifted

Limiting Attendance / Restrictions Lifted

Keep Exterior Doors Open / Restrictions Lifted

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.

Operation HOMES Meal - Thank you to everyone who volunteered to prepare and deliver meals to our Operation HOMES guests this past week. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

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. If you do not have access to the internet, please call Beth Johnson for available dates and instructions at 330-501-0473.

Video Help Needed - This past year, our video ministry has become more important than ever. It has allowed St. Matthew to livestream worship services so we could all still worship together. As with all ministries in our community of faith, it takes volunteers to make it happen. We are seeking a few more volunteers who would be willing to help with the recording of our services on Sunday mornings. Please contact Lisa Burke or Melody Costello from Communication Evangelism or Brian Harris or Owen Blakslee, who can answer all your questions.

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.

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

	Month of August 2021	Year-to-Date August 2021
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	<u>\$ 3,956.25</u>	<u>\$ 11,891.61</u>

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