



## *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 31, 2022

9:30 a.m.

*Chicago Folk*

*“Living God’s Love”*

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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\*Please stand as you are able

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Sandy Andrews & Nancy McNeal

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**Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.  
Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and  
to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior  
and Lord. Amen.**

### \*Entrance Song

*All Depends on our Possessing*

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## WORD

### First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

<sup>2</sup>Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup>I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, <sup>13</sup>applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. <sup>14</sup>I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup>I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me <sup>19</sup>—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup>So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup>because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup>What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup>For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 49:1-12

<sup>1</sup>Hear this, all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell in the world,

<sup>2</sup>**you of high degree and low,  
rich and poor together.**

<sup>3</sup>My mouth shall speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

<sup>4</sup>**I will incline my ear to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.**

<sup>5</sup>Why should I be afraid in evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

<sup>6</sup>**the wickedness of those who put their trust in their own prowess,  
and boast of their great riches?**

<sup>7</sup>One can never redeem another,  
or give to God the ransom for another's life;

<sup>8</sup>**for the ransom of a life is so great  
that there would never be enough to pay it,**

<sup>9</sup>in order to live forever and ever  
and never see the grave.

<sup>10</sup>**For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.**

<sup>11</sup>Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation to generation,  
though they had named lands after themselves.

<sup>12</sup>**Even though honored, they cannot live forever;  
they are like the beasts that perish.**

## Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

<sup>1</sup>So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup>Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup>for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup>When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup>On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup>These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup>But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup>Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup>and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup>In that renewal there is no

longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

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

**\*Alleluia**

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**\*Gospel**

Luke 12:13-21

D: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter.

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

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." <sup>16</sup>Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' <sup>18</sup>Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

D: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

**Song of the Day**

*Amazing Grace*

No. 779

**\*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: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

P: O God, you are wholeness. Where there is division in your church, bring reconciliation and healing. Guide the work of theologians, Sunday school teachers, seminary professors, and all who provide instruction for the building up of your church. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: O God, you are the source of all life. Where creation cries out in distress, bring relief and renewal. Bless farmers, ranchers, distributors, and all who provide our food. Nourish the land and all its habitants. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: O God, you are wisdom. Where nations and communities yearn for peace, bring justice. Strengthen those who toil for the welfare of others, especially military personnel, police, first responders, and activists, and for the healing of the nations. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: O God, you are life. Where your people are overwhelmed with the busy-ness of life, bring encouragement. Accompany all who experience emotional, mental, or physical distress especially Rosemary Evans, Gary Chmielewski, Steve Hulvey, Lennie Davis, Jim Apana, Jim Minor, Justin, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Renew us at your table of mercy. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: O God, you are our treasure. Where scarcity and anxiety pervade your church, bring abundance and vitality. Guide the work of church councils and committees and give them clarity for the work of ministry in this place. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P: O God, you are resurrection. We give you thanks for all your saints. Inspire us by their example of faithful living to set our minds on things above and to be rich in love toward you. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

P: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

**The Offering**

**Create in Me...**

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**\*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.**

**The Lamb of God**

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**Communion Hymn**

*Be Thou My Vision*

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*Send Us Forth in Peace*

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**\*Sending Song**

*What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

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**\*Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Guitar: Scott Schwandt

<b>WORSHIP SERVANTS</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday July 31</b>	<b>Wednesday August 3</b>	<b>Sunday August 7</b>
<b>Service</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Marin Gerspacher		Mason Cooper
<b>Reader</b>	Delores Ivan		
<b>Ushers</b>	Melody Costello Todd Costello Bruce Reed		
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Mary Dunham Delores Ivan		
<b>Sound</b>	Joe Obermeier/Larry Mohler		Joe Obermeier/ Larry Mohler
<b>Video</b>	Rex Rickly		Brian Harris
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy McNeal & Nancy Weygandt		

## PRAYERS

**Altar Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God In celebration of Leitheas's 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on August 2 with thanks to God from the Obermeier family

**Memorial Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Tyler John by Todd and Melody Costello.

**Prayers for Healing:** Rosemary Evans, Gary Chmielewski, Steve Hulvey, Lennie Davis, Jim Apana, Jim Minor, Justin, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, and John Siebert.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

**Today, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost,** we worship in person and via livestream at 9:30 a.m. with *Chicago Folk* liturgy and communion.

**Bike Ride** - Today - Meet at Lakewood Park parking lot at 11:30 a.m.

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3 AT ST. MATTHEW

**Wednesday** we will worship in person at 7:00 p.m. with *Holden Evening Prayer* and communion.

## NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Ninth Sunday after Pentecost,** we will worship in person and via livestream at 9:30 a.m. with *Now the Feast* liturgy and communion.

**Blood Pressure Screening** before and after worship in the Parish Nurse's office.

**Blood Drive** - American Red Cross Blood Drive in the fellowship hall, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Saturday, August 27**

**4:00-7:00 pm**



**MUSIC, D.J. BRIAN STANIS**  
**MAGICIAN, NATE THE GREAT**  
**FOOD TRUCK, SWINE BBQ**  
**BOUNCE HOUSE**  
**DUNK TANK**  
**RAFFLE BASKETS**  
**TEMPORARY TATTOOS**  
**SNOW CONES**  
**COTTON CANDY**  
**CARNIVAL GAMES**





# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Modified Office Hours Next Week** - Deb will be on vacation next week (August 1-5). There will be office coverage Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. - Noon. The office will be closed on Friday, August 5.

**Pastor Steve's Contact Information** - Pastor Steve can be reached by email at [pastorsteve@stmatthewmedina.org](mailto:pastorsteve@stmatthewmedina.org) or by cell phone at 740-525-6149.

**New Member Class** - A new member class will be forming soon. Please contact Pastor Steve if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew.

**Blood Pressure Screening** - August 7, before and after worship in the Parish Nurse's office.

**Blood Drive** - We are hosting our first American Red Cross Blood Drive. The drive is scheduled for next Sunday, August 7 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you're a regular donor, you can schedule your donation on the Blood Donor app. New donors can download the app on their phone to schedule or schedule online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM>. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Costello. We hope to see you roll up your sleeve!

**Rubber Ducks Game** - Calling all St. Matthew families and friends...It's time to go to a ball game! Please join us on Sunday, August 14 for an Akron Rubber Ducks game. Game time is 2:05 p.m. Discounted tickets are \$12 and must be purchased by August 7. Use this link to purchase tickets <https://fevo.me/saintmatthewlutheranchurch>. Family FUNday at Canal Park. Some of your favorite princes and princesses will be there. Enjoy pre-game catch on the field, reading with the Rubber Ducks, end of 5<sup>th</sup> inning kids stampede, and post-game kids run the bases. Hope to see you there!

**Bible & Brews** - Weekly on Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at St. Matthew until our chosen venue, Four Paws, is available. We will begin with the book of Acts. All are welcome!

**Pastoral Installation** for Steve Mahaffey, August 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church. *Formal invitations were emailed to the congregation on Tuesday, July 26.* A potluck reception will follow the installation service. Please RSVP to the link provided in that email. [tinyurl.com/45ze6p55](https://tinyurl.com/45ze6p55)



**Electronic Giving** – To set up an online giving account or to make changes to your online giving, scan the QR code to the left or go to [stmatthewmedina.org](http://stmatthewmedina.org), click on the Give tab, scroll down to “*How Can I Give?*” and click on Give Here. If you already have an account, log in. You can then update any of your information (contact information, giving amount, and which funds you support). If you wish to *begin* donating electronically, click on Sign Up. You will fill each field as you are prompted to set up your account.

If you have questions about your account or setting up your account, contact our Financial Director, John Baker at 330-607-0667 or [financedir@stmatthewmedina.org](mailto:financedir@stmatthewmedina.org).

**What is the LGL Samaritan Fund?** This fund was set up in 2007 to assist our members during a financial situation where a helping hand may be needed. Perhaps you had a large car repair and cannot pay your rent or mortgage one month. Maybe you recently lost your job and need a helping hand to stay in good financial standing. It is a confidential ministry where your identity is only known by the intake specialist. We have assisted over 1400 family units over the years. If you could benefit from financial assistance and are a member of St. Matthew, you will find applications on the table in front of the church office or in the drop box under the doorbell at the rear Pearl Street entrance. You will also find the application on our website, [stmatthewmedina.org](http://stmatthewmedina.org), in the Community Resources section. Please read the guidelines that are posted on the website as well. It is also open to non-members who reside in Medina County. This fund is administered by a Board of Trustees formed of members of St. Matthew that meets monthly.

**Nautica Queen Sunset Cruise** offered through Zion Lutheran Church, Sunday, September 18, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Reserve your space now. See fliers in the narthex.

## **VOLUNTEER AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

**Nursery Assistants** - The Personnel Committee is looking for several members of St. Matthew who would be willing to serve as an assistant in the nursery on a rotation. Our nursery attendant sometimes needs a couple extra hands. If you would be willing to serve as a Nursery Assistant for one service or during the Sunday School hour once every couple of months, contact the Personnel Director, Barb Woodard, at 330-321-2408 or [barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com](mailto:barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com).

**Youth Music Director** - We have many talented young members of our congregation who enjoy music and would love to show their talents to the congregation. We have been searching for a person who would lead our youth choir(s) and instrumental groups. If you know of someone who would be qualified in this position, contact Barb Woodard, Personnel Director, for more information at 330-321-2408 or [barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com](mailto:barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com).

**Sunshine Meals Ministry** - The Sunshine Committee is a group of people who volunteer to periodically make/or purchase meals and deliver them to parishioners at a time of need. If you feel called to help with this St. Matthew ministry, please contact Sue Schwab at 330-242-3397 or [ohschwab@zoominternet.net](mailto:ohschwab@zoominternet.net).

**Worship Assistants** - Readers, Ushers, and Communion Assistants. Please sign up in the narthex. For any questions regarding these opportunities, please contact Sandy Andrews.

## "God's work. Our hands." Sunday



**Sept. 11**  
**2022**

Working together with our Cluster Churches\*, we will be collecting items for 500 school bags for Lutheran World Relief.

Following our 11:00 worship service on September 11, head over to Zion, Valley City, for lunch. St. Matthew will be taking sides and salads. If you can help with that, there will be a sign-up in the narthex.

After lunch stay to help on the assembly line to put book bags together or make greeting cards for "Loads of Love".

Then, to the laundromat to help people with their laundry and to save their dollars.

The book bags will be taken to Jerusalem Lutheran, Seville, when they will have a truck parked and ready to head to Lutheran World Relief.

### Items we, as a congregation, are donating:

1. 450 pairs of children's blunt scissors
2. 450 small pencil sharpeners
3. 400 #2 unsharpened pencils
4. 400 black or blue (no gel) ballpoint pens
5. Sides or salads for lunch on September 11.
6. Monetary donations toward fulfilling the items for the book bags, and for "Loads of Love" at the laundromat. (*Checks payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church - GWOH" on the memo line, or cash accepted.*)
7. And people, including children, who can help on the assembly line.



Keep an eye or an ear open for additional information.

*\*Cluster Churches: St. Matthew, Zion, Our Saviour, Holy Trinity, Living Word, and New Horizons.*

## **St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff**

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
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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.