



“Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

Luke 21:8

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 13, 2022

8:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 4

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

D: Blessed be the holy Trinity, **+** one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C: Amen.

D: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

D: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.

D: Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the **+** Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

O Zion, Haste

No. 668

***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.

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

WORD

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

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

Psalm

Psalm 98

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge
the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

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

D: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

Hymn of the Day:

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

No. 588

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: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

D: Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry.
Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times.
Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick especially Pat Pritchard, Bob Madey, Arline, Don Baker, Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, Steve Combs, and those we now name aloud or held tenderly in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel. Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died.
Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in
your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through
Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offertory

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Kenneth W. Staton

Luther Choir

***Thanksgiving for the Word**

D: For your word of life, O God,

C: we give you thanks and praise.

***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.**

SENDING

*Blessing

D: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, ✝
bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Sending Song:

Build Us Up, Lord

No. 670

*Dismissal:

D: Go in peace. Be a blessing to the world.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in honor of Otto's 20th birthday by Chris and Kristin Weight.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Virginia Maas, Mother of Bob and Carla Maas.

Prayers for Healing: Pat Pritchard, Bob Madey, Arline, Don Baker, Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *ELW setting 4* liturgy and at 11:00 a.m. with *Praise* liturgy. *No communion at either service.* Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

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

65+ Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Dine in and carry-out available.

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Christ the King Sunday, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *ELW setting 4* liturgy and Holy Communion and at 11:00 a.m. with *Native American service* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

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

Blood Pressure Screening before each service in Brenda's office.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday November 13	Sunday November 13	Sunday November 20	Sunday November 20
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte		Brooke Haycook		Faith Taraschke
Reader	Delores Ivan	Peg Huber	Melody Costello	
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan Bruce Reed			
Communion Assistants	<i>No Communion</i>	<i>No Communion</i>	Melody Costello	
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Owen Blakslee	--	Owen Blakslee	--
Altar Guild	Becky Malloy & Julie Shrader			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Lindsay Will Be on Vacation November 16-30.

Seeking all Thrivent members! If you belong to Thrivent, please contact Pastor Steve.

Bible and Brew Update - The weekly Bible Study will be meeting each Thursday at 7:00 p.m. On November 17, we will meet at church and November 24 we will not meet, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. We will continue our study in the book of Acts. Feel free to bring a beverage and/or a snack.

Operation HOMES Day Center Update - Most recently we have been at capacity. To serve our guests, we are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to noon. The number of guests on any one day varies by their work schedule. We offer any guest an opportunity to do laundry, take a hot shower and/or just relax. Our host makes certain the guests have all the necessities needed to complete those tasks. Our biggest opportunity is simply welcoming each guest and making them feel comfortable. **We are in need of volunteers.** Could you spare some time to make our guests feel welcome? Please call Rick Sullivan at 330-391-0222.

Blood Pressure Screening before both services, in the Parish Nurse's office, Sunday, November 20.

Church Directory - St. Matthew is having a new pictorial directory created and we need your smiling faces to make it complete! Universal Church Directories will be here on November 30 and December 1 from 2:00 – 8:30 to take photos and provide proofs for you to view and purchase, if you wish. Please make an appointment at www.ucdir.com; select the photography schedule button on the right. Enter **OH2620** and **photos** to login (open M-F). Select the day that works best for you; find a time and select the pencil. Enter your information and you're done. Each photography session takes about 45 minutes from start to finish.

We will have volunteers in the narthex on Sundays (not at 11:00 today) to help schedule anyone that would like help. If you have questions, please call/text Melody at 330-461-1149.

Church Directory Volunteers- We need volunteers to assist our congregation with online appointment scheduling on Sundays following our services. If you are willing to help, please contact Melody Costello at 330-461-1149 or sign up at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q0n9P9Wbt2OyFFLjLV2B5hGIHb92FehS0L_qV7gVYzQ/edit#gid=0.

Journey to Bethlehem - We are once again planning a group event to see the Journey to Bethlehem in Walnut Creek, December 3, 2022. We will meet for dinner at Der Dutchmen at 3:45 (if you don't plan to have dinner, please indicate that and meet us in the parking lot at 4:45) and then "journey" by caravan around Walnut Creek experiencing the immersive Journey to Bethlehem. While this is sponsored by

Comprehensive Youth, we invite and encourage all members to join us! If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to Christy Gabler 330-441-1841. Please sign up in the narthex or via this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FADAE2DA46-journey>

Christmas Cookie Exchange & Evergreen Cross Craft - Sunday, December 4 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy lunch provided by Small Groups, followed by the Cookie Exchange and Evergreen Cross making. A craft for kids will be provided and door prizes will be awarded for the most festive Christmas outfit. Please bring three dozen HOMEMADE cookies for the exchange, along with a container to take your exchanged cookies home. Immediately after the cookie exchange, we will craft our evergreen crosses. This will take approximately 30 minutes. Cost is \$40. *Please pay Corey Neururer via cash, check, PayPal, or Venmo (caneururer@yahoo.com) by Sunday, November 27*, so we know how much material to prepare, etc. There are picture examples in the narthex of the evergreen crosses. Join us for one or all of these activities. Please contact a member of Small Groups with any questions. We hope to see you for fun, fellowship, and to enjoy the Christmas spirit. Please sign up in the narthex or by using this site:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080a45afae2cabff2-cookie>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch your bulletins and Shout-Outs for details.

Wednesday, November 30, 2:00-8:30 pm, Directory Pictures. *Communication Evangelism*

Thursday, December 1, 2:00-8:30 pm, Directory Pictures. *Communication Evangelism*

Sunday, December 4, 12:30 pm - Annual cookie exchange and evergreen cross making, fellowship hall. *Small Groups*

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St. Mathew 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop
System available.