

*Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt His name together!*

Praise service

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

“Living God’s Love”

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St. Matthew 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.

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Good News Moment

***Gathering Song** *Open the Eyes of My Heart*

***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.

***Prayer of the Day**

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,

and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

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

Psalm

Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰**no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴ **I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name.**

¹⁵ They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶ **With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹ Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ² He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³ and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴ And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

*Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

***Hymn of the Day:**

We Believe

A: *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**

A: Challenged by God’s Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A: Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace especially Susie, Julie, Marge, Jenna, Jerry, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace,
C: hear our prayer.

A: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.
C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.
C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

***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 our thanks and praise.

***Words of Institution**

***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.**

Communion Solo

Caroline Obermeier

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

Above All

***Dismissal:**

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	8:30 - Luke Rohde	11:00 - Andrew Hogan
Reader:	8:30 - Tim Brown	11:00 - Fran Koenig
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Melanie Brown Carol Elkins	11:00 -
Ushers:	8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan	
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	8:30 - Scott Johnson	
Altar Guild:	Becky Malloy & Julie Shrader	
Assisting Minister		

Praise Band

Song Leader: Caroline Obermeier
Guitar: Scott Schwandt
Drums: Lennie Davis
Pianist: Cindy Piovarchy

PRAYERS

Harvest Home Sunday - Today is the last Sunday of Harvest Home. Thank you, God, for providing the beautiful mums and other decorations for all to enjoy.

Prayers for Healing: Susie Siebert, Julie, Marge Murray, Jenna Saleker, Jerry Jakovcic, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person and livestream at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with Praise and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30.*

Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m. (No adult class this week.)

Fall Festival - 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Richardson's Farm, 6984 Lafayette Rd.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Reformation Sunday, we will worship in person and livestream at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with ELW 4 and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30.* Affirmation of Baptism during the 11:00 service.

Confirmation Reception - 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall.

Looms of Love - 9:45 am, Library.

Loads of Love - 1:00-4:00 p.m., North Court Laundromat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Silent Book Club - Our Monday, October 21 meeting has been canceled. The next meeting will be Monday, November 4.

Adult Sunday School - There will be no adult Sunday School today or next week October 27. We will resume on November 3 to continue discussing and learning about ELCA Social Statements and Messages. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall. If you are not able to come every week, that's okay! Come when you are able. Discussions are ongoing.

Looms of Love Update - A total of 182 hats were sent to those in North Carolina that were affected by hurricane Helene. There were 69 adult hats, 45 youth hats, and 68 baby hats. Thank you to A.J. Nagel Electric on Stone Ridge Road in Avon, Ohio for transporting the hats and other donations to aid the community. Thank you to our Looms of Love group for their dedication to making hats to help others, and to Melody for finding this company to deliver the hats. Looms of Love meets the **second and fourth Sundays** each month at 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

Chocolate Walk - On Saturday, October 26, the Medina County Arts Council (MCAC) is holding their 3rd annual Chocolate Walk fundraiser event. This year, our church is participating in the Chocolate Walk as a "Chocolatier". This means that from 11-5 during the walk, we will be handing out a chocolate treat to attendees (location not determined yet). The treat will be Fruit of the Spirit Trail Mix which will be mixed together with white chocolate. If you would like to help with donations for the treat and/or volunteer to hand out the treats, please sign up with the link below. This event is for all ages. More details with the preparing of the treat will come later when a date and time has been set. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Shrader at 330-635-8685. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CADAA2DA5F49-52406056-fruit>

Confirmation & Reception - Next Sunday, October 27, several youth will be affirming their baptisms at the 11:00 service. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. in celebration of this important faith milestone. Please plan to attend and join the Comprehensive Youth team in honoring this year's confirmands!

Loads of Love - Join us next Sunday, October 27 at North Court Laundromat, 1:00-4:00 p.m., or until quarters run out. Members of St. Matthew will be spreading love and joy by handing out quarters for people to do their laundry. *"Showing love to our community one load at a time."*

Children's Sermons - Is your talent sharing God's word with others-particularly children? Over the next 6 months (but actually always!), to assist Pastor Steve while Deacon Lindsay is on leave, would you be willing to share a children's sermon? These short sermons can be based on the day's scripture readings, personal stories, or just sharing the Good News in a way to help children understand. Please let Pastor Steve know if you would like to sign up! *"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."* -Leo Buscaglia

Come and Join the Kids of the Kingdom!! We have a NEW MEETING TIME, Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are always looking for new members and would love for you to join us! Everyone from 1st through 8th grade is welcome! Contact Rachel Knaggs (330-591-7093) with any questions.

Bible & Brews will not meet during the month of October. We will resume Thursday, November 14.

Care Package ministry Collection -The Care Package Ministry Team is making preparations for the next round of care packages for our college students! We are collecting gift cards, notes, and words of encouragement to include in the care packages. Monetary donations are also welcome and appreciated to help cover shipping costs and purchase items for the packages. There will be a container in the Narthex for notes, gift cards, and monetary donations. You can also purchase items directly from our Amazon wish list to help fill the packages! Simply use the link in the Shout-Out or on our website to view our Wishlist, add the item you wish to purchase to your cart, and select St. Matthew as the shipping address, and it will be delivered directly to the church to be included in the packages! **Updated Addresses Needed for College Students and Military Personnel!**

Have you seen the Brown Room recently?

If so, you'll notice it's no longer brown, thanks to the recent painting and carpet replacement. We thought it might be fun to come up with a new, more fitting name. With that said, if you want to propose a name, or more than one, of how we might refer to the room in the future, please send your ideas to our office administrator, Deb Musil, at office@stmatthewmedina.org or complete a form found at the back of the sanctuary, outside the offices, or in the "Brown Room" and return it by November 10. We will take a vote on November 17 at our Annual Congregation Meeting.

Youth Bulletin Board

Let's support our youth!! Between Pastor Steve's and Deacon Lindsay's offices is a giant bulletin board. If you, as a youth, are involved in sports, the arts, or any other activity that includes a performance, we'd love for you to share it with the congregation by posting the schedule of dates of activity on the bulletin board so we can come and cheer you on! Parents, we encourage you to encourage your child to share! Our hope is that this will become a PERMANENT place to learn about our youths' extracurricular activities.

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Hearing Loop
System available.

Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Friday: Office Closed