



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 2, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Now the Feast & Celebration

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Now the Feast and Celebration

Marty Haugen

(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

¹The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help,
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you "Violence!"
and you will not save?

³Why do you make me see wrongdoing
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;
strife and contention arise.

⁴So the law becomes slack
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous—
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

^{2:1}I will stand at my watchpost,
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

²Then the LORD answered me and said:

Write the vision;
make it plain on tablets,
so that a runner may read it.

³For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
it speaks of the end, and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
it will surely come, it will not delay.

⁴Look at the proud!
Their spirit is not right in them,
but the righteous live by their faith.

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

Psalm

Psalm 37:1-9

¹Do not be provoked by evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

²**For they shall soon wither like the grass,
and like the green grass fade away.**

³Put your trust in the LORD and do good;
dwell in the land and find safe pasture.

⁴**Take delight in the LORD,
who shall give you your heart's desire.**

⁵Commit your way to the LORD; put your trust in the LORD,
and see what God will do.

⁶**The LORD will make your vindication as clear as the light
and the justice of your case like the noonday sun.**

⁷Be still before the LORD and wait patiently.

Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

⁸**Refrain from anger, leave rage alone;
do not be provoked; it leads only to evil.**

⁹For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who hope in the LORD shall possess the land.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

²To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel**

Luke 17:5-10

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” ⁶The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

⁷“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table?’ ⁸Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?’ ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

Hymn of the Day

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

No. 759

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

P: We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster, relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick especially the family of Jim Davis, Mark, Pat, Steve Combs, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering		
Offertory	<i>Simple Praise (11:00)</i> Courtney/Martin	Luther Choir
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SENDING

***Post Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table.

May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be made known through us.

C: **Amen.**

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PRAYERS

Harvest Home Sundays Begin Today - Enjoy the benefits of the harvest today and the next two Sundays. Thank you to all who supplied items.

Prayers for Healing: Family of Jim Davis, Mark, Pat, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *Now the Feast* liturgy and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

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

First Communion Instruction - Meet in the Brown Room at 12:15 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *ELW Setting 8* liturgy and at 11:00 a.m. with *Rhythm & Blues* liturgy and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

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

First Communion Instruction - Meet in the Brown Room at 12:15 p.m.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday October 2	Sunday October 2	Sunday October 9	Sunday October 9
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Mason Cooper	Faith Taraschke	Eli Cooper	Ella Supanich
Reader		Linda Kostelnik	Adam Sheid	
Ushers	Becky Malloy Bruce Reed		Bruce Reed	
Communion Assistants	Melody Costello Mary Dunham	Nancy McNeal		
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Rex Rickly	--	Brian Harris	--
Altar Guild	Nancy McNeal			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Altar Guild Luncheon is scheduled for October 8 at 11:30 a.m. at First Watch. Please let Sandy (sandrews731@aol.com) or 330-667-2858) know if you plan to attend.

Men's Football Meet Up - Please join your St. Matthew friends Sunday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Shook residence (3540 Poe Road) to watch the Browns game. We ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert to share, along with a six pack beverage of choice. Enjoy and Go Browns!

Luther Ladies Bible Study - This fall, the Luther Ladies Bible Study will walk through a series entitled, *I'm Waiting God: Finding Blessing in God's Delays*. With the help of author, Barb Roose, we will explore the stories of women in the Bible and discuss the good that can come from trusting God in the midst of waiting for answers to our prayers.

This 5-session series will be held in person only in St. Matthew's Brown Room on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 PM on the following dates:

October 18, 25, November 1, 8, and 15. All are welcome to attend!

The cost for the Participant Journal that accompanies the study is \$13.

Cash/checks can be brought to the church office or placed in Deacon Lindsay's mailbox. Please make checks payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church".

Please register by Tuesday, October 11. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3losVSCPlczn67Ix_h9O4T8GVJTLNBRn11F2HJ_CpEDXfcw/viewform

Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, October 16, before each service in Brenda's office.

Hayride & Chili Cook-Off - Please join us Sunday, October 16 from 4-7 p.m. at Richardson Farms, 6084 Lafayette Road, Medina. Ages 3-5, \$10; ages 6-11, \$11; age 12-adult, \$12. Cost includes hayride, pumpkin, apple cider, and apples. Payment collected that evening. Cash preferred, but checks, PayPal, and Venmo will be accepted. A chili judging contest will take place that evening (participation optional). If you are not participating in the chili cook-off, we ask, if your name begins with A-M, you to bring a dessert, and N-Z, please bring an appetizer. Use this link to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a45afae2cabff2-stmatthew1> or sign up in the narthex.

Flour Barrel Fund - (aka Pastor's Discretionary Fund) is running low. We are asking for contributions to this fund that is used to help those with a more immediate need, such as an extra night in a hotel, food, etc. Cash or checks (made out to St. Matthew) can be placed in the offering plate, mailed, or dropped off at the church office. Please make sure they are clearly marked for the Flour Barrel Fund.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch your bulletins and Shout-Outs for details.

Sunday, October 23, 12:30 p.m., Mapleside Farms. *Luther League*

Sunday, October 23, 12:30 p.m., Trunk or Treat. *Luther Littles/Middles*

Sunday, October 30, 11:00 a.m., Confirmation. Reception at 9:45 a.m. *9th Grade Youth*

Sunday, November 6, 2-4 p.m. - The Foundry Social outing. *Small Groups*

Sunday, November 6, 12:30-1:30 p.m. - Canned Food Drive. *Youth*

Sunday, November 13, 5:00 p.m., Thanksgiving Dinner for 65+. *Hosted by Luther League*

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

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.

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.

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.

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

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



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