



“I desire mercy,
not sacrifice.”
For I have come
to call not
the righteous
but sinners.’

Matthew 9.13

Second Sunday in Pentecost

June 11, 2023

9:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 8

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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.

"Pages" are in the front of the hymnal.
"Hymns" are located toward the back of the hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

*Confession and Forgiveness *(You may stand or kneel)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors. Merciful God,

C: we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail. Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *Morning Has Broken* Hymn 556

*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.

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***Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast* Page 187

*Prayer of the Day

C: O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

First Reading

Hosea 5:15--6:6

- ¹⁵I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
- ^{6:1}“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
- ²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
- ³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”
- ⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
- ⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
- ⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

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

Psalm

Psalm 50:7-15

- ⁷“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.
- ⁸**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your burnt offerings are always before me.**
- ⁹I will not accept a calf from your stalls,
nor goats from your pens;
- ¹⁰**for all the wild animals of the forest are mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.**
- ¹¹I know every bird of the mountains,
and the creatures of the fields are mine.
- ¹²**If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.**
- ¹³Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?

¹⁴**Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving
and make good your vows to the Most High.**

¹⁵Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

¹³The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations")—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." ²³Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go

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***Gospel**

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Julianne Smith

Hymn of the Day:

Have No Fear, Little Flock

Hymn 764

***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** (*You may stand or kneel.*)

P: Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

A brief silence.

P: We pray, O God, for the church. Unite us with any on the margins, that the whole world recognizes that your mercy is greater than our human capacity to restrict it. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray, O God, for creation. Tend forests and fields and safeguard all cattle, birds, and wild animals. Preserve lakes, rivers, and oceans and send rains to water the earth. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray, O God, for the nations. Awaken in our leaders compassion for people who have too often felt forgotten or neglected, and inspire policy solutions that promote equity and inclusion. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray, O God, for all who are in need. Accompany anyone enduring chronic illness, any who suffer in secret, and those grieving a loved one's death. Send healing for all who plead for relief from sickness or pain, especially Carl, Loretta, Dorothy, Leithea, Lindsay, Al, Heidi, Becky, Sandi, Judy, Steve, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray, O God, for the eradication of racial hatred. On this week when we commemorate the Emanuel Nine, we implore you to cast out the demons of white supremacy that make us believe lies about ourselves and our neighbors. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give thanks, O God, for Barnabas and all the saints. Renew our faith that you can do what you have promised and raise us, with all our beloved dead, to new life. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Hymn 184

***Offertory Prayer**

P: God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

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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.

***Proper Preface**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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***Eucharistic Prayer**

***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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

Hymn 471

***Prayer after Communion**

P: We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

P: The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed +
bless, keep, and sustain you now and to the end of the age.

C: **Amen.**

*Sending Song:

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn 859

*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. Share the harvest.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God for their loved ones who have gone before us and for their daughters and granddaughters by Bob and Teri Madey.

Prayers for Healing: Carl Ulich, Loretta Thornton, Dorothy Ulich, Leithea Obermeier, Deacon Lindsay, Al, Heidi Jones, Becky, Sandi, Judy McLaughlin, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Second Sunday in Pentecost, we worship in-person and via livestream at 9:30 with ELW setting 8 and holy communion.

Welcome and Thank You to Pastor Julianne Smith for leading worship this morning along with Deacon Lindsay.

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 18, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Third Sunday in Pentecost, we will worship in-person and via livestream at 9:30 with Praise and holy communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve will be on vacation June 7-16. Please know that while seeking renewal and rest, Pastor Steve will not be looking at nor responding to emails. Additionally, please honor this important and necessary time away by refraining from texts, calls, instant messages, or other forms of social media communication. If there is an emergency, we are blessed to have two rostered leaders serving St. Matthew. Please contact the other leader, who will make the decision as to whether the other should be contacted while away. Thank you for showing care for your pastor and deacon in honoring healthy boundaries.

Office Closures - The office will be closed Friday, June 16 and Monday, June 19 (Juneteenth Holiday).

Pastor Steve away for Continuing Education - June 17-24.

NEEDED - Nursery Attendant - In order to keep the nursery open for our young members of St. Matthew and young guests, we are in need of a nursery attendant on **June 25 and July 23**. If you are willing and able to sit with the children at 9:30 to 10:30, please call Barb Woodard at barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com. If we don't have an attendant, the nursery will be open for parents to sit with their children.

Luther Littles Rock Painting - Preschool - 5th graders are invited to a rock painting picnic on Saturday, June 17. We will meet at York Township Community Park (Rt. 252 just north of Rt. 18) from 12 - 2 p.m. Please bring your own sack lunch and beverage. After lunch, we will be painting rocks. A "Rock the Block" invite will also be put on the rocks. The rocks will then be scattered throughout the county for all to find and re-hide. Contact Julie Shrader with any questions at 330-635-8685. RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CADAA2DA5F49-rock>.

Akron Rubber Ducks - Calling all St. Matthew families and friends ... it's almost summertime and time for baseball! Please join us on Friday, June 23 for a Friday Night Akron Rubber Ducks doubleheader and fireworks. Game time is 5:05 p.m. Discounted tickets are only \$12. Go to <https://fevogm.com/event/saintmatthew> to purchase tickets. Hope to see you there!

Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, June 25. Before and after worship in Brenda's office.

Vacation Bible School - For children who have completed Pre-School through 5th grade. June 26-30, 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Blood Drive at St. Matthew, Saturday, July 1, 8 am - 1 pm. (last appointment time is 12:45). If you're a donor, please consider giving and supporting this drive. New donors are always welcome! You can schedule at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time> or download the Blood App on your phone and schedule/create a profile. If you any questions, please contact Melody.

Cedar Point - Kids of all ages are invited to join us on Wednesday, July 12. If you would like to carpool, a group will meet in the church parking lot at 8:45 a.m. If you drive to the park, we will meet at the gates at 10 a.m. We will stay until closing at 10 p.m. If you do not have a season pass and need a ticket, please visit the Cedar Point website <https://www.cedarpoint.com/daily-tickets>. Everyone is responsible for their own meals. Contact Julie Shrader with any questions at 330-635-8685. RSVP at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0C4CADAA2DA5F49-cedar>.

Key Inventory - If you have a key to the church and do not need it, please return it to the office! Otherwise, contact the church office (330-725-8885 or office@stmatthewmedina.org) and let us know what type of key you have and the number shown on the key.

Share your favorite hymns with us! Forms are located in the narthex for you to fill out. Please place completed lists in Pastor Steve's mailbox.

**Finance Report for March, April & Year to Date
St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

St. Matthew had the following donations received
and expenses for Year 2023

	<u>Month of March, 2023</u>	<u>Month of April, 2023</u>	<u>Year-to-Date January-April, 2023</u>
Total Income	\$33,681.44	\$29,820.54	\$124,470.39
Total Expenses	\$34,902.22	\$ 45,845.88	\$170,397.47
Net Operating Income or (Loss)	\$(1,220.78)	\$(16,025.34)	\$(45,927.08)

Financial Update: *St. Matthew Lutheran Church had the detailed contributions and expenses shown for the months of March, April and 2023 year-to-date. Please consider increasing your offering to support the church and its mission of Living God's Love.*

With the summer months upon us, online giving one-time or recurring donations are convenient to set-up and continue even from the beach, on the road, or right at home. Your generous donations continue to support our mission, operations and the many ministries of our congregation. By setting up recurring donations online, you enable us to maintain financial stability and plan for the future of St. Matthew.

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