



“So if anyone
is in Christ,
there is a new
creation”

2 Corinthians 5:17

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 13, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Rhythm & Blues Liturgy

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Good News Moment

Lisa Burke

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the father, ✚ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✚ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

We've Fallen Short

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**

**O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into
yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in
need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Noisy Offering

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

²²Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of a cedar;
I will set it out.

I will break off a tender one
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will plant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
²³On the mountain height of Israel
I will plant it,
in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit,
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
²⁴All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.
I bring low the high tree,
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

Psalm

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

¹It is a good thing to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
²**to herald your love in the morning
and your faithfulness at night;**
³on the psaltery, and on the lyre,
and to the melody of the harp.
⁴**For you have made me glad by your acts, O LORD;
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**
¹²The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree,
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.
¹³**Those who are planted in the house of the LORD
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit in old age;
they shall be green and succulent;
¹⁵**that they may show how upright the LORD is,
my rock, in whom there is no injustice.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[¹¹Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹²We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] ¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

***Gospel**

Mark 4:26-34

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

Hymn of the Day:

Amazing Grace

No. 779

***Apostle's Creed**

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. We pray for those on our prayer list: David George, Greg McKee, Jim Apana, and Chuck Payne. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musicians. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the cries of children, the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Risen Lord, we ask your blessing upon St. Matthew's call committee. Give them insight and a spirit of enthusiasm for their work and raise up for our people a pastor to lead us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you. We look forward to that day when we are reunited in your new creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

***Peace:** *The peace will be an acknowledgement with your neighbor of God's reconciling love by nod or bow.*

SENDING

***Blessing**

***Sending Song:** *Thank You, Lord*

***Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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Thank you for observing our protocols for gathering this Sunday.

MASKS OPTIONAL

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: David George, Greg McKee, Jim Apana, and Chuck Payne.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Third Sunday After Pentecost, we will worship in person and online at 10:00 a.m. with Rhythm & Blues hymns. *No Communion Today.*

National Youth Gathering Conversation for eligible youth and their parents from 11:00-12:00 in the sanctuary.

Pastor Bill is on vacation June 3-19.

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 20, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, we will worship in person and online at 10:00 a.m. with ELW hymns and Holy Communion.

Parking Lot Communion at 10:15 a.m.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE
FROM AN USHER UPON REQUEST.**

UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

HVAC anti-COVID air treatment / Equipment installed earlier this year

No Singing / Restrictions Lifted

Limiting Attendance / Restrictions Lifted

Keep Exterior Doors Open / Restrictions Lifted

Mask Mandate / Masks are now optional

Fellowship After Worship / Casual fellowship after church is resuming

Ropes to Encourage Social Distance / Ropes will be removed June 20th

Communion / Covid protocol still in place

Hymnals / Hymnals are not distributed just yet

Sharing of the Peace / Covid protocol still in place

Masks and Sanitizer available / Covid protocol still in place

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noisy Offering Today will be donated to the COVID-19 relief effort in India through Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR). Over the past two months, a surge of COVID-19 cases has ravaged India. Padhar Hospital, a ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Madhya Pradesh, has a ward dedicated to COVID-19 patients. Unfortunately, the hospital is currently being forced to turn away patients because it lacks the space and oxygen to support them. LDR is helping Padhar Hospital purchase an oxygen generator for its COVID-19 ward so it can treat more patients. For the past year, LDR has supported companion churches and partners throughout India and around the world as they raise awareness about COVID-19, provide personal protective equipment, and distribute sanitation supplies to vulnerable communities.

Please help in the effort to save lives and decrease cases of COVID in India and the Asia Pacific region. You may donate money by placing it in the Noisy Offering pails in the narthex as you exit worship or you may drop donations at church or mail them to the church. You may also donate directly to LDR via the following link. Thank you!

<https://www.elca.org/Our-Work/Relief-and-Development/Lutheran-Disaster-Response/Our-Impact/AsiaPacific-Disaster-Response>

Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse, will be out of the office on June 15. She will return for office hours on June 22.

Fellowship is starting again at St. Matthew - Praise the Lord! Join the ladies of the church for "Wine in the Woods" this Wednesday June 16th at Janelle Shook's home. Bring a bottle of your favorite wine, a lawn chair and a snack. Starts at 7:00 p.m. and will begin with a devotional. All are welcome!!

Operation HOMES Meals - A big thank you to those that prepared and delivered meals to our Operation HOMES guests this past week. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

Fishing With Pastor Bill - Sunday, June 27 - 2:30 p.m. (will arrive back at port at 9:30 p.m. and back at church by 11:30.) Open to anyone who wants an evening on the lake! \$75 per person, includes cost of bait and fish cleaning. Rods and reels available for rent or you may borrow them from Pastor Bill. Bring your own supper sandwiches and beverages. **Call the church office to reserve your spot ASAP!**

Should I get the Covid vaccine? If anyone in the parish is pondering the COVID-19 vaccine(s) and would like counsel on this concern, PLEASE contact Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse, at the church, or you can leave a voicemail at her home 330-667-2998.

Video Upgrade Project - PAID IN FULL! Thank you to all who so generously donated for our video upgrade for high-definition streaming.

Anyone entering St. Matthew's Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall can breathe easy: Thanks to the good efforts of our Property Team, including Troy Gerspacher, and Tom and Joyce Davis, St Matthew now has installed and functioning Anti-Covid air treatment units on the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall HVAC systems. What this means is that any pathogens in the HVAC air will be reduced if not eliminated, further improving the safety of our in-person worship.

Electronic Offering Updates - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Dean Hauptman 216-280-7472 or email at dlhauptman73@gmail.com.



Saturday,

August 28

4:00 - 7:00 PM

(Preceded by 3:30 PM Worship)

St. Matthew Parking Lot

400 N. Broadway Street, Medina, Ohio 44256

FREE FOOD LIVE MUSIC

MAGICIAN JUGGLER ICE CREAM BALLOONS

RAFFLE CARNIVAL GAMES FACE PAINTING

WORSHIP SERVANTS		
Date	June 13	June 20
Service	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Song Leader	Jenny Naida	
Reader	Sandy Andrews	Melody Costello
Ushers	Cindy Rickly & Becky Malloy	
Communion Servers		Melody Costello
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Rex Rickly	Owen Blakslee
Altar Guild	Loretta Thornton & Sharron Sudimak	

Finance Report for May and Year-to-Date

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

St. Matthew had the following revenue
and expenses for May.

	Month of May 2021	Year-to-Date May 2021
Total Revenue	\$ 27,488.73	\$ 154,083.24
Total Expenses	\$ 26,776.18	\$ 146,044.71
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 712.55	\$ 8,038.53
Net Other	\$ 29.55	\$ 88.62
Net Revenue	\$ 742.10	\$ 8,127.15

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. William Diehm	Interim Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Sue Gircsis	Nursery Attendant
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Heather Rohde	Youth Worship Music Director

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM