



John 6:1-21

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2024
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

Prelude

Temple Talk

Teri Uttech

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

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:

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Hymn 592

*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.

*Kyrie

Kyrie Eleison

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*Prayer of the Day

Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

⁴² A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to [Elisha,] the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, "Give it to the people and let them eat." ⁴³ But his servant said, "How can I set this before a hundred people?" So he repeated, "Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the LORD, 'They shall eat and have some left.'" ⁴⁴ He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

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

Psalm

Psalm 145:10-18

¹⁰ All your works shall praise you, O LORD,
and your faithful ones shall bless you.

¹¹ **They shall tell of the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power,**

¹² that all people may know of your power
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

¹³ **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; your dominion endures through
out all ages.**

You, LORD, are faithful in all your words, and loving in all your works.

¹⁴ The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵ **The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶ You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷ **You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸ You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, ¹⁵ from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. ¹⁶ I pray that, according to the riches of his

glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit,¹⁷ and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love.¹⁸ I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth,¹⁹ and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

²⁰ Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,²¹ to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

John 6:1-21

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the Sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias.

² A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples.

⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, ⁹ "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" ¹⁰ Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

¹⁵ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

¹⁶ When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, ¹⁷ got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. ¹⁸ The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. ¹⁹ When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. ²⁰ But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." ²¹ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

Reception of New Members

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism and joining us as members of St. Matthew.

Those making affirmation are presented by a representative of the congregation:

I present (Allie, Brian, Clark, Sarah, Joe, Karen, Craig, Wendy, Jeremy, Carter, Cameron, Kyle, Kara, Clyde, Barbara, and Richard), who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

C: Amen.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.

*P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: 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.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

Affirmation

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Together respond: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

P: Stir up in (Allie, Brian, Clark, Sarah, Joe, Karen, Craig, Wendy, Jeremy, Carter, Cameron, Kyle, Kara, Clyde, Barbara, and Richard) the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

R: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ, our newest members of St. Matthew.

C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

***Prayers of Intercession**

D: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

D: God of generations, you work in us far more than we can ask or imagine. Bless the church you have called into being across time and space, and fill it with the power of the Spirit for loving service. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of field and forest, streams and seas, you are the fullness of all things. As grains of wheat grow upon the earth and fish swim in the waters, sustain your creation. Protect harvests and give every person food in due season. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God beyond borders, you rule all in all. Bless the work of humanitarians and peacekeepers, shield those who live, work, or serve in harm's way, and bring an end to war and conflict, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Palestine, and Israel. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of healing, you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing. We remember any who are sick or suffering, especially Susie, Jerry, Marliese, Catherine, Sylvia, Karen, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. We pray for families in our community who endure hunger, those who seek asylum or citizenship, and our beloved for whom death is near. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of grace, you root us and ground us in love. As you inspired our ancestors in this place in their ministry, sustain us also in new endeavors, that your glory may be made known, and your lovingkindness shared anew. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: God of all, your love in Christ surpasses all knowledge. We give thanks for the departed who have come to know the fullness of your grace. Join our voices with theirs and all the saints in singing your praises. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: 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: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymn

As the Grains of Wheat

Hymn 465

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
‡ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Sending Song:

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Hymn 547

*Dismissal:

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of their 64th wedding anniversary by Dave and Judy Weir.

Prayers for Healing: Susie Siebert, Jerry Jakovcic, Marliese Leggett, Catherine Forsythe, Sylvia, Karen Rupert, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, we worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m., ELW 8 and holy communion.

We Welcome New Members during worship this morning.

New Member Reception in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m., Now the Feast and holy communion.

Blood Pressure Screening, before and after worship in Brenda's office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shoe Drive Fundraiser - JUST A FEW DAYS LEFT! Drop donated shoes in the box in the narthex or contact Amanda Kotick for a pick-up, 330-321-5318. Clean, no holes! Any size, ANY style!! **Thank you** to all who have helped collect and have donated shoes. Please ask your friends and neighbors.

Silent Book Club! Meets the first and third Mondays each month at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). Upcoming dates are 8/5, 8/19 @ 6:30 pm. BYOBook! See you there! *Note: We will NOT meet on Labor Day, 9/2.*

Free Library - Help us build a free library at Faith House. The best books are shared! Leave a book, take a book, love a book, keep a book. Bring books to Silent Book Club gatherings or contact Jen Knaggs. *As a reminder: You can also borrow books from the library on the first floor of the church, as well as take a free book from the Don Hodek Memorial Library on the lower level.*

Looms of Love (Hat Making) Meets the second and fourth Mondays each month at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). Upcoming dates are 7/29, 8/12, 8/26 @ 6:30 p.m.

Gift Cards - The church office has a need for gift cards (Buehler's, Walmart, Fast Food, etc.) for local residents in need. Any denomination you wish to donate is greatly appreciated!

Musicians Wanted - If you are a musician/vocalist who would like to share your gifts at St. Matthew during worship, please contact Rachel Knaggs at rknaggsmusic@gmail.com or Nancy McNeal at 330-722-1948.

Morning Coffee Bar - We are looking for your help to prepare and clean-up the coffee bar in the Narthex. Responsibilities include, arriving at 7:45 to plug the coffee maker in and prep the coffee maker to brew. You would also be responsible for clean-up. Thank you so much for your help with this enjoyable part of our Sunday morning experience together. Specific instructions can be found in the Shout-Out and posted by the coffee maker. A sign-up link is available through the Shout-Outs.

Cross Penny Ministry - TAKE A PENNY. SHARE A PENNY. Cross pennies remind us that Jesus was the One sent (cent) to set us free (liberty) from our sins. He rose from the dead so that we could be saved when "In God We Trust". Please take and share cross pennies which can be found in the narthex.

The Getting to Know You segment has been received very positively! Please take a couple minutes to respond to the few questions through the link in the Shout-Out or you can find the form in the Narthex. We would love to Get to Know You better!

God's Work. Our Hands. Day

September 14, 2024, at 10 AM at St. Matthew.

There will be a sign up sheet soon with the addition of sizes for those who wish to purchase t-shirts. We will need volunteers to help out with set up, tear down, and fix food for the luncheon. An organization, "For the Greater Good", will be the recipient of the 150 packages of care kits for homeless men in Cuyahoga County. 50 additional kits will be distributed to members of our congregations to be passed out upon encountering someone in need.



We are asking for the following donations (Collection deadline is August 18):

Deodorant, ~~Toothbrushes~~ (150 toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss have been donated), Shampoo, Combs/hair picks, Band-Aids, Bar soap, and Canvas/plastic re-usable grocery shopping bags to package the care kits.

Cash donations are being accepted, including Thrivent grant dollars, to be used to purchase (in bulk) the following items to be included in the kits: Men's white t-shirts (various sizes), men's underwear, men's crew socks, wash cloths, and gallon-size zip lock bags to pack the hygiene items in the care kits.

Checks should be made out to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church" with a memo note "GWOH".

WORSHIP SERVANTS THIS MORNING

Reader:	Sandy Andrews
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Video:	Melody Costello
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