



*Installation of  
Rev. Steven M. Mahaffey*

August 21, 2022  
4:00 p.m.

*“Living God’s Love”*

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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# GATHERING

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✙ one God, whose steadfast love endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Most Merciful God,

**C: we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need, we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P: Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of ✙ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are free to love as God loves.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Song:**

*Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

No. 669

**\*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.**

**\*Kyrie**

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**\*Hymn of Praise**

*This is the Feast*

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**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty God, through your son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## WORD

**First Reading**

Isaiah 42:5-9

<sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the LORD,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup>I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people,  
a light to the nations,

<sup>7</sup>to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

<sup>8</sup>I am the LORD, that is my name;  
my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.

<sup>9</sup>See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth,  
I tell you of them.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

## **Psalms 96**      *(read responsively)*

<sup>1</sup>O sing to the LORD a new song;  
sing to the LORD, all the earth.

<sup>2</sup>**Sing to the LORD, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

<sup>3</sup>Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples.

<sup>4</sup>**For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be revered above all gods.**

<sup>5</sup>For all the gods of the peoples are idols,  
but the LORD made the heavens.

<sup>6</sup>**Honor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

<sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts.**

<sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in holy splendor;  
tremble before him, all the earth.

<sup>10</sup>**Say among the nations, "The LORD is king!  
The world is firmly established; it shall never be moved.  
He will judge the peoples with equity."**

<sup>11</sup>Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

<sup>12</sup>**let the field exult, and everything in it.**

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy**

<sup>13</sup>before the LORD; for he is coming,  
for he is coming to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with his truth.

## **Second Reading**

Romans 10:13-17

<sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

<sup>14</sup>But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? <sup>15</sup>And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" <sup>16</sup>But not all have obeyed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup>So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **\*Gospel Acclamation**

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

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **\*Gospel**

Mark 4:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Again he began to teach beside the sea. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the sea and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup>He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: <sup>3</sup>Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. <sup>8</sup>Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." <sup>9</sup>And he said, "Let anyone with ears to hear listen!"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Rev. Angela Freeman-Riley

## **Hymn of the Day:**

*Lord, You Give the Great Commission*

No. 579

## Installation of a Pastor

### **\*Presentation**

*The assembly stands. The pastor to be installed and a representative of the calling body come before the presiding minister and the assembly.*

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P: Having been authorized by the church to install Steven Mahaffey, our co-worker in the gospel, as Pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

*A representative of the calling body addresses the presiding minister.*

R: After prayerful deliberation, we, of St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church, have called Steven Mahaffey as Pastor. I present him and this letter certifying the call.

*The representative gives the presiding minister the letter certifying that the call has been received and accepted. The representative moves aside, and the assembly is seated.*

### **Address and Questions**

*The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.*

*A reading from John:* Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."  
(John 20:21-23)

*A reading from Matthew:* Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

*A reading from First Timothy:* Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.  
(1 Timothy 4:12-16)

*The presiding minister questions the pastor being installed.*

P: Pastor Steve, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and in your use of the means of grace? Will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

*Response:* I will, and I ask God to help me.

P: Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

*The assembly responds:* **Amen.**

*The assembly stands. The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P: People of God, will you receive Pastor Steve as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation? Will you regard *him* as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

P: Will you pray for *him*, help and honor *him* for *his* work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**C: We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*The presiding minister addresses the pastor being installed.*

P: Pastor Steve the office of Pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## ***Blessing***

*The newly installed pastor may kneel as the presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.*

P: The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

*The pastor stands. The following procession to the places of the word and sacraments may be used.*

*The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism.  
A representative of the congregation says:*

R: You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.

*They proceed to the place of the word.  
A representative of the congregation says:*

R: You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.

*They proceed to the place of the meal.  
A representative of the congregation says:*

R: You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.

*The presiding minister addresses the assembly.*

P: People of God, I present to you, your Pastor. Let us welcome *him* in the name of Christ.

*The assembly may offer acclamation with applause.*

### **\*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**

D: Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

D: You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds. Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress. We pray for those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

D: Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**



D: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

D The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**\*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 him thanks and praise.**

**\*Preface**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through the great shepherd of your flock, our Savior Jesus Christ; who after his resurrection sent forth the apostles to preach the gospel and teach all nations, and promised to be with them, even to the end of the age. And so, with the glorious company of the apostles, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*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.**

**Lamb of God**

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**Communion Hymns**

*One Bread, One Body*  
*As the Grains of Wheat*  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*

No. 496  
No. 465  
No. 471

**\*Post-Communion Blessing**

**\*Prayer after Communion**

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**\*Blessing**

P: The God of peace, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Song:**           *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore*           No. 817

**\*Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Postlude**

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**The flowers** on the piano are given in celebration  
of Pastor Steve's installation  
by Julie and Bill Crow and Roger and Gloria Mahaffey.

Presiding Minister: Rev. Angela Freeman-Riley

Assisting Minister: Deacon Lindsay Bailey

Crucifer: Jacob Gabler

Acolyte: Marin Gerspacher

Lay Reader & Cantor: Jen Knaggs

Ushers: Bruce Reed, Alan & Delores Ivan, Tim Brown

Congregation Representatives: Tom Kotick  
John Baker  
Sandy Andrews  
Jill Heck

Organist: John Burke

Altar Guild: Sandy Andrews

Technicians: Larry Mohler, Owen Blakslee



## St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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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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