

**In Christ
we have
received an
inheritance.**

Ephesians 1:11

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 11, 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

*Confession & Forgiveness

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

*Gathering Song

*Greeting

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*Prayer of the Day

O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Bill Diehm

WORD

First Reading

Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord GOD] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line
in the midst of my people Israel;
I will never again pass them by;

⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,
and Israel must go into exile
away from his land.'

¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

⁸I will listen to what the LORD God is saying;
for you speak peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their
hearts to you.

⁹**Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you,
that your glory may dwell in our land.**

¹⁰Steadfast love and faithfulness have met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

¹¹**Faithfulness shall spring up from the earth,
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

¹²The LORD will indeed grant prosperity,
and our land will yield its increase.

¹³**Righteousness shall go before the LORD
and shall prepare for God a pathway.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

*Gospel Acclamation

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*Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she

pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Bill Diehm

Hymn of the Day:

Installation & Thanksgiving for Service

St. Matthew Financial Director

***Apostle's Creed**

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***Prayers of Intercession**

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

A brief silence.

P: Holy parent, you welcome your people into one family and gather all things to yourself. Bestow your grace upon your beloved church, lavish your wisdom upon us, and redeem us from our faults, that by our witness all might praise your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Awesome Creator, you steadfastly tend to the smallest of seeds and the mightiest of sycamore trees. Spring up green growth from the earth, nourish the growth of fruit, grain, and other crops, and bless the work of farmers and laborers. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of the oppressed, turn the ears of those who are in power to the voices of prophets in our own day. Protect those who speak difficult truths when it is risky to do so. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of strength, you are near to those who endure difficulty. Comfort all who are survivors of violence, guard the refugee and the immigrant, and protect all those who are victims of prejudice and discrimination. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of love, we pray for this holy house and all those who worship here. We pray for all those on our prayer list: Rosemary Evans, Kacey Costello, Todd Costello, John Siebert, Bob Lentz, Ron Svoboda, David George, Greg McKee, Jim Apana, and Chuck Payne. We pray especially for those whose efforts behind the scenes often go unnoticed; for the custodian and maintenance workers, for our office staff, and for all of our volunteers. 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. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We thank you, God, for the saints, martyrs, and prophets who have died in the faith. We remember those in this community who have recently died. United with them as God's children, assure us that we are yours forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

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

C: **Amen.**

MEAL

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SENDING

*Sending Song:

*Dismissal:

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

*Postlude

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PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: Rosemary Evans, Kacey Costello, Todd Costello, John Siebert, Bob Lentz, Ron Svoboda, David George, Greg McKee, Jim Apana, and Chuck Payne.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in honor of Ron and Esther's 43rd wedding anniversary by their family.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of Emily's 23rd birthday, with love from her Mom, Dad, and Kacey

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Seventh Sunday After Pentecost, we worship in person and online at 10:00 a.m. with Rhythm & Blues liturgy and Holy Communion.

Parking Lot Communion at 11:15 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 18, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Eighth 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 11:15 a.m.

Pastor's Book Study - In-person and Zoom at 11:15 a.m.

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

WORSHIP SERVANTS		
Date	July 11	July 18
Service	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Song Leader	Jenny Naida	
Reader	Beth Johnson	
Ushers	Brian & Sandi Harris	
Communion Servers	Mary Dunham	
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Owen Blakslee	Brian Harris
Altar Guild	Sandy & Gary Kelling	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Lindsay will be on vacation July 12-20.

The Church Office Will Be Closed Monday and Tuesday, July 12 & 13.

Pastor's Next Book Study - You are invited to a study with Pastor Bill on Richard Rohr's new work, **The Universal Christ**. You have three ways to participate. We meet 4 times: July 18, Aug 1, 15, and 29. We will gather at 11:15 AM in the fellowship hall. You may join us also by zoom. This study may also be done as an independent study. Study guides will be available to download. Books are available through Amazon. Please let the office or Pr. Bill know of your desire to participate. More details to follow.

A Special Thank You - Borrowing from the words of St. Paul to the Philippians, *"we thank our God every time we remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of our prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now."* (Philippians 1:3-5 NRSV). The SMLC Worship Team committee extends a special thank you to Joyce and Tom Davis for their assistance with the organ motor repair and reinstallation, and to Ron and Esther Svoboda and family for the donation and delivery of their Story & Clark piano for use in the choir practice area of the Brown Room. We continue to be grateful for the ongoing ministry of Pastor Bill Diehm, Deacon Lindsay Bailey, Deb Musil, the work of our Audio/Visual Team, the Altar Guild, our worship assistants, musicians, song leaders, ushers and faithful members of the Worship Team committee. We are blessed to be joined together at St. Matthew as we all seek to make a joyful noise to the Lord! ~Judy Reber McLaughlin, Chairperson, Worship Team committee.

United Way of Summit and Medina County is collecting school supplies for needy children in Medina County grades K thru 6. St. Matthew has participated in this event for several years, with the exception of 2020 due to the pandemic. A large box is located in the narthex where you may drop the school supplies. The collection will be from July 5th through August 3rd. Items needed are:

#2 pencils with erasers	Crayons (standard 24 ct.)
Folders	Glue sticks (standard size, no jumbos)
Markers (standard 12ct.)	Highlighters
Dry Erase Markers	Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
Pens (Black or Blue)	Plastic Pencil Cases or pencil pouches

Please note that this year United Way will be supplying the back packs.

This year there is also the option to order items online at the following links:

Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/11PYT0BBAZLL6/guest-view>

Target: <tgt.gifts/MedinaSTB>

If you order via Amazon or Target, United Way is requesting that you please add your name and St. Matthew in the "Gift Notes" when checking out.

Also, new this year will be a community Sort-A-Thon that will be held on the square August 5th for anyone who would like to help sort and pack the school supplies. More details to come about that event.

Thank you for your donations!

Live Streaming on YouTube Coming Soon! We have been working on setting up a YouTube channel for St. Matthew. We will be able to live stream worship services and post any videos we feel would be good for the channel. Please subscribe at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbMSkGvyBcRUoHWduYpW8EA> so you can view worship services as an alternative to Facebook and our videos.

Electronic Offering Updates - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Thaddeus Neururer 617-360-1342 or email at thaddeus.neururer@gmail.com.

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

Save the Date!



Sunday, July 25 • □ 10:00 a.m.

At the Burke residence - 3938 Nichols Road, Medina

Please bring a lawn chair.

Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the picnic will follow.

See the Friday Shout-Out to sign up or you may sign up in the narthex. We ask you to bring one of the following items, based on the first letter of your last name:

A-G: Case of water or soda

H-P: side dish/salad (include serving utensils)

Q-Z: dessert

In addition to your lawn chairs, the following items are also recommended:

- Swim suits & towels
- ALL children MUST have a life jacket or puddle jumper
- Sunscreen
- Fishing Poles and bait if you wish to catch a big fish!
- Hand sanitizer



Feel free to bring friends to enjoy this day of fellowship!

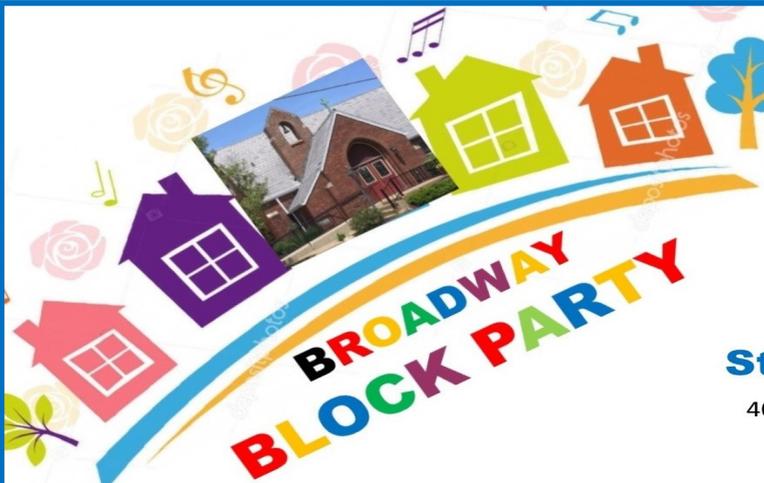


August 8 - 10:00 a.m.

Outdoor Worship at Buckeye Woods
Iced Coffee Bar and pastries
will be served.

Bring a chair and a friend!

Save the Date!



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

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	<u>\$ 742.10</u>	<u>\$ 8,127.15</u>

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