



6th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day

May 9, 2021

9:00 a.m.

ELW Liturgy

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font

as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

Beautiful Savior

No. 838

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Jenna Malloy

WORD

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

⁴⁴While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, who comes to judge the earth.**

⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

*Gospel

John 15:9-17

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ⁹“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Aaron Reising & Luther League Youth

Blessing of the Flowers

Hymn of the Day:

Borning Cry

No. 732

***Apostle's Creed**

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

P: Loving God, you call us to be your fruit-bearing church. Strengthen the bonds among all Christian churches. Today we pray for the Moravian Church, giving thanks for the life and witness of Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, renewer of the church and hymnwriter. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Creating God, the earth praises you. The seas roar and the hills sing for joy. Fill the earth with your love so that by their song, all creatures of land and sea and sky, burrowing and soaring, may call us to join with them in praise. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Faithful Savior, you conquer the world not with weapons but with undying love. Plant your word in the hearts of the nations' leaders and give them your Spirit, so that the peoples of the world may live in peace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Caring Healer, you forget no one and accompany the lonely. Be present with those who are sick or suffering especially Tom Davis, Bill Heck, Debbie Dewey, Melanie Minen, Jim Apana, Lloyd Madis, Deacon Lindsay, and Chuck Payne. Provide for those needing homes or medical care and point us towards life-changing responses to these needs in our own communities. Be with the dying. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Gracious God, as a mother comforts her child, you comfort us. Bless mothers and mothering people in our lives. Comfort those who miss their mothers, mothers who grieve, those who grieve because they cannot be mothers, and those who have never known a loving mother. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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: Gentle Redeemer, all who die in you abide in your presence forever. We remember with thanksgiving those who shared your love throughout their lives. Keep us united with them in your lasting love. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

MEAL

Offertory

Offering Prayer

P: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

*Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat, and be satisfied

Communion Hymn

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

No. 779

*Table Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

P: Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

*Sending Song:

On Eagle's Wings

No. 787

*Dismissal:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Postlude

Thank you for observing our protocols for gathering this Sunday.

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: Tom Davis, Bill Heck, Debbie Dewey, Melanie Minen, Jim Apana, Lloyd Madis, Deacon Lindsay, and Chuck Payne.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in honor of all mothers who give love and guidance to their children year round. We especially honor our mothers, Mary Costello and Carol Ramsey today. With love and gratitude, Todd and Melody Costello.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, the Sixth Sunday of Easter - The St. Matthew Luther League will lead worship in person and online at 9:00 a.m. with ELW hymns as we honor and celebrate all mothers and motherly figures in our lives and community of faith.

Pastor's Book Study at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall and via Zoom. "The Nones" by Ryan Burge

Parking Lot Communion at 10:15 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 16, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, the Seventh Sunday of Easter, we will worship in person and online at 9:00 a.m. with Rhythm & Blues hymns.

Pastor's Book Study at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall and via Zoom. "The Nones" by Ryan Burge

Parking Lot Communion at 10:15 a.m.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE - ASK AN USHER.

WORSHIP SERVANTS		
Date	May 9	May 16
Service	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Song Leader		Jenny Naida
Reader	Luther League	
Ushers	Luther League	Cindy Rickly
Communion Assistants	Luther League	
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Owen Blakslee	Rex Rickly
Altar Guild	Helen Graf	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor's New Book Study - Sunday mornings, May 9- 30, 2021, 10:15. In Person and Zoom. *The Nones* by Ryan P. Burge. **Books can be purchased from Amazon, Walmart, or Target (\$17.75).** “*The Nones* gives readers a nuanced, accurate, and meaningful picture of the growing number of Americans who say they have no religious affiliation. Burge explains how this rise happened, who the nones are, and what they mean for the future of the American religion.”

Parish Nurse - I will resume blood pressure screening on a limited basis at this time. My office hours are Tuesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. If you would like to contact me, we could schedule a visit in the church office. Masks, hand washing, etc. would apply. Please call the church at 330-725-8885 on Tuesday to schedule. Thank you, Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse

Vacation Bible School Registration - This year St. Matthew will be holding a shortened and abridged VBS for children who recently completed Preschool through 5th grade. During the week of **June 21-25**, VBS will be held outside at St. Matthew from **9:30-11:00 a.m.** (Inclement weather plans are being developed with safe distancing practices in mind.) This year's theme is “On Earth As In Heaven” and will center around the different petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Due to Covid protocols, registration will be capped at 24 children! Social distancing measures will be observed and masks will be required. **All registrations must be received by June 4.** Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemOef-8mkLCNvGOTxgXPTx0Qg8sfvnlZFWLi4SdvZA0a31HQ/viewform>

Video Upgrade Project - Help fund our video upgrade for high-definition streaming. Please make checks payable to *St. Matthew Lutheran Church* with *Video Upgrade* on the memo line. They can be mailed to or dropped off at the church.

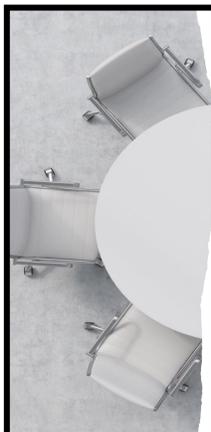
Anyone entering St. Matthew's Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall can breath easy: Thanks to the good efforts of our Property Team, including Troy Gerspacher, and Tom and Joyce Davis, St Matthew now has installed and functioning Anti-Covid air treatment units on the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall HVAC systems. 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.

Visit Stmatthewmedina.org: The new home page for our website is dynamic, user friendly and reflects the signs of the season. Relive the beauty of the sanctuary on Easter Sunday by visiting the home page. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and see the most recent important announcements for the week. An addition to the website this week is the new Call Committee page that can be found under the About tab. To stay updated on the progress of the Call process check back on a regular basis.

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.

Pierstorf Memorial Loan Fund - provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$3,000 for the school year. For information, visit www.Pierstorf.org and complete the 2021-2022 application. Applications open April 15, 2021 and close June 30, 2021.

Hope Recovery Community's Memorial Day Garage Sale is coming up May 29-31. They are now collecting donations and will pick up your stuff! Text or call 330-321-9077 for more information or to schedule a donation pick up.



As We Begin to hold In-Person meetings again ...

Remember to:

- ◆ Observe Social Distancing
- ◆ Wear Face Masks
- ◆ Clean Surfaces After Your Meeting
- ◆ Notify the Office to Update the Calendar

Finance Report for March and Year-to-Date

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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

	<u>Month of</u> <u>March 2021</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u> <u>March 2021</u>
Total Revenue	\$ 32,213.98	\$ 87,708.81
Total Expenses	\$ 29,973.15	\$ 86,793.84
Net Operating Revenue (Loss)	\$ 2,240.83	\$ 914.97
Net Other	\$ 14.77	\$ 59.07
Net Revenue (Loss)	<u>\$ 2,255.60</u>	<u>\$ 974.14</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