



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 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

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:** *When Peace Like a River* Hymn 785

*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** *Kyrie Eleison* Page 184

***Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast* Page 187

*Prayer of the Day

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Job 38:1-11

- ¹The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:
²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
³Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.
⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
⁶On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?
⁸"Or who shut in the sea with doors
when it burst out from the womb?—
⁹when I made the clouds its garment,
and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped?'"

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

Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

- ¹Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good,
for God's mercy endures forever.
²**Let the redeemed of the LORD proclaim
that God redeemed them from the hand of the foe,**
³gathering them in from the lands;
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.
²³**Some went down to the sea in ships,
plying their trade in deep waters.**
²⁴They beheld the works of the LORD,
God's wonderful works in the deep.

²⁵**Then God spoke, and a stormy wind arose,
which tossed high the waves of the sea.**

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended to the depths;
their souls melted away in their peril.

²⁷**They staggered and reeled like drunkards,
and all their skill was of no avail.**

²⁸Then in their trouble they cried to the LORD,
and you delivered them from their distress.

²⁹**You stilled the storm to a whisper
and silenced the waves of the sea.**

³⁰Then were they glad when it grew calm,
when you guided them to the harbor they desired.

³¹**Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your steadfast love
and your wonderful works for all people.**

³²Let them exalt you in the assembly of the people;
in the council of the elders, let them sing hallelujah!

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

“At an acceptable time I have listened to you,
and on a day of salvation I have helped you.”

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone’s way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

¹¹We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you.

¹²There is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

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

Mark 4:35-41

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, Jesus said to the disciples, "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

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

Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach

Hymn of the Day:

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Hymn 773

***Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**

**who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence.

P: Equip your faithful people to approach this world with a sense of wonder. Make your church a safe place to explore big questions, troubling doubts, and honest laments. Humble our hearts to repent of the ways that communities of faith have inflicted pain or trauma. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: You spoke creation into order from the chaos of the swirling deep. May your name be praised by rivers and seas, wetlands and waterfalls. Secure clean water for all people and protect water sources from contamination or exploitation. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Amid whirlwinds of division, violence, and conflict, remind us again that you are as steadfast as the foundations of the earth. Rejuvenate peacemakers, advocates, and community organizers when they feel weary in their work. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Deliver your people from their distress, O God. We lift before you all who are sick or struggling especially Marliese, Jen, Sylvia, Karen, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Grant consolation and peace to all who live with chronic, terminal, or persistent illness. In times of affliction or hardship, sustain us in faith. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Enfold all travelers with your protection. Bless the comings and goings of this assembly as we travel for leisure or for work. Let all journeys be met with hospitality on the way, and let community members return to us with celebration. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation for all the redeemed of the Lord. Joined together with the great cloud of witnesses, we give thanks for your steadfast love and your wonderful works. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: 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 and be filled.

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymn

*Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me
Will You Come and Follow Me*

Hymn 767

Hymn 798

***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:**

My Life Flows On In Endless Song

Hymn 763

***Dismissal:**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte: Lucy Brown-Serban

Reader: Judy McLaughlin

Communion Servers: Melody Costello, Carol Elkins

Ushers: Alan & Delores Ivan, Bruce Reed

Sound: Joe Obermeier

Video: Scott Johnson

Altar Guild: Nancy McNeal, Becky Malloy

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of their 27th anniversary by Todd and Melody Costello.

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of their 25th anniversary by Tom and Amanda Kotick.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God by Mary Dunham.

Prayers for Healing: Marliese Leggett, Jen Knaggs, Sylvia, Karen Rupert, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

New Member Class with Pastor Steve, 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Gathering Prep - 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 30, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

A Rosebud on the Altar

The Baby Rose

We recognize God's miracle of life as we place the Baby Rose on our altar and remember the family in prayer.

The Baby Rose begins life as a small bud, gradually unfolds, and grows to a beautiful flower ever looking upward to the Lord.

May the life of this child grow in the Lord so that love and faith may be evident to all who come near him.

The Baby Rose on the altar today honors the birth of

Levi Michael Scala

born June 10, 2024

son of Alexis and Nick Scala

grand-nephew of Judy Reber McLaughlin



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brenda, Parish Nurse, will be out of the office on Tuesday, June 25. Feel free to leave a message on her church voicemail or leave a message with Deb in the church office.

Luther League - Let's extend our final Gathering Meeting this evening, June 23rd, and head over to the Weight House for a bonfire. If you are not attending the gathering, you are still invited! We will meet at the Weight House at 7:45 p.m. We also need to solidify a date for the carwash.

Looms of Love/Hat Making is making hats for the homeless in Cleveland to be distributed at Christmas. They meet every other Monday at Faith House from 6:30-7:30 pm. If you would like to help, please contact Judy Weir. Next meeting: June 24.

Shoe Drive Fundraiser - We are collecting new and *Gently Used* Shoes to benefit our High School Youth Group! Please clean out your closets and drop them in the box in the narthex or contact Amanda Kotick for a pick-up, 330-321-5318. Please make sure they are clean and have no holes! Any size, ANY style!! Our GOAL is 2250 PAIRS of shoes! Every pair you donate turns into funds for us, is kept out of landfills and helps micro-entrepreneurs around the world! Please share the word and ask your family and friends! Thank you so much!!!

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 330-242-2116.

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.

Silent Book Club! Meets every other Monday at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). Upcoming dates are 7/1, 7/15, and 7:29 @ 6:30 pm. BYOBook! See you there!

Red Cross Blood Drive at St. Matthew June 29, 8 am - 1 pm. Please share with your friends and family. We have a goal of 40 donors! This is another way we are reaching out beyond our walls (within our walls) to help the sick in our community. Go to the Red Cross website to sign up or use the link in the Shout-Out.

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.*

Organ Focus Group - Our organ was installed in 1972. In addition to its needed yearly maintenance, it is in need of repair. The worship team has been proactive in having our organ evaluated by three different reputable organ companies and have received feedback on both the needed basic maintenance and repairs, as well as costs involved at

all levels of service. In order to make the best decisions not only for the current status of our organ but for its future, we would like to think about how we want the organ to serve us as a congregation. How do we see the organ impacting our worship experience? We would like to create an Organ Focus Group to further discuss the impact of our second most valuable church asset, behind number one, our physical building. If you are interested in participating in this focus group, please contact Rachel Knaggs (330-591-7093/rknaggsmusic@gmail.com) or Kristin Weight (330-416-5730/kristinweight@gmail.com).

St. Matthew Risk Management Team - In years past, faithful members organized this group to develop plans/coordinate ideas to promote safety for our St. Matthew family, our building and facilities. Thank you! Congregational Council is actively wanting to move forward with what they put together, add to it, and implement an overall preparedness/safety plan. Members of Congregational Council had the opportunity to attend a presentation by the Medina Police Department and Ohio Homeland Security to discuss safety/security-oriented resources for Faith Based Organizations and Houses of Worship. It was a very informative presentation with a wealth of information and resources that are available to us, including grants and funding options. This would serve in a variety of safety/security ways including medical, weather, fire, accident, and personal safety. A working knowledge or background in any of those areas would be helpful, but is not needed. We will be forming a group to move forward with these ideas and procedures, and are looking for people who would feel called to work on this. Please reach out to Jen Knaggs, or any member of Congregational Council if you have any questions or you would be willing to participate. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School at St. Matthew This Week (June 24-28, 9-11:30 am)

As a part of our week-long VBS experience, youth participants will be conducting two service projects to benefit our local community and neighbors across the world. We are inviting the congregation to participate with us!

Cups Cafe Collection

To help support a local feeding ministry in our neighborhood, we are collecting the following items to be donated to Cups Cafe: socks, small boxes of Band-Aids, travel size first-aid creams, antiseptic wipes, small deodorants, shampoo, body wash, bars of soap, laundry detergent, and dryer sheets; granola/breakfast bars, small packaged protein snacks (i.e. nuts, trail mix), bottled water, hard candy, gum, small boxes of candy (that won't melt). Items can be placed in the VBS donations box in the Narthex.

ELCA Good Gifts Campaign

We are collecting monetary donations to purchase farm animals (i.e. baby chicks, pigs, cows, goats, etc.) through the ELCA Good Gifts Campaign, which will go to families in various countries to support their need for sustainable and renewable food sources. Monetary donations can be placed in the wishing well in the Narthex.

We will be accepting donations for both projects from June 23-July 7. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Lindsay or Joyce Davis. Thank you!

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Friday: Office Closed