



Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 18, 2022
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 8

“Living God’s Love”

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GATHERING

* Please stand as you are able.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, [☩] one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven [☩] and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

*Gathering Song:

Take My Life That I May Be

No. 685

*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

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*Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

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*Prayer of the Day

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

WORD

First Reading

Amos 8:4-7

⁴Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
⁶buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”
⁷The L ORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

Psalm

Psalm 113

¹Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the L ORD;
praise the name of the L ORD.
²**Let the name of the L ORD be blessed,
from this time forth forevermore.**
³From the rising of the sun to its going down
let the name of the L ORD be praised.
⁴**The L ORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**
⁵Who is like the L ORD our God,
who sits enthroned on high,
⁶**but stoops to behold
the heavens and the earth?**
⁷The L ORD takes up the weak out of the dust
and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
⁸**enthroning them with the rulers,
with the rulers of the people.**
⁹The L ORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is

right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,⁴ who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.⁵ For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷ For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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***Gospel Acclamation**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the sixteenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel**

Luke 16:1-13

¹Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property.² So he summoned him and said to him, ‘What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.’

³Then the manager said to himself, ‘What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg.⁴ I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.’⁵ So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’⁶ He answered, ‘A hundred jugs of olive oil.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.’

⁷Then he asked another, ‘And how much do you owe?’ He replied, ‘A hundred containers of wheat.’ He said to him, ‘Take your bill and make it eighty.’⁸ And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.⁹ And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

¹⁰“Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much.¹¹ If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches?¹² And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own?¹³ No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

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: As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God's good creation.

A brief silence.

D: God our Savior, you keep your church in faith and truth. Accompany those preparing for baptism or affirmation of baptism. Enlighten preachers, teachers, seminarians, and all those who share your good news with the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Divine teacher, you instruct your children to be responsible stewards of your creation. Show us how best to care for the earth and its resources, and guide those who work to develop sustainable practices. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Ruler of the nations, you direct those in authority. Give leaders wisdom and compassion so that all may live in peace. Inspire public servants to follow the example of courageous leaders and safeguard the dignity of each person. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Helper of the needy, you lift up those who are oppressed. Breathe justice into economic and social systems that perpetuate poverty and hunger. Sustain food ministries, clothing banks, and emergency shelters. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Healing God, we pray for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Comfort all who are sick or grieving, especially, the family of John Siebert, Gary Kelling, Mark, Pat, Justin, Steve Combs, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Sustainer and giver of life, you bless this congregation with abundance. Instruct us in the proper and faithful use of wealth and resources, that we share generously. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: God of glory, you gather your saints around your throne. Keep us thankful for the witness of those who have gone before us, and bring us with them to the heavenly feast that has no end. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

*Sharing of the Peace

D The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Have Thine Own Way, Lord (8:30)
Lani Smith

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

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.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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***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 Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

No. 793

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

Rise Up, O Saints of God

No. 669

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday September 18	Sunday September 18	Sunday September 25	Sunday September 25
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Lucy Brown-Serban	Ella Supanich	Eli Cooper	
Reader	Adam Scheid		Beth Johnson	Jen Knaggs
Ushers	Bruce Reed Alan Ivan Delores Ivan			
Communion Assistants				
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Brian Harris	--		
Altar Guild		Kelly Obermeier		

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of Kacey's 19th birthday by Todd and Melody Costello.

Memorial Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Joyce's mom, Betty Muehlheim's, birthday by Tom and Joyce Davis.

Prayers for Healing: The Family of John Siebert, Gary Kelling, Mark, Pat, Justin, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 8* liturgy and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

We Welcome Pastor Shelley Nelson-Bridger, our supply pastor this morning.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School led by Pastor Shelley in the fellowship hall.

First Communion Instruction begins today. Youth and their parents will meet in the Brown Room at 12:15 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner - Hosted by Luther League tonight at 5:00.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 8* liturgy and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve is on vacation and will return October 1.

Senior Happy Hour will resume on Monday, September 19 in the Brown Room. We will meet from 10:30 - Noon to share and discuss ideas for our first topic of the year. See you then!

Men's Football Meet Up - Please join your St. Matthew friends Sunday, October 9 at 1:00 p.m. at the Shook residence (3540 Poe Road) to watch the Browns game. We ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert to share, along with a six pack beverage of choice. Enjoy and Go Browns!

Flour Barrel Fund - (aka Pastor's Discretionary Fund) is running low. We are asking for contributions to this fund that is used to help those with a more immediate need, such as an extra night in a hotel, food, etc. Cash or checks (made out to St. Matthew) can be placed in the offering plate, mailed, or dropped off at the church office. Please make sure they are clearly marked for the Flour Barrel Fund.

Friendly Visitors - We will be having a Friendly Visitors meeting on Tuesday, September 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Nurse's office. It is open to anyone who would like to come. Please contact Brenda Disbrow at the church office if you have any questions.

Friendly Visitors - Have you ever heard of a "Friendly Visitor?" Here at St. Matthew Lutheran Church, they are a group of volunteer parishioners. They either call a fellow parishioner who is homebound and would like to hear a friendly voice, or make a simple visit so they can see a friendly face.

Friendly Visitors began in 2004. It stemmed from the previous Health and Wellness Team. It was discussed how we could personally appeal to parishioners who might be interested in this fulfilling ministry. We currently have six active, wonderful volunteers in this ministry. (If you are interested in calling and/or visiting a parishioner who cannot attend church service, please contact Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse, by calling the church office.)

We also would like to hear from parishioners, or if you know of a parishioner, who would like to **receive** a call and/or visits from a Friendly Visitor, PLEASE call the church office and leave a contact name and phone number. I would be happy to contact you. In His Service, Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse

LBW & Hymns and Songs for Church Schools Books are available to anyone that would like to add them to their home library (FREE). They are located in the Brown Room.

SAVE THE DATES!

Watch your bulletins and Shout-Outs for details.

Sunday, October 16, 4-7 p.m. - Hayride and Chili Cook-off at Richardson Farm.

Sunday, November 6, 2-4 p.m. - The Foundry Social outing.

Sunday, December 4, 12:30 p.m. - Annual cookie exchange, fellowship hall.

VOLUNTEER AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Nursery Assistants - The Personnel Committee is looking for several members of St. Matthew who would be willing to serve as an assistant in the nursery on a rotation. Our nursery attendant sometimes needs a couple extra hands. If you would be willing to serve as a Nursery Assistant for one service or during the Sunday School hour once every couple of months, contact the Personnel Director, Barb Woodard, at 330-321-2408 or barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com.

Youth Music Director - We have many talented young members of our congregation who enjoy music and would love to show their talents to the congregation. We have been searching for a person who would lead our youth choir(s) and instrumental groups. If you know of someone who would be qualified in this position, contact Barb Woodard, Personnel Director, for more information at 330-321-2408 or barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com.

Sunshine Meals Ministry - The Sunshine Committee is a group of people who volunteer to periodically make/or purchase meals and deliver them to parishioners at a time of need. If you feel called to help with this St. Matthew ministry, please contact Sue Schwab at 330-242-3397 or ohschwab@zoominternet.net.

Worship Assistants - Readers, Ushers, and Communion Assistants. Please sign up in the narthex. For any questions regarding these opportunities, please contact Sandy Andrews.

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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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