



# *Day of Pentecost*

May 19, 2024  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*ELW Setting 4*

*“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.

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*"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

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

D: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

**C: Amen.**

D: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

D: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

D: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

D: Look, here is water!

**C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

\***Gathering Song:** *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

Hymn 400

### \*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.**

\*Prayer of the Day

**C: Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**Children's Sermon**

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

## WORD

### First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

<sup>1</sup>When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup>Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup>And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup>Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup>And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup>Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup>Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup>Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup>All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup>But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup>But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup>Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup>No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup>'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup>Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup>And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.  
<sup>20</sup>The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.  
<sup>21</sup>Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'”

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

## Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

<sup>24</sup>How manifold are your works, O LORD!  
In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.  
<sup>25</sup>**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,  
living things both small and great.**  
<sup>26</sup>There go the ships to and fro,  
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.  
<sup>27</sup>**All of them look to you  
to give them their food in due season.**  
<sup>28</sup>You give it to them; they gather it;  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.  
<sup>29</sup>**When you hide your face, they are terrified;  
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**  
<sup>30</sup>You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;  
and so you renew the face of the earth.  
<sup>31</sup>**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**  
<sup>32</sup>You look at the earth and it trembles;  
you touch the mountains and they smoke.  
<sup>33</sup>**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**  
<sup>34</sup>May these words of mine please God.  
I will rejoice in the LORD.  
<sup>35b</sup>**Bless the LORD, O my soul.  
Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

<sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;  
<sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit,  
groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in  
hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is  
seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.  
<sup>26</sup>Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as  
we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup>And God,

who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia*

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**\*Gospel**

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.

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

Jesus said, <sup>26</sup>“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. <sup>27</sup>You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

<sup>16:4b</sup>“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you.

<sup>5</sup>But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ <sup>6</sup>But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts.

<sup>7</sup>Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

<sup>8</sup>And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup>about sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup>about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer;

<sup>11</sup>about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

<sup>12</sup>“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

**Hymn of the Day:**

*Borning Cry*

Hymn 732

**\*Nicene Creed (8:30)**

**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.

**Sacrament of Holy Baptism** (11:00 - see insert)

### **\*Prayers of Intercession**

D: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

*A brief silence.*

D: We pray for the church universal, for its ministries, and for the spread of the gospel. Shower your Spirit upon Sunday school students, confirmands, and the newly baptized. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: For the earth, our precious home. We give thanks for the diversity of plant and animal life on our planet. Empower us by your Spirit to be wise and faithful stewards of all you have made. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: For the nations and those who govern. Give those in authority understanding hearts, that they work together to bring justice and peace on earth. Grant all who vote in elections wisdom and discernment. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: For those in need around the world: for victims of crimes, for victims of sexual abuse and exploitation, for those who are incarcerated. For all who suffer in any way, especially Michael, John, Isaac, Ron, Catherine, Sylvia, Karen, Richard, Ken, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Jerry, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: For this congregation and its ministries: for those who plan and lead worship, for acolytes and communion servers, for readers and tech ministers, for all who prepare and clean our worship space. May our worship be pleasing in your sight. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: We remember the faithful departed. Give us thankful hearts for those who have gone before us in the faith. At the last day, breathe new life into our dry bones, that we might feast forever with all the saints in light. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**C: Amen.**

### \*Sharing of the Peace

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

### Offertory

*How Deep the Father's Love For Us* (8:30)

Luther Choir

Shackley

### Offertory Response

*Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Hymn 884

### \*Offertory Prayer

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**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: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

**\*Lamb of God**

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**Communion Hymns:**

*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading*  
*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Hymn 401  
Hymn 471

**\*Prayer after Communion**

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

**C: Amen.**

**SENDING**

**\*Blessing**

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✚ bless you now and always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Song:**

*Spirit of Gentleness*

Hymn 396

**\*Dismissal:**

D: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

**\*Postlude**

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## PRAYERS

**Altar Flowers This Morning** are given to the glory of God by Donna Flanagan.

**Altar Flowers This Morning** are given to the glory of God in celebration of their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (May 24) by Sandy and Gary Kelling.

**Prayers for Healing:** Michael Minen, John Ramsey, Isaac Linden, Ron Umscheid, Catherine Forsythe, Sylvia, Karen Rupert, Richard, Ken Ault, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Jerry Jakovcic, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

**Pentecost Sunday**, we worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with ELW 4 and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

**Sunday School** for all ages at 9:45 a.m. *Last meeting before Summer Break.*

**Hat Making** - 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

**Baptism** of Olivia Evelyn Naysmith at the 11:00 service. Reception to follow worship in the Fellowship Hall.

## NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 26, AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Holy Trinity Sunday**, we will worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with ELW 4 and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

**Hat Making** - 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

**No Sunday School** - Summer Break Begins!

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolytes:	8:30 - Aubrey Terihay	11:00 - Marin Gerspacher
Reader:	8:30 - Delores Ivan	11:00 - Julie Shrader
Communion	8:30 - Carol Elkins	11:00 - Sandy Andrews
Servers:	Delores Ivan	Julie Shrader
Ushers:	8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan	
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	Rick Sullivan	
Altar Guild:	Kelly Obermeier	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sunday 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.

**Collection for Birthcare of Medina** - The Evangelism and Communication team will be collecting items to donate to Birthcare of Medina County throughout the month of May. Please see lists of their needs by the collection box in the narthex. Also look for the article in the Shout-Out for more information about this collection ministry.

**Vacation Bible School registration is open** for all children who have completed Preschool through 5th grade. VBS will take place at St. Matthew June 24-28, 9-11:30 a.m. All registrations must be received by Sunday, June 2. Register at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4cdM9dzJV7xUcce1sXgDD\\_YrHtQXmHmpAZc8OdO8Xxyo9mw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4cdM9dzJV7xUcce1sXgDD_YrHtQXmHmpAZc8OdO8Xxyo9mw/viewform) or by using the link through the Shout-Out. **Volunteers needed!**

**The Next Men's Breakfast** will be Monday, May 20, 8:00 a.m. at Yours Truly.

**Silent Book Club!** Meets every other Monday at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). Upcoming dates are 5/20, 6/3, 6/17, and 7/1 @ 6:30 pm. BYOBook! See you there!

**Bike Ride with Pastor Steve** - May 25. Riders will depart from Pastor Steve's house at 3:30 pm (you may arrive as early as 3:00). We will ride 1.5 miles on the country road to the Rittman bicycle path. The path is mostly flat and goes all the way to Creston. Total mileage out and back is 15 miles. If you are uncomfortable riding on the country road, you can drive to the parking lot at the end of the path in Rittman. **Helmets are required!** After the ride, we will gather in Pastor Steve's back yard, where there will be cornhole, a fire, and food. Please bring a food item to share. Burgers, hot dogs, and some beverage options will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a lawn chair. Please RSVP via the Sign-Up Genius link in the Shout-Out. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0549A5A622A4F49-49558606-bike>

**Blood Pressure Screening** - Sunday, June 9, before and after the 9:30 worship service in Brenda's office.

**Loads of Love** - Sunday, June 9, 1:00-4:00 p.m. North Court Laundry, 739 W. Liberty St., Medina. St. Matthew will once again be spreading joy and covering the cost of laundry for all of the clients during this three-hour period. Please sign up here if you would like to volunteer your time to help supervise, hand out coins...and spread LOVE and JOY! We only need two volunteers per hour...but if the time slots are filled, please feel free to shop up anyway. The link to volunteer can be found in the Shout-Out and on our website.

**Come out and celebrate Father's Day with Pastor Steve!** Come hang out and socialize. Not just for fathers ... mothers, sisters, brothers, grandmas ... All are Welcome! Sunday, June 9, 5-8 pm at Ignite Brewing Co., 1255 N. Carpenter Rd., Brunswick.

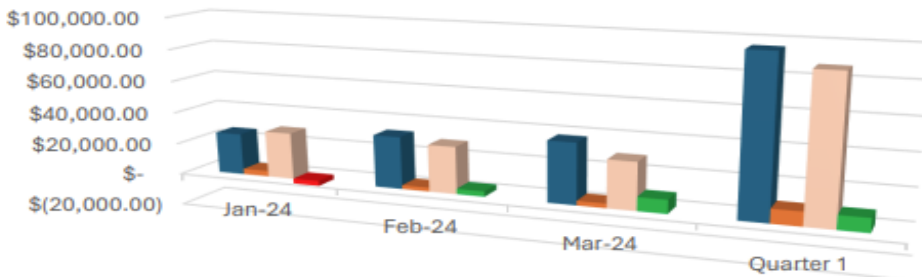
**Hats for Cups Café** - On June 10, we will begin meeting at Faith House (432 N. Broadway) every other Monday, 6:30-8:00 pm.

**Cross Penny Ministry** - Jesus is the One Sent (cent) to die and set us free (liberty) from our sins. He rose from the dead so that we could be saved when "In God We Trust". You will find the cross pennies in the narthex and you are invited to take one for yourself and several to share with family, friends, and strangers. Use the simple message above or open a conversation about the Good News, your faith journey, or even our church. Some other ideas for using your cross penny: \*send one in a greeting card \*attach one to your keychain \*give to someone who is struggling \*include one along with a generous tip to your waiter or waitress \*leave one on a park bench, a store shelf, in a take one/leave one change dish, on the sidewalk...the options are limitless! Pennies from heaven!! If you have a special story to share about one of your cross pennies, please let someone from the Evangelism/Communication team know or share on St. Matthew's Facebook page!!

**The Pierstorf College Fund**, established in 1994 is a one-of-a-kind Lutheran financial aid program for all Lutheran students pursuing a higher education who live in Ohio. First time borrowers may be new or returning college students. We do not ask for family income information. The pastor of the applicant is their sole reference. For more information, please visit [www.Pierstorf.org](http://www.Pierstorf.org) to complete the online application. Applications are open from April 15 through June 30, 2024. Please contact us at [Pierstorf@messiahfp.org](mailto:Pierstorf@messiahfp.org) or call 440-665-3653 with questions.

**"Getting to Know You"** - The *Getting to Know You* segment in the Shout-Out has been received very positively! Please take a couple minutes to respond to the few questions through the link in the Shout-Out or you can find the form in the Narthex. We would love to *Get to Know You* better!

### Finance Report Update for Q1 2024



	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Quarter 1
General Offering Unrestricted	\$26,064.41	\$32,438.94	\$37,593.45	\$96,096.80
Restricted Offerings	\$3,481.84	\$2,428.20	\$2,838.11	\$8,748.15
2023 Approved Mission Plan	\$29,166.67	\$29,166.67	\$29,166.67	\$87,500.01
Budget Variance	-\$3,102.26	\$3,272.27	\$8,426.78	\$8,596.79

## **St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff**

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach	Director of Youth & Family Ministries
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Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Maintenance Supervisor
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
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Hearing Loop  
System available.

### **Church Office Hours**

Monday - Thursday: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

Friday: Office Closed