



*Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

September 11, 2022

8:30 a.m.

*ELW Setting 8*

*“Living God’s Love”*

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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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:** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 807

### \*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** Page 184

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

### \*Prayer of the Day

**O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing of Sunday School Teachers & Students** Deacon Lindsay Bailey

# WORD

## First Reading

Exodus 32:7-14

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup>they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” <sup>9</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup>Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.”

<sup>11</sup>But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup>Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup>Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” <sup>14</sup>And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 51:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

<sup>2</sup>**Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

<sup>3</sup>For I know my offenses,  
and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup>**Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.**

<sup>5</sup>Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

<sup>6</sup>**Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
and would have me know wisdom deep within.**

<sup>7</sup>Remove my sins with hyssop, and shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be purer than snow.

<sup>8</sup>**Let me hear joy and gladness;  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.**

<sup>9</sup>Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my wickedness.

<sup>10</sup>**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.**

## Second Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

<sup>12</sup>I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, <sup>13</sup>even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, <sup>14</sup>and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. <sup>15</sup>The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the foremost. <sup>16</sup>But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. <sup>17</sup>To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

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

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

## \*Gospel

Luke 15:1-10

<sup>1</sup>Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

<sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>“Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’ <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

<sup>8</sup>“Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

## Hymn of the Day:

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

No. 834

## Affirmation of Baptism

P: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism and joining us as members of St. Matthew.

*Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor or another representative of the congregation:*

S: I present (Julie, Cindy, Judy, Don, Janelle & Ella, Dave & Judy), who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

P: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**C: Amen.**

## Profession of Faith

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

P: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

*The presiding minister addresses the candidates and the assembly.*

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**C: 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.**

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**C: 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.**

## Affirmation

*The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.*

P: You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:  
to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person responds:* I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

*The minister addresses the assembly.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**C: We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

*The blessing may be repeated for each person.*

*The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:*

P: Stir up in (Julie, Cindy, Judy, Don, Janelle & Ella, Dave & Judy), the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

*Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly.*

*A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.*

R: Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ, our newest members of St. Matthew.

**C: We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## \*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: Your people receive mercy and your grace overflows in our lives. Fill your church with faith and love, and give understanding hearts to those who work to strengthen our ecumenical and interreligious commitments. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Your creation groans as it suffers the impacts of pollution and lack of care. As the seasons change, renew in us the will to protect plants, animals, and habitats. Bless us with bountiful harvests that all may share. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Your world is shattered and the nations rage. Remember us in your mercy. Teach wisdom to our elected leaders so that we know peace in our world, peace in our homes, and peace in our hearts. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Your children wander homeless and the hungry cry for bread. Seek out those who are lost or lonely, anxious or depressed, or struggling with addiction or illness. Provide for those in any need, especially Gary Kelling, Mark, Pat, Rachel, Justin, Steve Combs, John Siebert, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Your work is done in this congregation with our hands, feet, voices, minds, and hearts. Build up the ministries of this community that we serve our neighbors and welcome the stranger in your name. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

D: Your blessed saints who have died now rest in your presence. Give us thankful hearts for those who have been examples of faith in our lives, and receive us with joy when we come to share eternal life with you. 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**

*How Can I Keep From Singing*  
Andy Beck

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.**

**\*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.**

**Lamb of God**

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**Communion Hymn**

*Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling*

No. 608

**\*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:**            *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

No. 779

**\*Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*Postlude**

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### WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday September 11	Sunday September 11	Sunday September 18	Sunday September 18
<b>Service</b>	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	Mason Cooper	Evan Hogan	Lucy Brown-Serban	Ella Supanich
<b>Reader</b>	Melody Costello		Adam Scheid	
<b>Ushers</b>	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan Bruce Reed		Bruce Reed	
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Melanie Brown Melody Costello	Linda Kostelnik Becky Malloy		
<b>Sound</b>	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
<b>Video</b>	Rex Rickly	--	Brian Harris	--
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kelly Obermeier			

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## PRAYERS

**Altar Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God for the many blessings of their kids and grandkids by Tom and Loretta Thornton.

**Memorial Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on September 13, by Ron and Karen Saleker.

**Prayers for Healing:** Gary Kelling, Mark, Pat, Rachel, Justin, Steve Combs, and John Siebert.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

**We Welcome New Members** this morning: Julie Crow, Cindy Piovarchy, Judy Kraft, Don Linden, Janelle and Ella Supanich, Dave and Judy Weir.

**Rally Day** - Join us in the fellowship hall at 9:45 a.m. for some back to Sunday School fun.

**God's Work Our Hands** - Lunch at Zion, Valley City after 11:00 worship, followed by packing book bags and Loads of Love service projects.

## NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Fifteenth 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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Luther League Spaghetti Dinner** - Save the date! Sunday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. More details coming soon.

**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.

**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.

**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

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
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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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