

WITH *God* ALL THINGS  
ARE POSSIBLE.  
MARK 10:27

*Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost*

October 13, 2024  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*ELW Setting 10*

*“Living God’s Love”*

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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**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips,  
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war  
within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make  
distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the  
suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us  
with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus  
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace  
you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal  
healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Song:**

*Rise Up, O Saints of God*

Hymn 669

## \*Greeting

A: 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

*Have Mercy on Us*

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## \*Hymn of Praise

*Come, Let Us Join*

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## \*Prayer of the Day

**C: Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Sermon

Bishop Laura Barbins

## WORD

### First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

## Psalm

Psalm 90:12-17

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.  
<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?  
Be gracious to your servants.**  
<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.  
<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**  
<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.  
<sup>17</sup>**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.  
<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia*

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## \*Gospel

Mark 10:17-31

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the tenth chapter.

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

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth."

<sup>21</sup> Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup> And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup> It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” <sup>26</sup> They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup> Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup> Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.”

<sup>29</sup> Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup> who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup> But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

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

**Sermon**

Bishop Laura Barbins

**Hymn of the Day:**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

Hymn 705

**\*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**

A: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

A: Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely especially Julie, the family of Joan, the family of Marliese, Marge, Jenna, Jerry, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, who still inspire us to faithful living. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

A: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**Offertory** (Have not received yet) Luther Choir

**Offertory Response** *For the Fruit of All Creation* (vs. 1) Hymn 679

**\*Offertory Prayer**

P: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**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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**\*Words of Institution**

**\*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: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, take, and eat.

**\*Lamb of God**

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**Communion Hymn**

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

Hymn 479

**\*Prayer after Communion**

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## SENDING

**\*Blessing**

P: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Song:**

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

Hymn 808

**\*Dismissal:**

A: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Postlude**

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## PRAYERS

**Harvest Home Sunday** - Today is the second Sunday of Harvest Home. Thank you to all who shared items and to those who decorated our sanctuary yesterday. May we all enjoy what God gives us.

**Prayers for Healing:** Julie, The family of Joan Batke, The family of Marliese Leggett, Marge Murray, Jenna Saleker, Jerry Jakovcic, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

**Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**, we will worship in person and livestream at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with ELW 10 and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30.*

**Welcome & Thank You** to Bishop Barbins for leading worship with us this morning.

**Welcome & Thank You** to Lavonne DeBois, our accompanist this morning.

**Sunday School** for all ages, 9:45 a.m.

**Looms of Love** - 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**, we will worship in person and livestream at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with Praise and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30.*

**Sunday School** for all ages, 9:45 a.m.

**Fall Festival** - 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Richardson's Farm, 6984 Lafayette Rd.

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	8:30 - Wyatt Terihay	11:00 - Kara Landes
Reader:	8:30 - Adam Scheid	11:00 - Fran Koenig
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Bob & Carla Maas	11:00 - Sandy Andrews Peg Huber
Ushers:	8:30 - Tim Brown, Bruce Reed Alan & Delores Ivan	
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	8:30 - Bobby Forsythe	
Altar Guild:	Becky Malloy & Julie Shrader	
Assisting Minister:	Jen Knaggs	

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Come and Join the Kids of the Kingdom!!** We have a NEW MEETING TIME, Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are always looking for new members and would love for you to join us! Everyone from 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome! Contact Rachel Knaggs (330-591-7093) with any questions.

**Celebrate Newsletter** - The fall edition of the Celebrate Newsletter is available through the link in the Shout-Out or there are printed copies in the Narthex and Room of the Cross.

**Bible & Brews will not meet** during the month of October. We will resume our study on Thursday, November 14. Join us for a B&B time of Fellowship on Thursday, October 17 at Bent Ladder Cider and Wine (13550 Mt. Eaton Rd., Doylestown), beginning at 6:30 p.m. Even if you are not a regular B&B attendee, please join us. All Are welcome! Bring a chair.

**Care Package ministry Collection** -The Care Package Ministry Team is making preparations for the next round of care packages for our college students! We are collecting gift cards, notes, and words of encouragement to include in the care packages. Monetary donations are also welcome and appreciated to help cover shipping costs and purchase items for the packages. There will be a container in the Narthex for notes, gift cards, and monetary donations. You can also purchase items directly from our Amazon wish list to help fill the packages! Simply use the link in the Shout-Out or on our website to view our Wishlist, add the item you wish to purchase to your cart, and select St. Matthew as the shipping address, and it will be delivered directly to the church to be included in the packages! **Updated Addresses Needed for College Students and Military Personnel!**

**Fun Fellowship Fall Festival** - Fun for the family! Sunday, October 20, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Richardson's Farm, 6984 Lafayette Road, Medina. Chili cook-off, hayride, pumpkin picking, and Trunk or Treat for the kids! **Don't forget to RSVP and let us know if you are bringing your favorite chili.**

**Confirmation & Reception** - On Sunday, October 27, several youth will be affirming their baptisms at the 11:00 service. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. in celebration of this important faith milestone. Please plan to attend and join the Comprehensive Youth team in honoring this year's confirmands!

**Loads of Love** - Join us Sunday, October 27 at North Court Laundromat, 1:00-4:00 p.m., or until quarters run out. Members of St. Matthew will be spreading love and joy by handing out quarters for people to do their laundry. *"Showing love to our community one load at a time."*

**Silent Book Club!** Meets the **first and third Mondays** each month at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). We have a few fun things planned in the upcoming months: Oct 21 -Halloween Book Club, Nov. 18-Book Club Food Drive, Dec. 16-Holiday Get Together.

*We are still taking donations for the Free Library at Faith House.*

**Looms of Love (Hat Making)** - Meets the **second and fourth Sundays** each month at 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

**Cross Penny Ministry** - Cross pennies remind us that Jesus was the One sent (sent) to set us free (liberty) from our sins. He rose from the dead so that we could be saved when "In God We Trust". Please take and share cross pennies which can be found in the narthex.

### **Help Us Re-Name the Brown Room!**

Have you seen the Brown Room recently?

If so, you'll notice it's no longer brown, thanks to the recent painting and carpet replacement. We thought it might be fun to come up with a new, more fitting name. With that said, if you want to propose a name, or more than one, of how we might refer to the room in the future, please send your ideas to our office administrator, Deb Musil, at [office@stmatthewmedina.org](mailto:office@stmatthewmedina.org) or complete a form found at the back of the sanctuary, outside the offices, or in the "Brown Room" and return it by November 10. We will take a vote on November 17 at our Annual Congregation Meeting.

### **Youth Bulletin Board**

Let's support our youth!! Between Pastor Steve's and Deacon Lindsay's offices is a giant bulletin board. If you, as a youth, are involved in sports, the arts, or any other activity that includes a performance, we'd love for you to share it with the congregation by posting the schedule of dates of activity on the bulletin board so we can come and cheer you on! Parents, we encourage you to encourage your child to share! Our hope is that this will become a PERMANENT place to learn about our youths' extracurricular activities.

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System available.

### **Church Office Hours**

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

Friday: Office Closed