



Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022
8:30 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:** *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* No. 865

*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

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."

¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a-c}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

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

Psalm

Psalm 111

¹Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

²**Great are your works, O LORD,
pondered by all who delight in them.**

³Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,
and your righteousness endures forever.

⁴**You cause your wonders to be remembered;
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

⁵You give food to those who fear you,
remembering forever your covenant.

⁶**You have shown your people the power of your works
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

⁷The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;
all of your precepts are sure.

⁸**They stand fast forever and ever,
because they are done in truth and equity.**

⁹You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;
holy and awesome is your name.

¹⁰**The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures
forever.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Baptized in Water

No. 456

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: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God’s creation.

A brief silence.

D: Gracious God, we give you thanks for bishops, pastors, and deacons. Inspire leaders of the church to proclaim your mighty deeds, that your saving faith may be known to all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: Majestic God, we give you thanks for land and water, seedtime and harvest. Break down boundaries we construct between ourselves and the rest of your creation. Bring renewal and restoration to places affected by pollution and deforestation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: Mighty God, we give you thanks for those in our community, nation, and world who work for justice and peace. Guide those who govern to act on behalf of those marginalized by race, ethnicity, or religion. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: Merciful God, we give you thanks that you hear the cries of those in need. Restore to community those who are stigmatized by illness, feel rejected, or who live in isolation. Send healing to all who suffer especially Mark, Pat, Steve Combs, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: Faithful God, we give you thanks for the healing ministries of this congregation. Equip those who visit, care, and pray for the sick. Give insight to doctors, nurses, home health aides, and all practitioners of medical arts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: Eternal God, we give you thanks for your faithful people who have gone before us to your glory. Renew our trust in your eternal promises of mercy, redemption, and new life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

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

Have You Thanked the Lord?

No. 829

*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:**

Voices Raised to You

No. 845

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday October 9	Sunday October 9	Sunday October 16	Sunday October 16
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Eli Cooper	Ella Supanich		Emma Kotick
Reader	Adam Scheid		Melody Costello	
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan Bruce Reed			
Communion Assistants	Melody Costello Mary Dunham	Christy Gabler Linda Kostelnik	Melody Costello	Cindy Rickly
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Brian Harris	--		--
Altar Guild	Nancy McNeal		Peg & Ron Huber, Joan Batke	

PRAYERS

Harvest Home Sundays - Enjoy the benefits of the harvest today and next Sunday. Thank you to all who supplied items.

Prayers for Healing: Mark, Pat, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

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

Baptism of Parker Joseph Bailey this morning at the 11:00 service.

First Communion Instruction - Meet in the Brown Room at 12:15 p.m.

Men's Football Meet Up - Today 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. Go Browns!

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

Harvest Home Sunday

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

First Communion - These youth will receive their First Communion: Frankie Brlan, Lucy Brown-Serban, Noah Cooper, Avri Hess, Lexi Hess, Patrick Linden, Olivia Naida, Luke Rohde, Ella Supanich, and Aubrey Terihay. A reception will be held in their honor at 9:45 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

Bible & Brews will not meet October 6 or 13 due to scheduling conflicts. We will resume our study of Acts on Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

Luther Ladies Bible Study - This fall, the Luther Ladies Bible Study will walk through a series entitled, *I'm Waiting God: Finding Blessing in God's Delays*. With the help of author, Barb Roose, we will explore the stories of women in the Bible and discuss the good that can come from trusting God in the midst of waiting for answers to our prayers.

This 5-session series will be held in person only in St. Matthew's Brown Room on Tuesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 PM on the following dates:

October 18, 25, November 1, 8, and 15. All are welcome to attend!

The cost for the Participant Journal that accompanies the study is \$13.

Cash/checks can be brought to the church office or placed in Deacon Lindsay's mailbox. Please make checks payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church". Please register by Tuesday, October 11. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3losVSCPlczn67Ix_h9O4T8GVJTLNBRn11F2HJ_CpEDXfcw/viewform

Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, October 16, before each service in Brenda's office.

Hayride & Chili Cook-Off - Please join us Sunday, October 16 from 4-7 p.m. at Richardson Farms, 6084 Lafayette Road, Medina. Ages 3-5, \$10; ages 6-11, \$11; age 12-adult, \$12. Cost includes hayride, pumpkin, apple cider, and apples. Payment collected that evening. Cash preferred, but checks, PayPal, and Venmo will be accepted. A chili judging contest will take place that evening (participation optional). If you are not participating in the chili cook-off, we ask, if your name begins with A-M, you to bring a dessert, and N-Z, please bring an appetizer. Use this link to sign up <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080a45afae2cabff2-stmatthew1> or sign up in the narthex.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch your bulletins and Shout-Outs for details.

Sunday, October 23, 12:30 p.m., Mapleside Farms. *Luther League*

Sunday, October 30, 9:45 a.m., Halloween activity. *Luther Littles/Middles*

Sunday, October 30, 11:00 a.m., Confirmation. Reception at 9:45 a.m. *9th Grade Youth*

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

Sunday, November 6, 12:30-1:30 p.m. - Canned Food Drive. *Youth*

Sunday, November 13, 5:00 p.m., Thanksgiving Dinner for 65+. *Hosted by Luther League*

Sunday, December 4, 12:30 p.m. - Annual cookie exchange and evergreen cross making, fellowship hall. *Small Groups*

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.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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St. Mathew 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop
System available.