

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;

*his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.”*

-Lamentations 3:22-23



Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

June 27, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Praise Liturgy

“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 & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the father, ✝ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

Holy Water

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people.

**Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in
faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Vacation Bible School Video

WORD

First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-33

²²The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;

²³they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.

²⁴"The LORD is my portion," says my soul,
"therefore I will hope in him."

²⁵The LORD is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.

²⁶It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the LORD.
²⁷It is good for one to bear
the yoke in youth,
²⁸to sit alone in silence
when the Lord has imposed it,
²⁹to put one's mouth to the dust
(there may yet be hope),
³⁰to give one's cheek to the smiter,
and be filled with insults.
³¹For the Lord will not
reject forever.
³²Although he causes grief, he will have compassion
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;
³³for he does not willingly afflict
or grieve anyone.

Psalm

Psalm 30

¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
²**O LORD my God, I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.**
³You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.
⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful;
give thanks in holy remembrance.**
⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor lasts a lifetime.
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.
⁶**While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed.**
⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.
⁸**I cried to you, O LORD;
I pleaded with my Lord, saying,**
⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?
¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me;
O LORD, be my helper."**
¹¹You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

⁷Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness,
and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.
⁸I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against
the earnestness of others. ⁹For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that
though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might
become rich. ¹⁰And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who
began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—¹¹now finish
doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your
means. ¹²For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—

not according to what one does not have. ¹³I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between ¹⁴your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. ¹⁵As it is written,

“The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.”

***Gospel**

Mark 5:21-43

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. ²²Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet ²³and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” ²⁴So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. ²⁵Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. ²⁶She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. ²⁷She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, ²⁸for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” ²⁹Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

³⁰Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” ³¹And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” ³²He looked all around to see who had done it. ³³But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. ³⁴He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

³⁵While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” ³⁶But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” ³⁷He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. ³⁸When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. ³⁹When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” ⁴⁰And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” ⁴²And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. ⁴³He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Bill Diehm

Hymn of the Day:

Above All

***Apostle’s Creed**

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: Holy God, you gather your people from east and west, north and south. We pray for the mission of the church throughout the world, that your steadfast love may be made known to all peoples. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You laid the foundations of the earth and the waters are the womb of creation. The morning stars sing your name and all creation shouts for joy. We pray for your blessed creation, that it may continue to flourish and magnify your glory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You keep watch over all nations. We pray for countries experiencing violence, hunger, and unrest. Guide worldwide and local community organizations in their efforts to establish safety and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You are close to the brokenhearted and near to those in distress. We pray for those who are experiencing oppression. Liberate us from the systems and chains that bind us. Remove the barriers that separate us from one another. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You dwell with us in this faith community. We pray for our leaders and elders. Grant them knowledge, patience, and kindness, that through their leadership you may be exalted in this assembly. We pray for all those on our prayer list: Marty Davis, David George, Greg McKee, Jim Apana, and Chuck Payne. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Risen Lord, we ask your blessing upon St. Matthew's call committee. Give them insight and a spirit of enthusiasm for their work and raise up for our people a pastor to lead us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: Your love endures in all situations. On this Father's Day, we pray for those who are fathers or wish to be fathers, for those with broken or strained relationships, for those who are missing their fathers, and for fathers who have lost children. Bless and strengthen them. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

***Peace:** *The peace will be an acknowledgement with your neighbor of God's reconciling love by nod or bow.*

MEAL

Offertory

Your Great Name

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Communion Hymn: *At the Cross*

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

***Sending Song:** *Because He Lives*

***Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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WORSHIP SERVANTS		
Date	June 27	July 4
Service	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Song Leader	Heather Rohde	
Reader	LaVonne Hauptman	Tim Brown
Ushers	Bruce Reed	
Communion Servers	Nancy McNeal	Cindy Rickly
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Brian Harris	Rex Rickly
Altar Guild	Loretta Thornton & Sharron Sudimak	Sandy & Gary Kelling

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: Ron Svoboda, Marty Davis, David George, Greg McKee, Jim Apana, and Chuck Payne.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Beth and Scott Johnson in honor of their daughter Kristin Weight's birthday.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in honor of Maria Cirincione's graduation from Ashland University. We are all very proud of you. Much love, Dad, Mom, Family and Grandma Marliese Leggett.

Memorial Vase Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of the birth of Kristin and Roger Haught's new baby boy, Jagger, on Monday, June 21, by proud grandparents, Brian and Sandi Harris. All are doing well.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Iced Coffee Bar available before worship.

Today, Fifth Sunday After Pentecost, we worship in person and online at 10:00 a.m. with Praise hymns and Holy Communion.

Parking Lot Communion at 11:15 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 4, AT ST. MATTHEW

Iced Coffee Bar available before worship.

Next Sunday, Sixth Sunday After Pentecost, we will worship in person and online at 10:00 a.m. with ELW hymns and Holy Communion.

Parking Lot Communion at 11:15 a.m.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE
FROM AN USHER UPON REQUEST.**

UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

HVAC anti-COVID air treatment / Equipment installed earlier this year
No Singing / Restrictions Lifted
Limiting Attendance / Restrictions Lifted
Keep Exterior Doors Open / Restrictions Lifted
Mask Mandate / Masks are now optional
Fellowship After Worship / Casual fellowship after church is resuming
Ropes to Encourage Social Distance / Ropes will be removed June 20th
Communion / Covid protocol still in place
Hymnals / Hymnals are not distributed just yet
Sharing of the Peace / Covid protocol still in place
Masks and Sanitizer available / Covid protocol still in place

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blood Pressure Screening Resuming, this **Sunday June 27** – before and after the 10 a.m. service. Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse, will be located in her office, beside the Brown Room. The waiting area will be in the church library, across the hall. She will be there from 9:30-10, and again from approximately 11:00-11:30 a.m. (Mask will be worn if requested.)

Live Streaming on YouTube Coming Soon! We have been working on setting up a YouTube channel for St. Matthew. We will be able to live stream worship services and post any videos we feel would be good for the channel. Please subscribe at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbMSkGvyBcRUoHWduYpW8EA> so you can view worship services as an alternative to Facebook and our videos.

Should I get the Covid vaccine? If anyone in the parish is pondering the COVID-19 vaccine(s) and would like counsel on this concern, PLEASE contact Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse, at the church, or you can leave a voicemail at her home 330-667-2998.

Anyone entering St. Matthew's Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall can breathe easy: Thanks to the good efforts of our Property Team, including Troy Gerspacher, and Tom and Joyce Davis, St Matthew now has installed and functioning Anti-Covid air treatment units on the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall HVAC systems. What this means is that any pathogens in the HVAC air will be reduced if not eliminated, further improving the safety of our in-person worship.

Electronic Offering Updates - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Dean Hauptman 216-280-7472 or email at dlhauptman73@gmail.com.



We had a wonderful week this week at VBS learning all about the Lord's Prayer! The children had a blast, but it couldn't have happened without the help of many people! Thank you!

VBS Directors

Linda Kostelnik
Christy Gabler

Station Leaders

Jill Heck
Kate Ilg
Jen Hogan
Deacon Lindsay

Video & Photography

Julie Shrader

Group Leaders

Bill Heck
Katie Weber
Corey Neururer
Kayla Shook
Kaitlyn Taraschke
Jacob Gabler

A special thank you to all who supported us with donations and help prior to VBS!

Save the Date!



Sunday, July 25 • □ 10:00 a.m.

At the Burke residence - 3938 Nichols Road, Medina

Please bring a lawn chair.

Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the picnic will follow.

See the Friday Shout-Out to sign up or you may sign up in the narthex. We ask you to bring one of the following items, based on the first letter of your last name:

A-G: Case of water or soda

H-P: side dish/salad (include serving utensils)

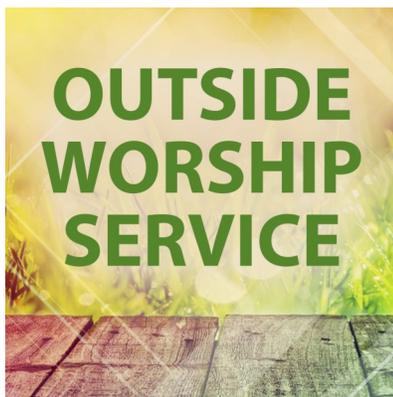
Q-Z: dessert

In addition to your lawn chairs, the following items are also recommended:

- Swim suits & towels
- ALL children MUST have a life jacket or puddle jumper
- Sunscreen
- Fishing Poles and bait if you wish to catch a big fish!
- Hand sanitizer



Feel free to bring friends to enjoy this day of fellowship!

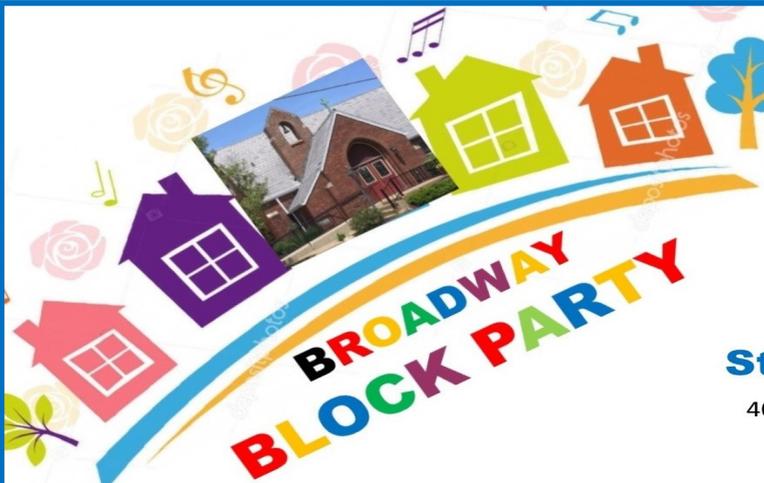


August 8 - 10:00 a.m.

Outdoor Worship at Buckeye Woods
Iced Coffee Bar and pastries
will be served.

Bring a chair and a friend!

Save the Date!



Saturday,
August 28

4:00 - 7:00 PM
(Preceded by 3:30 PM Worship)

St. Matthew Parking Lot
400 N. Broadway Street, Medina, Ohio 44256

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MAGICIAN JUGGLER ICE CREAM BALLOONS
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Finance Report for May and Year-to-Date
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
 St. Matthew had the following revenue
 and expenses for May.

	Month of May 2021	Year-to-Date May 2021
Total Revenue	\$ 27,488.73	\$ 154,083.24
Total Expenses	\$ 26,776.18	\$ 146,044.71
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 712.55	\$ 8,038.53
Net Other	\$ 29.55	\$ 88.62
Net Revenue	<u>\$ 742.10</u>	<u>\$ 8,127.15</u>

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. William Diehm	Interim Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Sue Gircsis	Nursery Attendant
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Heather Rohde	Youth Worship Music Director

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM