

*Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt His name together!*

Praise service

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**August 11, 2024
9:30 a.m.**

“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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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Song** *Worthy, Worthy*

***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**

Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach

WORD

First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

⁴ Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."⁵ Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."⁶ He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.⁷ The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."⁸ He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

- ¹ I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
- ² **I will glory in the LORD;
let the lowly hear and rejoice.**
- ³ Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
- ⁴ **I sought the LORD, who answered me
and delivered me from all my terrors.**
- ⁵ Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- ⁶ **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- ⁷ The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
- ⁸ **Taste and see that the LORD is good;
happy are they who take refuge in God!**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25--5:2

²⁵ So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶ Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷ and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸ Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹ Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹ Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³² and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1} Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ² and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

***Gospel**

John 6:35, 45-51

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ Jesus said to the crowd, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

⁴¹ Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴² They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³ Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among

yourselves. ⁴⁴ No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵ It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶ Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. ⁴⁷ Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸ I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹ Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰ This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹ I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Elizabeth Hazelton

*Hymn of the Day:

Who You Say I Am

*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: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

D: Reignite the prayer of the church. By your Spirit, root your church around the globe in prayer and spiritual practices. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: We rely on the goodness of your creation in everything we do. We pray for trees that offer shade and for our fellow creatures that depend on the trees for shelter and food. Sustain the work of all who advocate for forests and wilderness areas. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Guide our leaders and nations with a spirit of justice and mercy. Let no evil come out of our mouths, but rather let us extend grace. We pray for our enemies. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Sustain feeding ministries and organizations such as ELCA World Hunger and our local food pantries. We work and pray for a day when hunger is no more. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: We pray for this congregation and for all who are gathered. Be present among anyone who cannot be with us today. Be with all who are hurting, grieving, or ill especially Susie, Jerry, Marliese, Catherine, Sylvia, Karen, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: We remember the saints who have gone before us in faith. Trusting in the promise of the resurrection, we find hope in your communion of saints of all times and all places. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory 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**

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.

***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.

Communion Solo

Peace in Christ

***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**

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

My Redeemer Lives

***Dismissal:**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte: 9:30 - James Walker
Reader: 9:30 - Owen Blakslee
Communion Servers: 9:30 - Melanie Brown
Delores Ivan
Ushers: 9:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan
Bruce Reed
Sound: 9:30 - Larry Mohler
Video: 9:30 - Bobby Forsythe
Altar Guild: Liz Linden

Song Leaders: Heather, Hope & Trevor Rohde
Guitar: Scott Schwandt
Drums: Lennie Davis
Pianist: Cindy Piovarchy

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God.

Prayers for Healing: Susie Siebert, Jerry Jakovcic, Marliese Leggett, Catherine Forsythe, Sylvia, Karen Rupert, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, we worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m. with Praise and holy communion.

Thank You and Welcome to Pastor Betti Hazelton for leading worship with Deacon Lindsay this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 18, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m. with ELW 8 and holy communion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Fellowship - Join us to socialize and play some favorite games. Our next get together is Monday, August 26, at 1:00 p.m. in the Brown Room. Bring your favorite game!

Share! Do you have something to share with the congregation and/or community? The Evangelism and Communication Team has developed an easy way to make sure your message gets delivered complete, immediately, and effortlessly. We have many avenues of sharing your message (Shoutout, bulletin, slides, website, Facebook, newspaper, paid ads, etc.) and now you have only ONE place to go to share with all of them. Go to the new webpage, "Share Your News" to submit your message.

Luther Choir Rehearsals Will Resume Wednesday, August 21, 6:00- 7:00 p.m. in the Brown Room.

Shoe Drive Update - Thank you St. Matthew members and friends!! We have collected 98 bags of shoes so far! That's 2,450 pairs!! While we wait for a pick up date from Funds2Org, we are able to continue to collect gently worn shoes. They estimated a date 2 to 3 weeks from now to get to our area of the country. I will continue to collect and bag them as long as we are able. Thank you so much for making this a HUGE success!! Please contact me if you would like a porch pick up, Amanda 330-321-5318. Thank you!

Outdoor Worship & Potluck Picnic - On Sunday, August 25, our 9:30 worship service will take place at Buckeye Woods Park followed by a potluck picnic. Please use the Sign-Up Genius link in the Shout-Out to let us know what you will be bringing for the potluck, or see the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Table service, lemonade, and water will be provided. *In the case of inclement weather, worship and the picnic will take place at St. Matthew.*

Silent Book Club! Meets the first and third Mondays each month at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). *Note: We will NOT meet on Labor Day, 9/2.*

Looms of Love (Hat Making) Meets the second and fourth Mondays each month at Faith House (432 N. Broadway).

God's Work. Our Hands. Day

September 14, 2024, at 10 AM at St. Matthew. We need volunteers to help out with set up, tear down, and fix food for the luncheon. An organization, "For the Greater Good", will be the recipient of the 150 packages of care kits for homeless men in Cuyahoga County. 50 additional kits will be distributed to members of our congregations to be passed out upon encountering someone in need.



We are asking for the following donations (Collection deadline is August 18): Deodorant, ~~Toothbrushes~~ (150 toothbrushes, toothpaste, and floss have been donated), Shampoo, Combs/hair picks, Band-Aids, Bar soap, and Canvas/plastic re-usable grocery shopping bags to package the care kits.

Cash donations are being accepted, including Thrivent grant dollars, to be used to purchase (in bulk) the following items to be included in the kits: Men's white t-shirts (various sizes), men's underwear, men's crew socks, wash cloths, and gallon-size zip lock bags to pack the hygiene items in the care kits.

Checks should be made out to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church" with a memo note "GWOH".

God's work. Our hands. Spirit Wear. The online store for ordering GWOH t-shirts is open. T-shirts are available in adult and youth sizes and are \$11 each. All shirts will be distributed at St. Matthew in early September. Please go to: https://stores.inksoft.com/st_matthews_church_2024/shop/home. (Link can be found on our website and through the Shout-Out.) The online store will be open through August 18. If you will not be ordering your shirt online, please use the sign up sheet in the narthex and make payment to St. Matthew with a memo indicating *GWOH t-shirts*. Questions can be directed to Barb Woodard, Melody Costello, or Stephanie Hess



From Our Parish Nurse

- Medical Supplies donations – due to a change in the overall healthcare environment and culture, NO medical supply donations will be accepted in the Parish Nurse office as of 8/1/2024. (Including dressing supplies, adult Depends, etc.)
- For our lending closet – NEW (expandable) canes are still be accepted (No need of walkers or bedside commodes). A sincere “thank you” for parishioner generosity in this ministry.

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Hearing Loop
System available.

Church Office Hours

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

Friday: Office Closed