

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

# *Praise* service

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

September 25, 2022  
8:30 a.m.

*Praise*

*“Living God’s Love”*

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# GATHERING

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*Gathering Song** *Here I Am to Worship*

## \*Greeting

P: 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

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

## First Reading

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

<sup>1a</sup>Alas for those who are at ease in Zion,  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria,

<sup>4</sup>Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory,  
and lounge on their couches,  
and eat lambs from the flock,  
and calves from the stall;

<sup>5</sup>who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,  
and like David improvise on instruments of music;

<sup>6</sup>who drink wine from bowls,  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils,  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

<sup>7</sup>Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

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

## Psalm

Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup>Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>**I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.**

<sup>3</sup>Put not your trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>**When they breathe their last, they return to earth,  
and in that day their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup>Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God;  
<sup>6</sup>**who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;  
who keeps promises forever;**  
<sup>7</sup>who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.  
The LORD sets the captive free.  
<sup>8</sup>**The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are  
bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.**  
<sup>9</sup>The LORD cares for the stranger;  
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the  
wicked.  
<sup>10</sup>**The LORD shall reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup>Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup>In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup>to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup>which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup>It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

<sup>17</sup>As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup>thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

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

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

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

Jesus said: <sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house—<sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor John Steingass

**Hymn of the Day:**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

**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: 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: O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower the baptized by your Spirit to be rich in good works and ready to share. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide lawyers and those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill especially Gary Kelling, Mark, Pat, Justin, Steve Combs, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Enliven our praise. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

D: Enfold the saints who have died in the arms of your loving care. Grant that the holy angels accompany us and bring us to eternal life with them in the light of your presence. 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

### Offering

### Offertory 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

#### \*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

*Fighting For Me*

Heather Rohde

### \*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:**

*Multiplied*

### **\*Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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Soloist: Heather Rohde

Guitar: Scott Schwandt

Drums: Lennie Davis

Bass: Karl Hermann

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Sunday September 25</b>	<b>Sunday September 25</b>	<b>Sunday October 2</b>	<b>Sunday October 2</b>
<b>Service</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Eli Cooper	Trevor Terihay	Mason Cooper	Faith Taraschke
<b>Reader</b>	Beth Johnson	Jen Knaggs		
<b>Ushers</b>	Alan Ivan Bruce Reed			
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Melody Costello	Nancy McNeal		
<b>Sound</b>	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
<b>Video</b>	Brian Harris	--	Rex Rickly	--
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Kelly Obermeier			

## PRAYERS

**Altar Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God.

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

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

**We Welcome** Pastor John Steingass, our supply pastor this morning.

**Sunday School** for all ages at 9:45 a.m. *No Adult Sunday School this morning.*

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

## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *Now the Feast* liturgy and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Steve** is on vacation and will return October 1.

**Senior Happy Hour** meets each Monday at 10:30a.m. in the Brown Room.

**Harvest Home Sundays** at St. Matthew will be October 2, 9, and 16. If anyone has produce, canned goods, grasses, loaves of bread, or anything else that might be a product of the harvest, and are willing, to bring it to the church by Saturday morning October 1, at 9:15 AM. Items will be used by the Altar Guild to decorate the sanctuary for Harvest Home. Altar Guild members are asked to come on Saturday morning to help with the decorating.

**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!

**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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf3losVSCPlczn67Ix_h9O4T8GVJTLNBRn11F2HJ_CpEDXfcw/viewform)

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

**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.

## SAVE THE DATES!

*Watch your bulletins and Shout-Outs for details.*

Sunday, October 16, 4-7 p.m. - Hayride and Chili Cook-off at Richardson Farm.

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

Sunday, December 4, 12:30 p.m. - Annual cookie exchange, fellowship hall.

## 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
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
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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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System available.