



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 21, 2024
9:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 8

“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, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

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:**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymn 807

***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.**

***Kyrie**

Kyrie Eleison

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***Hymn of Praise**

This is the Feast

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***Prayer of the Day**

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Brian Shields

WORD

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The LORD is our righteousness.”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name’s sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

¹¹ Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision”—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—¹² remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. ¹⁹ So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go

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*Gospel

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹ He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³² And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³ Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴ As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴ When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵ and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they

laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Sermon

Pastor Brian Shields

Hymn of the Day:

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak

Hymn 676

***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**

P: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick, 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. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: In thanksgiving for those who have died. Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. In your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Hymn 184

***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**

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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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***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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

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

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymn

In the Singing

Hymn 466

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Hymn 789

***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:

The Church's One Foundation

Hymn 654

*Dismissal:

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

C: Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	Brooke Haycook
Reader:	Judy McLaughlin
Ushers:	Alan & Delores Ivan Bruce Reed
Communion Assistants:	Mary Dunham Delores Ivan
Sound:	Larry Mohler
Video:	Bobby Forsythe
Altar Guild:	Nancy McNeal, Becky Malloy

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of their granddaughter, Carolyn's, 15th birthday by Ron and Ann Kolzing.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in memory of her brother, Ted, and cousin, Jim, by Fran Koenig.

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

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

Welcome and Thank You to Pastor Brian Shields for leading worship with us this morning.

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

Blood Pressure Screening, before and after worship in Brenda's office.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 28, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Seniors! Activity Planning: Would you enjoy having fellowship with other seniors at St. Matthew? Please come to a meeting to share ideas of things we could do and what sounds like fun to you. Please meet at the church in the Brown Room on Monday, July 22, at 1:30.

Mid-Year Statements - If you would like a mid year statement please contact Mary Dunham at jadunham@zoominternet.net or 330-421-4730.

Shoe Drive Fundraiser will continue through the month of July! Drop them in the box in the narthex or contact Amanda Kotick for a pick-up, 330-321-5318. Clean, no holes! Any size, ANY style!! **Thank you** to all of the youth for volunteering for the Shoe Drive-Thru! It was a huge success! Thank you also to all who have helped collect and have donated shoes. We are up to 1600 pairs! AMAZING! We still need 650 more pairs to reach our goal. Please ask your friends and neighbors.

Silent Book Club! Meets the first and third Mondays each month at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). Upcoming dates are 8/5, 8/19 @ 6:30 pm. BYOBook! See you there! *Note: We will NOT meet on Labor Day, 9/2.*

Free Library - Help us build a free library at Faith House. The best books are shared! Leave a book, take a book, love a book, keep a book. Bring books to Silent Book Club gatherings or contact Jen Knaggs. *As a reminder: You can also borrow books from the library on the first floor of the church, as well as take a free book from the Don Hodek Memorial Library on the lower level.*

Looms of Love (Hat Making) Meets the second and fourth Mondays each month at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). Upcoming dates are 7/22, 8/12, 8/26 @ 6:30 p.m.

Gift Cards - The church office has a need for gift cards (Buehler's, Walmart, Fast Food, etc.) for local residents in need. Any denomination you wish to donate is greatly appreciated!

Musicians Wanted - If you are a musician/vocalist who would like to share your gifts at St. Matthew during worship, please contact Rachel Knaggs at rknaggsmusic@gmail.com or Nancy McNeal at 330-722-1948.

Morning Coffee Bar - We are looking for your help to prepare and clean-up the coffee bar in the Narthex. Responsibilities include, arriving at 7:45 to plug the coffee maker in and prep the coffee maker to brew. You would also be responsible for clean-up. Thank you so much for your help with this enjoyable part of our Sunday morning experience together. Specific instructions can be found in the Shout-Out and posted by the coffee maker. A sign-up link is available through the Shout-Outs.

Cross Penny Ministry - TAKE A PENNY. SHARE A PENNY. Cross pennies remind us that Jesus was the One sent (cent) 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.

The Getting to Know You segment has been received very positively! Please take a couple minutes to respond to the few questions through the link in the Shout-Out or you can find the form in the Narthex. We would love to Get to Know You better!

God's Work. Our Hands. Day

September 14, 2024, at 10 AM at St. Matthew. There will be a sign up sheet soon with the addition of sizes for those who wish to purchase t-shirts. We will 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, Teethbrushes (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".

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Hearing Loop
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Church Office Hours

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

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