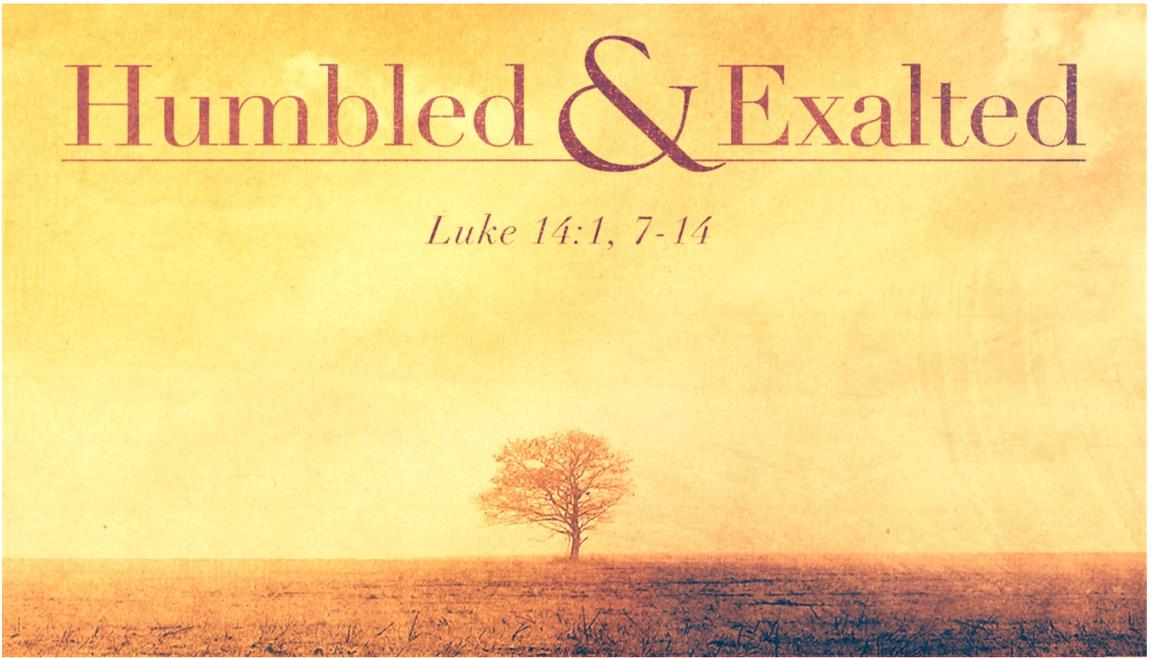


Humbled & Exalted

Luke 14:1, 7-14



Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022
9:30 a.m.

Praise

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

***Gathering Song** *Because of Your Love*

*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, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7

⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great;
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

Psalm

Psalm 112

¹Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the LORD
and have great delight in God's commandments!
²**Their descendants will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**
³Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last forever.
⁴**Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.**
⁵It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice.
⁶**For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.**
⁷They will not be afraid of any evil rumors;
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the LORD.
⁸**Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.**
⁹They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast forever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

¹⁰**The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

¹Let mutual love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. ⁵Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." ⁶So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ¹⁵Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel**

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

⁷When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.

¹⁴And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Above All

***Prayers of Intercession**

D: Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

D: For the church and its leaders, we pray. Uphold all deacons, pastors, and bishops who serve and teach your people. Awaken in your church a spirit of invitation that reaches ever outward. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: For the well-being of creation and its inhabitants, we pray. Stir in us reverent awe for the beauty of the natural world, for oceans and lakes, rivers and streams, forests and deserts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: For the nations and peoples of the world, we pray. Sustain the efforts of those who pursue justice and equity for all. Defend and accompany all immigrants and refugees and all who are persecuted for their ethnic origin or religious beliefs. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, we pray. Be present with those who live in isolation or fear, especially those who are incarcerated or detained. Comfort all who are sick or grieving, especially the Family of Harold Hutchins, Rachel, Justin, Steve Combs, John Siebert and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: For this congregation and its ministries, we pray. Prepare children, teachers, and youth ministry directors for a new year of learning. Embolden our witness to invite others to the table. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: For all the saints who confessed God’s name , we give thanks. May we cling to the promise of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today, and forever. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

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: God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus.

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

Heather Rohde

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Life-giving God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and fed us with your mercy. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: The God of peace, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you, comfort you, and show you the path of life this day and always.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:** *My Redeemer Lives*

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Soloist: Heather Rohde

Guitar: School Schwandt

PRAYERS

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

Prayers for Healing: The Family of Harold Hutchins, Rachel, Justin, Steve Combs, and John Siebert.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

Operation HOMES guests at St. Matthew August 29 - September 5.

New Member Class - Following worship in the Brown Room.

Sunday School Teachers Meeting at 10:45 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person and via livestream at 9:30 a.m. with *ELW Setting 10* liturgy and communion.

New Member Class - Following worship in the Brown Room.

Ice Cream Bar following worship.

WORSHIP SERVANTS		
Date	Sunday August 28	Sunday September 4
Service	9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Acolyte	Evan Hogan	Emma Gierhart
Reader	Delores Ivan	Delores Ivan
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan Bruce Reed	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan
Communion Assistants	Christy Gabler Delores Ivan	
Sound	Joe Obermeier/ Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier/ Larry Mohler
Video	Brian Harris	Owen Blakslee
Altar Guild	Lisa Burke	

**Finance Report for July and Year-to-Date
St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

St. Matthew had the following revenue
and expenses for July.

	Month of July 2022	Year-to-Date July 2022
Total Revenue	\$ 26,882.49	\$ 200,377.29
Total Expenses	\$ 32,076.77	\$ 204,058.52
Net Operating Revenue	\$ (5,194.28)	\$ (3,681.23)
Net Other	\$ 26,660.47	\$ 26,751.79
Net Revenue	\$ 21,466.19	\$ 23,070.56

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Steve's Contact Information - Pastor Steve can be reached by email at pastorsteve@stmatthewmedina.org or by cell phone at 740-525-6149.

Thank You to everyone who helped with Pastor Steve's installation service and potluck reception. It was a beautiful service committing ourselves as Pastor and congregation. It was great to see so many at the reception, joyfully celebrating. God has truly blessed St. Matthew. *The Call Committee*

Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse will be out of the office on Tuesday morning, August 30. She will be available for phone calls on Thursday, August 25.

New Member Class - New member's classes will be held following the 9:30 worship service on August 28, and September 4. New members will be welcomed during worship on September 11.

Ice Cream Bar - We will wrap up our summer worship services with an ice cream bar following the Sunday, September 4 service. We are looking for donations of vanilla and chocolate ice cream, cones, and various ice cream toppings. If you're able to donate, you can sign up on the poster in the narthex and bring to church no later than September 1.

Rally Day - Join us in the fellowship hall during the Sunday School hour (9:45 a.m.) on Sunday, September 11 to kick off the new Sunday School year.

Gods Work Our Hands - Sunday, September 11. See the back of this bulletin for full details.

Luther League Spaghetti Dinner - Save the date! Sunday, September 18 at 5:00 p.m. More details coming soon.

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.

Luther Choir meets Wednesday evenings from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. in the sanctuary. We encourage those who would like to join us to come to these rehearsals and be a part of our Luther Choir.

Bible & Brews - Weekly on Thursday, 7:00 p.m., at St. Matthew until our chosen venue, Four Paws, is available . We are studying the book of Acts. All are welcome!

What is the LGL Samaritan Fund? This fund was set up in 2007 to assist our members during a financial situation where a helping hand may be needed. Perhaps you had a large car repair and cannot pay your rent or mortgage one month. Maybe you recently lost your job and need a helping hand to stay in good financial standing. It is a confidential ministry where your identity is only known by the intake specialist. We have assisted over 1400 family units over the years. If you could benefit from financial assistance and are a member of St. Matthew, you will find applications on the table in front of the church office or in the drop box under the doorbell at the rear Pearl Street entrance. You will also find the application on our website, stmatthewmedina.org, in the Community Resources section. Please read the guidelines that are posted on the website as well. It is also open to non-members who reside in Medina County. This fund is administered by a Board of Trustees formed of members of St. Matthew that meets monthly.

Nautica Queen Sunset Cruise offered through Zion Lutheran Church, Sunday, September 18, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40. Reserve your space now. See fliers in the narthex.

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.

"God's work. Our hands." Sunday



**Sept. 11
2022**

Working together with our Cluster Churches*, we will be collecting items for 500 school bags for Lutheran World Relief.

Following our 11:00 worship service on September 11, head over to Zion, Valley City, for lunch. St. Matthew will be taking sides and salads. If you can help with that, please sign-up in the narthex.

After lunch stay to help on the assembly line to put book bags together or make greeting cards for "Loads of Love".

Then, to North Court Laundromat for "Loads of Love", where we will supply people with quarters** for their laundry. (Approx. time 2-5 pm or until quarters are gone.)

Items we, as a congregation, are donating:

1. **450 pairs of children's blunt scissors** (still need 420)
2. **450 small pencil sharpeners** (still need 373)
3. ~~400 #2 unsharpened pencils~~ ✓
4. ~~400 black or blue (no gel) ballpoint pens~~ ✓
5. Sides or salads for lunch on September 11.
6. **Monetary donations - Quarters - for "Loads of Love" at the laundromat.** (And people, including children, who can help on the assembly line.)



The book bags will be taken to Jerusalem Lutheran, Seville, when they will have a truck parked and ready to head to Lutheran World Relief.

**We are collecting quarters for "Loads of Love". Look for the basket in the narthex.

**Cluster Churches: St. Matthew, Zion, Our Savior, Holy Trinity,
Living Word, and New Horizons.*

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
Kaitlyn Taraschke	Nursery Attendant

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop
System available.