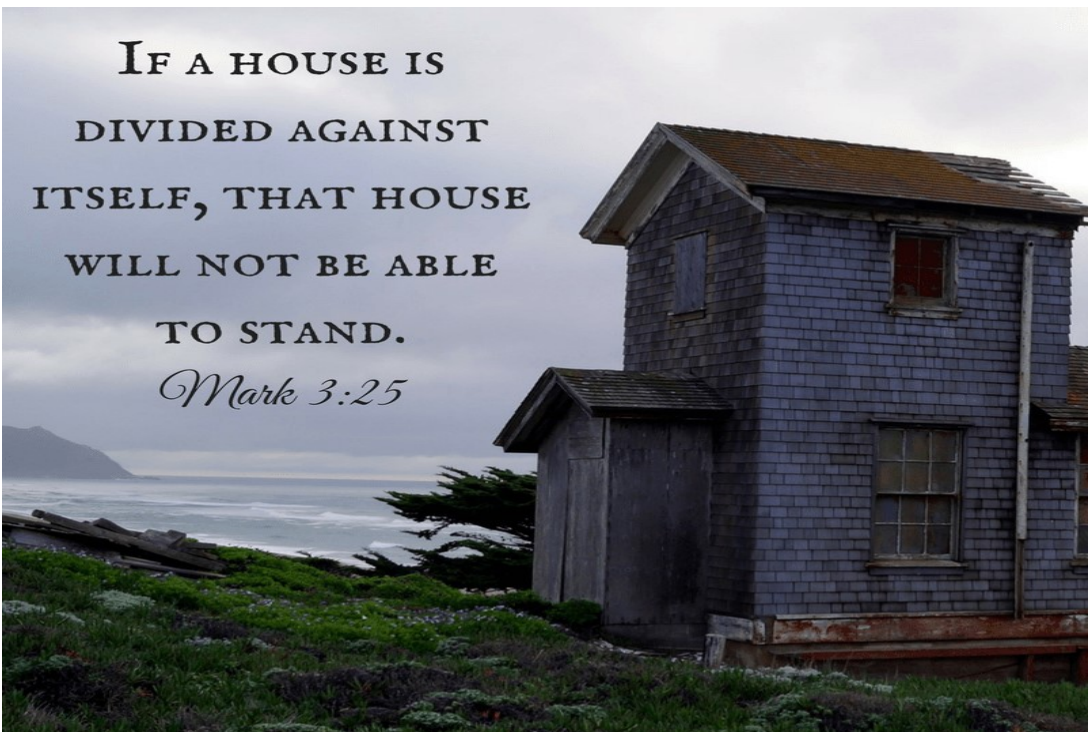


IF A HOUSE IS  
DIVIDED AGAINST  
ITSELF, THAT HOUSE  
WILL NOT BE ABLE  
TO STAND.

*Mark 3:25*



## *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

June 9, 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

D: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

**C: Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

D: 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.**

D: 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:**                      *God of Grace and God of Glory*                      Hymn 705

### \*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.**

\***Kyrie**    *Kyrie Eleison*    Page 184

\***Hymn of Praise**                                      *This is the Feast*                                      Page 187

## \*Prayer of the Day

All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach

## WORD

### First Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

<sup>8</sup>Adam and Eve heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.<sup>9</sup>But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"<sup>10</sup>He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."<sup>11</sup>He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"<sup>12</sup>The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate."<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."<sup>14</sup>The LORD God said to the serpent,

"Because you have done this,  
cursed are you among all animals  
and among all wild creatures;  
upon your belly you shall go,  
and dust you shall eat  
all the days of your life.

<sup>15</sup>I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
and between your offspring and hers;  
he will strike your head,  
and you will strike his heel."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

### Psalm

Psalm 130

<sup>1</sup>Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

<sup>2</sup>**O LORD, hear my voice!**

**Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.**

<sup>3</sup>If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup>**Yet with you is forgiveness,  
in order that you may be feared.**

<sup>5</sup>I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;  
in your word is my hope.

<sup>6</sup>**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

<sup>7</sup>O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup>**For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

<sup>13</sup>Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, <sup>14</sup>because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. <sup>15</sup>Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

<sup>16</sup>So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, <sup>18</sup>because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

<sup>5:1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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 3:20-35

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

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

Jesus went home; <sup>20</sup>and the crowd came together again, so that Jesus and the disciples could not even eat. <sup>21</sup>When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup>And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup>And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup>If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup>And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup>And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup>But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

<sup>28</sup>"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; <sup>29</sup>but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—<sup>30</sup>for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your

mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.”<sup>33</sup> And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?”<sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers!<sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

**Hymn of the Day:**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Hymn 503

**\*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

D: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

D: You reawaken our hearts to your mercy. We give you thanks for renewers of the church in every age. Enliven the creativity and persistence of all seeking to transform the church into a closer vision of your beloved community. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Your presence is revealed in the shade of trees, the growth of seeds into flowers, and in the blessing of plants granting food in their right season. Heal lands scarred by deforestation, pollution, or infestation. Teach us to cultivate the earth with respect and reverence. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Our nations and communities are divided, O God. Teach us again to listen with curiosity and mercy, even in disagreement. Grant us the humility to acknowledge our hardness of heart and make us bold in modeling cooperation for the sake of the common good. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Hear the prayers of all who cry out to you from the depths of fear, despair, or hopelessness Jen, Isaac, Catherine, Sylvia, Karen, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. With haste, rescue victims of trafficking, exploitation, and abuse, and bless organizations and individuals who work on their behalf. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Grant wisdom and clarity to all who are in seasons of discernment and transition: high school graduates preparing for first jobs or new educational journeys, those who are shifting careers, and those who are navigating changes in their relationships. Accompany them with your peace. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Praise to you for our ancestors in faith who believed, spoke, and lived in you. Give us confidence that as Jesus was raised, so we too will be raised, with all the saints, into your everlasting presence. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**Offering**

*Sinfonia From Cantata #156*  
J.S. Bach

Nancy McNeal, Flute

**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.

**\*Lamb of God**

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**Communion Hymn**

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

Hymn 471

**\*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:**

*Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

Hymn 543

**\*Dismissal:**

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

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Postlude**

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**WORSHIP SERVANTS**

Acolyte:	9:30 - Faith Taraschke
Reader:	9:30 - Adam Scheid
Communion Servers:	9:30 - Melanie Brown Delores Ivan
Ushers:	9:30 - Becky Malloy Linda Taraschke
Sound:	9:30 - Joe Obermeier
Video:	9:30 - Bobby Forsythe
Altar Guild:	Nancy McNeal, Becky Malloy



## PRAYERS

**Altar Flowers This Morning** are given to the glory of God in memory of her husband, Richard, by Suzanne Ogle.

**Altar Flowers This Morning** are given to the glory of God by Donna Flanagan.

**\*Prayers for Healing:** Jen Knaggs, Isaac Linden, Catherine Forsythe, Sylvia, Karen Rupert, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

*\*If you, a relative, or friend would like to be added to the prayers, please contact the church office. Your request will be added to the bulletin and Shout-Out, as well as the list of prayers for our Thursday afternoon Prayer Group. Names will be removed from the bulletin and Shout-Out after one month, unless a specific timeframe is requested, but will remain in our Prayer Group's prayers. If you wish to have a name added back to the prayers once it is removed, please contact the office.*

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

**Blood Pressure Screenings** before and after worship in Brenda's Office.

**New Member Class** with Pastor Steve, 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Loads of Love** 1:00-4:00 p.m., North Court Laundry, 739 W. Liberty St., Medina.

**Social Gathering** 5-8 pm at Ignite Brewing Co., 1255 N. Carpenter Rd., Brunswick. Come and celebrate Father's Day with Pastor Steve.

## NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 16, AT ST. MATTHEW

### Happy Father's Day!

**Next Sunday, Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**, we will worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m., Praise and holy communion.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Steve on Vacation June 10-16.** Please know that while seeking renewal and rest, Pastor Steve will not be looking at nor responding to emails. Additionally, please honor this important and necessary time away by refraining from texts, calls, instant messages, or other forms of social media communication, If there is an emergency, we are blessed to have two rostered leaders serving St. Matthew. Please contact Deacon Lindsay, who will make the decision as to whether Pastor Steve should be contacted while away. Thank you for showing care for your pastor and deacon in honoring healthy boundaries.

**Hat Making** - On June 10, we will begin meeting at Faith House (432 N. Broadway) every other Monday, 6:30-8:00 pm.

**Calling All Luther Leaguers** - Let's extend our final Gathering Meeting on June 23rd and head over to the Weight House for a bonfire. If you are not attending the gathering, you are still invited! We will meet at the Weight House at 7:45 p.m. We also need to solidify a date for the carwash. Please fill out the Google form through the link in the Shout-Out for the bonfire and carwash dates.

**Shoe Drive Fundraiser** - We are collecting new and *Gently Used* Shoes to benefit our High School Youth Group! Please clean out your closets and drop them in the box in the narthex or contact Amanda Kotick for a pick-up, 330-321-5318. Please make sure they are clean and have no holes! Any size, ANY style!! Our GOAL is 2250 PAIRS of shoes! Every pair you donate turns into funds for us, is kept out of landfills and helps micro-entrepreneurs around the world! Please share the word and ask your family and friends! Thank you so much!!!

**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 330-242-2116.

**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.

**Silent Book Club!** Meets every other Monday at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). Upcoming dates are 6/17, 7/1, and 7/15 @ 6:30 pm. BYOBook! See you there!

**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.*

**Cross Penny Ministry** - Jesus is the One Sent (cent) to die and set us free (liberty) from our sins. He rose from the dead so that we could be saved when "In God We Trust". You will find the cross pennies in the narthex and you are invited to take one for yourself and several to share with family, friends, and strangers. Use the simple message above or open a conversation about the Good News, your faith journey, or even our church. Some other ideas for using your cross penny: \*send one in a greeting card \*attach one to your keychain \*give to someone who is struggling \*include one along with a generous tip to your waiter or waitress \*leave one on a park bench, a store shelf, in a take one/leave one change dish, on the sidewalk...the options are limitless! Pennies from heaven!! If you have a special story to share about one of your cross pennies, please let someone from the Evangelism/Communication team know or share on St. Matthew's Facebook page!!

**"Getting to Know You"** - The *Getting to Know You* segment in the Shout-Out 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!

28 May 2024

Dear St. Matthew members,

Our organ was installed in 1972. In addition to its needed yearly maintenance, it is in need of repair. The worship team has been proactive in having our organ evaluated by three different reputable organ companies and have received feedback on both the needed basic maintenance and repairs, as well as costs involved at all levels of service. In order to make the best decisions not only for the current status of our organ but for its future, we would like to think about how we want the organ to serve us as a congregation. How do we see the organ impacting our worship experience? We would like to create an Organ Focus Group to further discuss the impact of our second most valuable church asset, behind number one, our physical building.

If you are interested in participating in this focus group, please contact Rachel Knaggs (330-591-7093/rknaggsmusic@gmail.com) or Kristin Weight (330-416-5730/kristinweight@gmail.com).

Sincerely,  
Kristin Weight and Rachel Knaggs  
St. Matthew Organ Focus Group Leaders and Worship Team Members

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Hearing Loop  
System available.

### **Church Office Hours**

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

Friday: Office Closed