



Mark 9:40

Whoever is not
against us is for us

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 10

“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, who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war
within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make
distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the
suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us
with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace
you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal
healing, your sins are forgiven.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

Gather Us In

Hymn 532

*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

Have Mercy on Us

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*Hymn of Praise

Come, Let Us Join

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*Prayer of the Day

C: **Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Children's Sermon (11:00)

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

⁴The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat!" ⁵We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; ⁶but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the LORD became very angry, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹So Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors'? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. ¹⁵If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

¹⁶So the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

²⁶Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young

man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸ And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" ²⁹ But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!"

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

Psalm

Psalm 19:7-14

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

¹²**Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in
your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

Second Reading

James 5:13-20

¹³Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. ¹⁶Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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*Gospel

Mark 9:38-50

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹"For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

O Jesus, I Have Promised

Hymn 810

Sacrament of Holy Baptism (8:30 - see insert)

*Nicene Creed (11:00)

**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: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

D: We pray for the people of God in all places. Shape our witness to the good news of Jesus that we joyfully share your transforming love with all whom we encounter. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We pray for the healing of the earth. Renew oceans and seas, marshes and estuaries. Uphold the work of conservationists, oceanographers, and all who care for fragile ecosystems and habitats. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We pray for peace and cooperation among local and global communities. Bless the efforts of community organizers, international aid workers, and all those who work for justice and peace around the world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We pray for all who are in any need. To all who grieve, bring consolation; to all who are weary or lonely, bring solace. By your grace, make your presence known among all who call to you for healing especially Joan, Jenna, Marliese, Jerry, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We pray for caregivers: doctors and nurses, home health aides and counselors, and those who care for loved ones. Sustain them in their work and help us to build a health care system that supports all. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We give thanks for the saints who now rest in your eternal presence. In thanksgiving for their lives of faithful service and witness, we commend them to your loving care. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, 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 *Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace* (11:00) Luther Choir
Mary McDonald

Offertory Response *For the Fruit of All Creation* (vs. 1) Hymn 679

*Offertory Prayer

P: Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

*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.

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, take, and eat.

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymn

There is a Balm in Gilead

Hymn 614

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song

Hymn 808

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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PRAYERS

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

Prayers for Healing: Joan Batke, Jenna Saleker, Marliese Leggett, Jerry Jakovic, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person and livestream at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with ELW 10 and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30.*

Baptism of Oliver Schaller at 8:30 service.

Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.

Luther Middles Drive-Thru Food Drive, 10:00-10:45 a.m. and 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Luther League Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction - 5:00 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

Sunday School for all ages, 9:45 a.m.

Baby Shower for Deacon Lindsay and Austin, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	8:30 - Andrew Hogan	11:00 - Faith Taraschke
Reader:	8:30 - Delores Ivan	11:00 - Melody Costello
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Carol Elkins Scott Johnson	11:00 - Melody Costello Bekah Knaggs
Ushers:	8:30 - Jen Hogan Bruce Reed	11:00 - Jeff & Linda Taraschke
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	11:00 - Joe Obermeier
Video:	8:30 - Rick Sullivan	
Altar Guild:	Julie Crow	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Silent Book Club! Next gathering: October 7. Meets the **first and third Mondays** each month at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). We have a few fun things planned in the upcoming months: Oct 21-Halloween Book Club, Nov. 18-Book Club Food Drive, Dec. 16-Holiday Get Together. *We are still taking donations for the Free Library at Faith House.*

Come and Join the Kids of the Kingdom!! We have a NEW MEETING TIME, Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are always looking for new members and would love for you to join us! Everyone from 1st through 8th grade is welcome! Contact Rachel Knaggs (330-591-7093) with any questions.

Bishop Laura Barbins is joining us for worship Sunday, October 13!! Please make plans now to be in attendance so we can give her a BIG St. Matthew welcome!

Celebrate Newsletter - The fall edition of the Celebrate Newsletter is available through the link in the Shout-Out or there are printed copies in the Narthex and Room of the Cross.

Bible & Brews will not meet during the month of October. We will resume Thursday, November 7.

Altar Guild will meet on October 12 for their Fall Luncheon at The Farmer's Table, 320 S. Court St., at 11:30 a.m. Please let Sandy Andrews know whether or not you will be attending.

Care Package ministry Collection -The Care Package Ministry Team is making preparations for the next round of care packages for our college students! We are collecting gift cards, notes, and words of encouragement to include in the care packages. Monetary donations are also welcome and appreciated to help cover shipping costs and purchase items for the packages. There will be a container in the Narthex for notes, gift cards, and monetary donations. You can also purchase items directly from our Amazon wish list to help fill the packages! Simply use the link in the Shout-Out or on our website to view our Wishlist, add the item you wish to purchase to your cart, and select St. Matthew as the shipping address, and it will be delivered directly to the church to be included in the packages! **Updated Addresses Needed for College Students and Military Personnel!**

Confirmation & Reception - On Sunday, October 27, several youth will be affirming their baptisms at the 11:00 service. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. in celebration of this important faith milestone. Please plan to attend and join the Comprehensive Youth team in honoring this year's confirmands!

Fun Fellowship Fall Festival - Fun for the family! Sunday, October 20, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Richardson's Farm, 6984 Lafayette Road, Medina. Chili cook-off, hayride, pumpkin picking, and Trunk or Treat for the kids!

Loads of Love - Join us Sunday, October 27 at North Court Laundromat, 1:00-4:00 p.m., or until quarters run out. Members of St. Matthew will be spreading love and joy by handing out quarters for people to do their laundry. *“Showing love to our community one load at a time.”*

Looms of Love (Hat Making) - Meets the **second and fourth Sundays** each month at 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

Cross Penny Ministry - 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.

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.

Have you seen the Brown Room recently?

If so, you'll notice it's no longer brown, thanks to the recent painting and carpet replacement. We thought it might be fun to come up with a new, more fitting name. With that said, if you want to propose a name, or more than one, of how we might refer to the room in the future, please send your ideas to our office administrator, Deb Musil, at office@stmatthewmedina.org or complete a form found at the back of the sanctuary and return it by November 10. We will take a vote on November 17 at our Annual Congregation Meeting.

Youth Bulletin Board

Let's support our youth!! Between Pastor Steve's and Deacon Lindsay's offices is a giant bulletin board. If you, as a youth, are involved in sports, the arts, or any other activity that includes a performance, we'd love for you to share it with the congregation by posting the schedule of dates of activity on the bulletin board so we can come and cheer you on! Parents, we encourage you to encourage your child to share! Our hope is that this will become a PERMANENT place to learn about our youths' extracurricular activities.

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