



Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024

9:30 a.m.

Now the Feast & Celebration

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“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 found in the Now the Feast & Celebration booklet.

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*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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O God, eternal goodness, immeasurable love, you place your gifts before us; we eat and are satisfied. Fill us and this world in all its need with the life that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Message

Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach

WORD

First Reading

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

² The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³ The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

⁹ Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰ And

as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹ The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹² “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³ In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴ When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵ When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 78:23-29

²³ So God commanded the clouds above
and opened the doors of heaven,
²⁴ **raining down manna upon them to eat
and giving them grain from heaven.**
²⁵ So mortals ate the bread of angels;
God provided for them food enough.
²⁶ **The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens
and powerfully led out the south wind,**
²⁷ raining down flesh upon them like dust
and flying birds like the sand of the seas,
²⁸ **letting them fall in the midst of the camp
and round about the dwellings.**
²⁹ So the people ate and were well filled,
for God gave them what they craved.

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

¹ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

⁹ (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same

one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.)¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers,¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming.¹⁵ But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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

***Gospel Verse**

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P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the sixth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel**

John 6:24-35

²⁴ When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were beside the sea, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves." ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸ Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹ Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰ So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

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

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

***Hymn of the Day**

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

Hymn 461

***Prayers of Intercession**

D: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

D: O Wise One, your wisdom has been present in this world since its beginning. Pour out your wisdom into the hearts of the whole church, especially the newly baptized, lay leaders, deacons, pastors, and bishops. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Holy God of all creation, you are the source of all life. Where the sun blazes hard and strong, bring a gentle breeze. In the places experiencing the cold of winter, bring your warmth. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Compassionate God, help government leaders of this world unite for peace and justice. Humble all who hold authority, that power is directed toward a more just society. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Bread of life from heaven, you feed us. Fill all who hunger with needed nutrition and open our hearts to eliminate hunger in this world. May we see a day when all are fed. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: O Wisdom of truth, help us to understand your will for the church. Be with congregations experiencing transition, redevelopment, and the exciting yet frightening path of newness. May your wisdom be found at every step. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Healing God, we pray for the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick, especially the Family and friends of Billy Crowbeak Faluski, 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. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain.

D: Redeeming God, we give you thanks for the lives and witness of your saints now departed. Bring your beloved into eternal glory, opening wide the gates to the heavenly banquet. Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

D: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy keeping.

C: **Amen.**

***Peace**

D: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering

Offertory Solo

Mason Cooper

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Communion Hymn *Come, Let Us Eat* Hymn 491

***Post-Communion Prayer**

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table.
May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be made known through us.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING

***Sending Song** *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak* Hymn 676

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Postlude

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PRAYERS

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

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Leithe Obermeier by the Obermeier family.

Prayers for Healing: Family and friends of Billy Crowbeak Faluski, 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

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, we worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m., Now the Feast and holy communion.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, AT ST. MATTHEW

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

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	Reagan Stuchal
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Ushers:	Tim Brown, Bruce Reed Alan & Delores Ivan
Sound:	Joe Obermeier
Video:	Rick Sullivan
Altar Guild:	Liz Linden

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Senior Fellowship - Join us to socialize and play some favorite games. Our next get together is Monday, August 26, at 1:00 p.m. in the Brown Room. Bring your favorite game!

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.

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 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, ~~Toothbrushes~~ (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".

A Rosebud on the Altar

The Baby Rose

We recognize God's miracle of life as we place the Baby Rose on our altar and remember the family in prayer.

The Baby Rose begins life as a small bud, gradually unfolds, and grows to a beautiful flower ever looking upward to the Lord.

May the life of this child grow in the Lord so that love and faith may be evident to all who come near him.

The Baby Rose on the altar today honors the adoption of

Oliver Joseph Schaller

born July 15, 2024

son of Andrea Schaller

grandson of Joseph & Ingrid Schaller



Pastor Steve's Shepherd Pie Recipe

Many of you have asked for the recipe, so here it is:

1 1/2 lbs. ground beef
1/2 to 1 cup onion, depending on your tastes
1 1/2 tsp worcestershire sauce
1 to 2 tsp of Italian seasoning
1/2 tsp thyme
1/4 tsp salt
1/4 tp pepper
1 (10 3/4 oz) can of condensed tomato soup (don't make soup, just use this as a base)
1 (10 oz) pkg. frozen mixed vegetables (or just corn) ... thawed!

Mashed potatoes
Sharp Cheddar cheese (shredded)
French fried onions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Brown hamburger with the onion and drain. Stir in condensed soup, 1/2 cup of water, seasonings (Italian, thyme, salt, pepper), and a small handful of French fried onions. Place mixture into a Pyrex pan. Spread out the mixed vegetables/corn over the meat mixture, creating a second "layer." Spoon and evenly spread the mashed potatoes over the vegetables/corn, creating a third layer (if you prefer lots of potatoes then make this level thicker). Bake for at least 30 minutes until hot (I like to bake longer to the point that the ingredients start to bubble up around the edges and the potato peaks start to brown a little). Spread cheddar cheese on top and place back into the oven until mostly melted. Next top with French fried onions (to taste). Bake 2-5 minutes more or until onions are golden brown. Enjoy!

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Hearing Loop
System available.

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

Friday: Office Closed