

Now the Feast and Celebration

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 6, 2023

9:30 a.m.

Now the Feast & Celebration

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

400 North Broadway Street † Medina, Ohio 44256

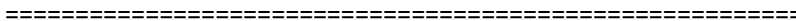
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St. Mathew invites you to join us in celebration of Holy Communion!

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.



Now the Feast and Celebration

Marty Haugen

“Pages” found in the Now the Feast and Celebration booklet.

“Hymns” found toward the back of the red hymnal.

(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Good News Moment

Prelude

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***Gathering Song** *Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal* Hymn 464

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***Prayer of the Day**

Glorious God, your generosity waters the world with goodness, and you cover creation with abundance. Awaken in us a hunger for the food that satisfies both body and spirit, and with this food fill all the starving world; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-5

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21

⁸The LORD is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹**LORD, you are good to all,
and your compassion is over all your works.**

¹⁴The Lord upholds all those who fall
and lifts up those who are bowed down.

¹⁵**The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD,
and you give them their food in due season.**

¹⁶You open wide your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

¹⁷**You are righteous in all your ways
and loving in all your works.**

¹⁸You are near to all who call upon you,
to all who call upon you faithfully.

¹⁹**You fulfill the desire of those who fear you;
you hear their cry and save them.**

²⁰You watch over all those who love you,
but all the wicked you shall destroy.

²¹**My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

Second Reading

Romans 9:1-5

¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it
by the Holy Spirit—²I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.

³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the
sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. ⁴They are

Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; ⁵to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

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

***Gospel Verse**

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***Gospel**

Matthew 14:13-21

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard about the beheading of John the Baptist, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." ¹⁶Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." ¹⁷They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." ¹⁸And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Hymn 712

***Apostles' Creed**

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***Prayers of Intercession**

D: Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

D: You gather your church together by the Holy Spirit. Inspire all the baptized to proclaim your abundant love throughout the world. Guide us in the mission of the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: You cherish your creation, from the smallest microbe to the largest mountain. Protect fragile ecosystems, send favorable weather, supply food and water to nourish creatures, and raise us up to care for all you have created. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: You desire peace and justice in the world. Instill within all political leaders your desire, support the work of international peace organizations, and provide relief for those in war-torn areas. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: You comfort those who are hurting. Accompany those who are alone, heal those who are sick, provide for all who hunger or thirst, console the bereaved, bring joy to the sorrowful, and attend to all who call on you, especially Sierra, Carol, Amy, Sammy, June, Pat, Adam and Family, Loretta, Leithea, Sandi, Judy, Steve, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: You place us within communities for mutual support and love. Reveal yourself to us in worship, fellowship, and ministry with our neighbors. Provide for feeding ministries and food banks in our area, that we share your abundance with all who hunger. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: You have placed before us examples of faithful living who have witnessed to your promises throughout time and space. Rouse us by their lives of service and dedication to be your hands and feet in this world. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Peace**

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

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Come to the Table

Mason Cooper

Offertory

As the Grains of Wheat

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***Prayer**

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Communion Hymns	<i>Come, Let Us Eat</i>	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	<i>Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ</i>	Hymn 674
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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary by Ingrid and Joe Schaller.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of their 73rd wedding anniversary by Bob and Catherine Forsythe.

Prayers for Healing: Sierra (Davis) Trikillas, Carol Muhlbach, Amy Douglass, Sammy Young, June Trenty, Pat Straub, Adam and Family, Loretta Thornton, Leithea Obermeier, Sandi, Judy McLaughlin, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, we worship in-person and via livestream at 9:30 with Now the Feast and Celebration and holy communion.

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

Comprehensive Youth Team Meeting - 10:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost - Outdoor worship at Buckeye Woods Park, main pavilion. We will worship in-person at 10:00 a.m. with holy communion and a backpack blessing.

Picnic to follow immediately after worship. *See the next page for more details.*

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	Emma Kotick
Reader:	Becky Matyas
Ushers:	John Baker Alan & Delores Ivan
Communion Servers:	Sandy Andrews Peg Huber
Sound:	Larry Mohler
Video:	Brian Harris
Altar Guild:	Becky Malloy Julie Shrader

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you to all who helped us celebrate Leithe's 85th birthday last Sunday. It was a wonderful celebration! *Joe & Kelly Obermeier*

Giving Statements - In order to save on postage expense, half-year giving statements are available to be picked up in the narthex. Any statements not picked up by August 13 will be mailed.

Directories are here! If you had your photo taken for the directory, you may pick up your free copy from the narthex (look for the directory with your name on it). Otherwise, you may purchase a directory for \$10 - See Melody Costello.

Outdoor Worship - Next Sunday, August 13, 10:00 a.m. at Buckeye Woods Park with a backpack blessing. Picnic to immediately follow worship. We are asking everyone to contribute a dish. We are requesting sloppy joes, pulled pork, buns, fruit/veggie trays, side/salad, and desserts. We will also have games such as corn hole and Jenga available. You can bring additional games or equipment for softball, dodgeball, etc. If you would like to fish, bring your fishing gear. If you plan to attend the picnic, please use the Sign-Up Genius site shown here or sign up in the narthex. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA8AC22ABFC1-church1>. Please contact Melody Costello with any questions.

Luther Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 p.m. We will meet in the sanctuary and will sing in worship for the first time on September 3. More information available at rehearsal. Anyone from the congregation that would like to join us is very welcome to do so.

New Member Class is forming. The class will meet with Pastor Steve following worship on Sundays, August 20, 27, and between services on September 3. New members will be welcomed during worship on Sunday, September 10. Please contact Pastor Steve if you are interested in joining St. Matthew.

Catechism Orientation for students who will be entering grades 6-8 this fall and their parents - Sunday, August 27 from 11:00-11:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will discuss the confirmation model and curriculum, share dates for upcoming service and fellowship opportunities, and students will receive their materials for the year as well as acolyte training. Please contact Deacon Lindsay if you have any questions or are unable to attend the orientation.

God's Work Our Hands - It's time to mark your calendars and prepare to have fun helping others. God's Work. Our Hands. Day is Saturday, September 9. Our cluster churches, including St. Matthew, will be packing a minimum of 10,000 meals provided by Rise Against Hunger. This is a project for all ages. There will also be blanket tying for those who would prefer a sit-down project. More

information will be coming in a couple of weeks. Mark your calendars now! The last time we did this project, everyone had so much fun, and I heard many comments that it was even more fun having the youth working with them too. Remember to watch for more information soon. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex. They need a count as lunch will be provided. Questions? Contact Barb Woodard, 330-321-2408 or barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com

Pull Tab Collection - We continue to collect tabs to support Ronald McDonald House in Akron and Cleveland. All pull tabs are accepted! (pet food, soup, veggies, beverages, etc.) There are containers located in the Narthex and the Room of the Cross to deposit your pull tabs. If you have any questions, call Joyce at 216-780-0965.

Operation Homes Update - Currently we have four people in the program; Michele, Sarah and her 4-year old daughter, Aria, and Sean. All are working to find available apartments and are close to finding them. I would like to give a special shout out to Westfield Insurance and our own Kristine Neate. Westfield is celebrating their 175th year in business and are allowing their employees to work one day at any charity of their choosing during regular business hours. Kristen chose Operation Homes Day Center in the days following Covid and shortage of volunteers. What a blessing! Thank you, Westfield. I hope this becomes a new model for other businesses. The Operation Homes Day Center is looking for volunteers who can work in support of our guests. If you are interested, call Rick Sullivan 330-391-0222. Very easy! Very important!

Looking Ahead

**Rally Sunday is
September 10.**

Please join us as a new
Sunday School year begins
for all ages.



St. Matthew Blessings Opportunity

The house at 432 North Broadway has been occupied by Pastor Steve for the last fourteen months and is now vacant with Pastor Steve's purchase of a home in Rittman. This property provides our congregation with many options for the future use of the property. The property might be to support our administrative or meetings needs. Or, to extend our current missions or, other newly identified community support possibilities.

Your ideas are encouraged and can come from anyone in the congregation. All ideas will be evaluated by a working committee with recommendations submitted to the congregation for review. The congregation will vote on recommendations from the working committee on how the property can best serve St. Matthew and our community.

We do not have a deadline for you to provide your ideas or to come up with a recommendation for the property for the congregation to consider. All final recommendation(s) will require a thorough review of 1.) charter of purpose identifying who will be served 2.) identifying an operating budget and, 3.) identifying the St. Matthew support team necessary to support and manage the future use of the property.

There is a blue **432 North Broadway Idea Box** on a window ledge in the Narthex with blank idea forms. Please use ONE form for each of your ideas so that it can be accurately evaluated. Please place your completed forms in the Sunday service offering plate or in Bill Heck's mailbox in the Room of the Cross. If you would want to participate with the working committee in evaluating all ideas provided by the congregation, please let Bill Heck or Pastor Steve know of your interest to serve.

Finance Report Update for May, June & Year-to-Date St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

	Month of May, 2023	Month of June, 2023	Year-to-Date January-June, 2023
General Offering Unrestricted	\$ 22,487.86	\$ 32,003.32	\$ 164,577.74
2023 Approved Mission Plan	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 199,999.98
Budget Variance (Loss)	\$ (10,845.47)	\$ (1,330.01)	\$ (35,422.24)

Financial Update: St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church received the unrestricted offerings as compared to the 2023 approved Mission Plan objective shown for the months of May, June and 2023 year-to-date. Please prayerfully consider increasing your offering to support the church and its mission of Living God's Love. Thank you for your continued generosity.

By setting up recurring donations online, you enable us to maintain financial stability and plan for the future of St. Matthew. St. Matthew has 54 member families that contribute through Vanco. Please increase our participation and consider signing up for Simply Giving at:
<https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4MP/home>

If you have any questions about your current account or setting up your account, contact our Financial Director Bruce Reed at (412) 848-0219 or email Bruce at brucerreed@comcast.net.

ROCK THE BLOCK

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

4:00-7:00 PM

All of Medina is invited!



Courthouse
Pizzeria Trailer
Nate the Great, Magic Show
DJ, Brian Stanis
Combo Bounce House
Splash Tower (Dunk Bucket)
Balloon Art
Carnival Games
Free Raffle Tickets
Face Painting
Water - Based Tattoos
Contests

**WE NEED
VOLUNTEERS**

Join us as a St. Matthew ambassador.

Go to this site to sign up as a Rock the Block volunteer:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544ada629aafd0-rock#/>

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach	Director of Youth & Family Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Maintenance Supervisor
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Rachel Knaggs	Kids of the Kingdom Director
Kaitlyn Taraschke	Nursery Attendant

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