



## *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

August 14, 2022  
9:30 a.m.

*Outdoor 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** *Here I am to Worship*

## \*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.**

## \*Prayer of the Day

**O God, judge eternal, you love justice and hate oppression, and you call us to share your zeal for truth. Give us courage to take our stand with all victims of bloodshed and greed, and, following your servants and prophets, to look to the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Blessing of Backpacks

Romans 12:4-8

D: <sup>4</sup>For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. <sup>6</sup>We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; <sup>7</sup>ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; <sup>8</sup>the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

P: Dear God, as we get ready to start another year in school, we ask your blessing on these backpacks, and especially on these children who will wear them. As they do the very important work of being students, bless them with: eagerness to learn, that their world may grow large; respect for teachers and students, that they may form healthy relationships; love for nature, that they may become caretakers of your creation; happiness when learning is easy and stick-to-it-iveness when it is hard; faith in Jesus as their best teacher and closest friend. We ask that you would protect these, your own children. Watch over them and keep them safe as they travel to and from school. As they learn, help them also to discover the different gifts that you have given each one of them to be used in your work in the world. As they hear the many voices that will fill their days, help them to listen most carefully for your voice, the one that tells them you will love them always, no matter what. We ask this in Jesus' name.

**C: Amen.**

# WORD

## First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Am I a God near by, says the LORD, and not a God far off? <sup>24</sup>Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the LORD. <sup>25</sup>I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" <sup>26</sup>How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? <sup>27</sup>They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. <sup>28</sup>Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the LORD. <sup>29</sup>Is not my word like fire, says the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

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

## Psalm

Psalm 82

<sup>1</sup>God stands to charge the divine council assembled,  
giving judgment in the midst of the gods:  
<sup>2</sup>**"How long will you judge unjustly,  
and show favor to the wicked?**  
<sup>3</sup>Save the weak and the orphan;  
defend the humble and needy;  
<sup>4</sup>**rescue the weak and the poor;  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.**  
<sup>5</sup>They do not know, neither do they understand; they wander about in darkness;  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.  
<sup>6</sup>**Now I say to you, 'You are gods,  
and all of you children of the Most High;**  
<sup>7</sup>nevertheless, you shall die like mortals,  
and fall like any prince.'"  
<sup>8</sup>**Arise, O God, and rule the earth,  
for you shall take all nations for your own.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 11:29--12:2

<sup>29</sup>By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. <sup>30</sup>By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. <sup>31</sup>By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

<sup>32</sup>And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—<sup>33</sup>who through faith

conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—<sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

<sup>39</sup> Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, <sup>40</sup> since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

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

**\*Gospel**

Luke 12:49-56

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

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

Jesus said: <sup>49</sup>“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! <sup>50</sup>I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! <sup>51</sup>Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! <sup>52</sup>From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; <sup>53</sup>they will be divided:

father against son  
and son against father,  
mother against daughter  
and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

<sup>54</sup>He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. <sup>55</sup>And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’; and it happens.

<sup>56</sup>You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

**Hymn of the Day:**

*Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)*

## \*Prayers of Intercession

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

*A brief silence.*

D: Arise, O God, and sustain your church. We pray for all who dedicate their lives to serving your people. Renew our commitment to our siblings in faith around the globe, and bless the work of our ecumenical and interfaith partners. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Arise, O God, and sustain your creation. We pray for all places affected by natural disasters. Transform the devastation of floods and fires into fertile ground for new life and growth. Fill heaven and earth with your life-giving Spirit. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Arise, O God, and sustain the nations. We pray for all elected officials. Kindle in them a desire to administer your justice. Strengthen their resolve to defend those who are vulnerable and to stand publicly against all forms of oppression. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Arise, O God, and sustain those who are oppressed. We pray for people harmed by racist discrimination, ableist discrimination, and all people discriminated against based on their gender identity or sexual orientation. Rescue us from all systems that degrade our fellow human beings. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Arise, O God, and sustain this assembly. We pray for this community, celebrating with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep. We pray especially for the Family of Mary Gienke, the Family of Jim Apana, Linda Kostelnik, Kathy Bailey, Rosemary Evans, Gary Chmielewski, Steve Hulvey, Lennie Davis, Jim Apana, Jim Minor, Justin, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, John Siebert, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. In our joy and in our tears, be near us. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

D: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we remember the saints who have gone before us. May we run with perseverance the race set before us until we find our rest in you. 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**

*Still*

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:**

*Multiplied*

### **\*Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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## PRAYERS

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

**Prayers for Healing:** The Family of Mary Gienke, The Family of Jim Apana, Rosemary Evans, Gary Chmielewski, Steve Hulvey, Lennie Davis, Jim Apana, Jim Minor, Justin, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, and John Siebert.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

**Outdoor Worship** at Buckeye Woods.

**Rubber Ducks Family Fun Day** - Game starts at 2:05 p.m.

## NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 21 AT ST. MATTHEW

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

**Pastor Steve's Installation** - 4:00 p.m. at St. Matthew with a potluck reception to follow.



**Saturday, August 27**      **4:00-7:00 pm**

**MUSIC, D.J. BRIAN STANIS**  
**MAGICIAN, NATE THE GREAT**  
**FOOD TRUCK, SWINE BBQ**  
**BOUNCE HOUSE**  
**DUNK TANK**  
**RAFFLE BASKETS**  
**TEMPORARY TATTOOS**  
**SNOW CONES**  
**COTTON CANDY**  
**CARNIVAL GAMES**

**2nd Annual BLOCK PARTY**

**Pearl St.**  
**N. Broadway St.**

The poster features a central graphic of a street signpost with two green signs: 'Pearl St.' and 'N. Broadway St.'. The signpost is surrounded by colorful streamers in yellow, blue, pink, and green, and several colorful stars. The text '2nd Annual BLOCK PARTY' is prominently displayed at the bottom left. To the right, a list of activities is presented in various colors. Three balloons (yellow, red, and green) are shown at the bottom right.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Pastor Steve's Contact Information** - Pastor Steve can be reached by email at [pastorsteve@stmatthewmedina.org](mailto:pastorsteve@stmatthewmedina.org) or by cell phone at 740-525-6149.

**New Member Class** - New member's classes will be held following the 9:30 worship service on August 21, 28, and September 4. Please contact Pastor Steve if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew.

**Pastoral Installation** for Steve Mahaffey, August 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church. *Formal invitations were emailed to the congregation on Tuesday, July 26.* A potluck reception will follow the installation service. Please RSVP to the link provided in that email. [tinyurl.com/45ze6p55](https://tinyurl.com/45ze6p55)

**Promise Place** has been on the market. We have had an open house, tours and some interest. Special thanks to Bruce Reed and the members that helped clean up for the showings.

**Thank you** to everyone who donated blood for the Red Cross blood drive last Sunday. Our goal was 24 units and we collected 25!! We will be partnering with the Red Cross for future drives.

**Luther Choir** rehearsals will begin on Wednesday, August 24. We will meet 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. We hope to see some new members beginning August 24.

**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.

**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](http://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

**Nominating Committee** - The Personnel Committee is currently looking for individuals to serve on the Nominating Committee - a group of 5 people who meet under the leadership/guidance of our President-Elect and Pastor. They are tasked with identifying individuals from the congregation who would be willing to serve on St. Matthew's Executive Council and/or lead a Five Star Ministry Team for 2023. The commitment lasts about 4 months (fall-year end). Please prayerfully consider if you would like to serve St. Matthew in this way. If you have any questions or would like to serve, please contact Melody Costello, Rex Rickly, Melanie Brown or Barb Woodard, Personnel Director.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, there will be a 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 the laundromat to help people with their laundry and to save their dollars. 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.

### Items we, as a congregation, are donating:

1. 450 pairs of children's blunt scissors
2. 450 small pencil sharpeners
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 toward fulfilling the items for the book bags, and for "Loads of Love" at the laundromat. *(Checks payable to "St. Matthew Lutheran Church - GWOH" on the memo line, or cash accepted.)*
7. And people, including children, who can help on the assembly line.



Keep an eye or an ear open for additional information.

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

## St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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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.