



Day of Pentecost

June 8, 2025
9:30 a.m.

ELW Setting 4

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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

Joy Cometh in the Morning

C. Simone

Welcome and Announcements

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the name of + the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power. Baptized into you, O Living One,

C: make us one as you are one.

P: Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *O Holy Spirit, Root of Life* Hymn 399

***Greeting**

P: 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** Page 147

***Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast* Page 149

***Prayer of the Day**

C: God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach

WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. ¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴ May these words of mine please God.

I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b} **Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Romans 8:14-17

¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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*Gospel

John 14:8-17, 25-27

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁸ Philip said to Jesus, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

²⁵ “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶ But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

Hymn 401

***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: God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church,
the world, and all who are in need.**

A brief silence.

**D: We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip
us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive,
intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God.**

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit especially the family of Judy, Sue, Darine, Margery, Una Mae, Rosemary, Alan, Loretta, Ed, Jerry, Tom, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory *O Holy Spirit, Enter In* (Schirmer/Nicolai) Sandy Andrews

Offertory Response *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymn 884

***Offertory Prayer**

P: Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in 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**

P: ...as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

***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: Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymns:

Eat This Bread

Hymn 472

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

P: The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always.

C: Amen.

*Sending Song:

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

Hymn 400

*Dismissal:

D: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

D: Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Postlude

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WORSHIP SERVANTS - SUMMER WORSHIP - 9:30 A.M.

THIS WEEK

NEXT WEEK

Acolytes:	Addison Wierzchowski	Bennett Alt
Reader:	Adam Scheid	Delores Ivan
Communion	Mary Dunham	Delores Ivan
Servers:	Helen Graf	
Ushers:	Alan & Delores Ivan	
Sound:	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video:	Melody Costello	
Altar Guild:	Becky Malloy	Becky Malloy

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE
9:30 - 80

PRAYERS

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

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

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in memory of Joyce's brother, Mark Kennedy, by Joyce and Tom Davis.

Prayers for Healing: Family of Judy Weir, Sue Schwab, Darine Prok, Margery Murray, Una Mae Gill, Rosemary Evans, Alan Ivan, Jr., Loretta Thornton, Ed, Jerry Jakovcic, & Tom Thornton.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Day of Pentecost, we worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m. with ELW 4 and holy communion.

Looms of Love - 9:45 a.m., Library.

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 15, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Holy Trinity, we will worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m. with ELW 4 and holy communion.



Vacation Bible School (VBS) - June 23 - 27 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

9:00-11:30 am for children who have completed Preschool through 5th grade. Our theme this year is Road Trip: *On the Go with God*. At VBS, we will learn how God is always with us, no matter what!

Please use this link to register: <https://forms.gle/nqr1wg6ok2jV2m498>

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, JUNE 15!

We are in need of volunteers to help make VBS a success! If you are interested in volunteering, please use this link to indicate ways you may be willing and able to serve: <https://forms.gle/8M5jnYcRcfesxdin8>

If you have any questions about registration or volunteering, please contact Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach, *Director of Youth and Family Ministries* at lindsay@stmatthewmedina.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Evangelism and Communication Team is looking for a Facebook administrator. If that is something you are interested in taking over, contact Melody Costello.

Disaster Relief Trip - Share the love of Christ through a disaster relief trip. Does this sound like something you might be interested in? Those who have previously participated in them have found them to be a rewarding experience to help those in need. If you want to know more about a possible relief trip to an area in the US that has been hit by a natural disaster, please come to an introductory informational meeting on July 22, 2025 at 7pm at Bethesda on the Bay Lutheran Church, 28607 Wolf Rd., Bay Village, OH. Pastor Henry Zorn who has organized and participated in many disaster relief trips will be talking about his most recent trip to North Carolina to provide help to people suffering from recent flooding. A future trip would be a collaboration of members from churches in the Northwestern Conference of the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA. Potential travel time would be this fall. You may also join the meeting by Zoom if you are unable to attend in person. Please contact Pastor Angela Freeman for the Zoom link. pastor.angela@bethesdaonthebay.org Questions? Contact Bob or Carla Maas. *For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. Ephesians 2:10*

Amish Country Fun Fellowship is in the works for Saturday, **September 13**. It will include attending the musical "The Road to Damascus" at the Ohio Star Theater in Sugarcreek. It is based on the Old Testament reading Acts 9:1-20. *Saul (later called Paul) was an ardent persecutor of all who followed the way of Christ. This reading recounts the story of his transformation beginning with an encounter with Jesus Christ on the way to Damascus.* Watch for more information. There is a sign-up in the Narthex for those interested in participating.

Quilter Bees - We have begun working on our second quilt. Please join us after worship to quilt together. However, you are welcome to come and quilt at any time. Newcomers are always welcome, as we look forward to sharing our "skills". The 80"X80" quilt will be auctioned off in the Fall to raise money for our new organ.

Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, June 22, before and after worship in Brenda's office.



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Church Office Hours

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

Friday: Office Closed



Hearing Loop
System available.