



Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 8, 2022

8:30 a.m.

ELW

"Living God's Love"

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!* No. 385

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, 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

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23

¹The LORD is my shepherd;
I shall not be in want.
²**The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**
³You restore my soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.
⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**
⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"
¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,
¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel**

John 10:22-30

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

The King of Love my Shepherd Is

No. 502

***Apostle’s Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayers of Intercession**

D: Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

D: Gentle Shepherd, enable your church to respond to the voice of Jesus. Give us unfailing trust, unafraid to join in Jesus' work of renewing all things. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Feed your people at the table of creation. Prepare a safe place for those whose environments are dangerous or unhealthy, especially those making difficult journeys. Prosper your creation for the sake of every living thing. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Warm the hearts of all who celebrate and all who mourn on Mother's Day. Accompany those yearning to be mothers. Help us to heal from broken family relationships and open us to receive your nurturing love from all who serve mothering roles in our lives. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Seek out those who weep while they await healing or consolation especially Ron Huber, Ron Iseli, Justin, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, and John Siebert. Set people in their path who can provide the care they need, and wipe away every tear from their eyes. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Inspire the words of prophets and saints who employ innovative imagery to stretch our understanding. Send Christ to instruct us with motherly care. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: Enfold us in the great multitude of saints from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages. Wash us in your saving grace every day, guiding us to your waters of life. God, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

D: In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

MEAL

Offertory

Great, Great Morning
Williams/Martin

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

P: Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

***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.**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

Communion Hymn

Now We Join in Celebration

No. 462

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ✚ bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done

No. 366

***Dismissal:**

D: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

D: Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C: Thanks be to God.

***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 memory of Tom's Grandma, Mabel Bluhm's, birthday by Tom and Joyce Davis.

Prayers for Healing: Ron Huber, Ron Iseli, Justin, Steve Combs, Jim Frame, and John Siebert.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Fourth Sunday of Easter, we worship in-person at 8:30 and 11:00 with ELW liturgy and communion. Mother's Day service at 11:00, led by Luther League. Livestream at 8:30.

Luther Littles Sunday School (Pre-School-5th grade) - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room

Luther Middles/Catechism (6-8 grades) - 9:45 a.m. in the green room.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 15, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Fifth Sunday of Easter, we will worship in-person at 8:30 and 11:00 with ELW liturgy and communion. Mother's Day service at 11:00, led by Luther League. Livestream at 8:30.

Senior Recognition: Class of 2022 at both services. Cake and punch reception in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m.

Blood Pressure Screening between services in the Parish Nurse's office.

Luther Littles Sunday School (Pre-School-5th grade) - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room

Luther Middles/Catechism (6-8 grades) - 9:45 a.m. in the green room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Name Tags - Let's help Pastor Steve put names to our faces. Name tags and markers will be available in the Narthex, Room of the Cross, and the Fellowship Hall for the next couple weeks.

Pastor Steve's Contact Information - Pastor Steve can be reached by email at pastorsteve@stmatthewmedina.org or by cell phone at 740-525-6149.

VBS Planning - We will be meeting Thursday, May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for anyone that is interested in helping with VBS in any way this year.

Blood Pressure Screening will resume between services on Sunday, May 15 in the Parish Nurse's office.

Senior Recognition: Class of 2022 - Sunday, May 15, both services. Join us for a reception of cake and punch in the Fellowship Hall in honor of St. Matthew's 2022 Seniors at 9:45 a.m.

Operation Homes Meals - St. Matthew will provide meals for Operation Homes guests the week of May 16-23. Meals need to be dropped off at 5:30 p.m. each day. For more information and to sign up to provide a meal for one of these evenings, please use this Sign-Up Genius link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094AA5A72AA3F94-operation1>

Senior Happy Hour has concluded their study and will resume in the fall. Their annual luncheon is scheduled for Monday, May 16, 11:00 a.m. at Longhorn in Medina. RSVP to the office by May 12 if you plan to attend.

Golf Outing - Come enjoy a fun evening of golf at Bunker Hill Golf Course with St. Matthew friends and guests on Thursday, June 16. Arrive at 5:30 p.m. for warm-ups. Tee times begin at 6:00 p.m. Guests are welcome. The cost for nine holes, a cart, and a light dinner following golf is \$45 per person. Dinner will include honey rosemary baked chicken, tenderloin tips over noodles, green beans, and roasted red skin potatoes. Register at <https://birdease.com/17841>. *Sponsored by Small Groups*

Recycle and Reuse - We will begin collecting egg cartons again in an effort to recycle and reuse. Egg cartons that are brought in will be given to local egg farmers for them to use for their eggs. A box will be in the narthex for you to drop off your cartons. Thank you for your help.

Pull Tab Collection - Join in tab collecting with others in our area 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.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	May 8	May 8	May 15	May 15
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte		Anna Holthouse	Ella Heinz	Emma Gierhart
Reader	Delores Ivan	Gavin Gerspacher Kaitlyn Taraschke Alex Holthouse		
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan	Garrett Shook Jesse Gabler Jacob Gabler Mitchell Heinz		
Communion Assistants	Mary Dunham Sandy Andrews	Martha Weight Jenna Malloy		
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Rex Rickly	--	Brian Harris	--
Altar Guild	Kelly Obermeier			

UPDATE
HEARING LOOP SYSTEM

Designated Funds	\$3,815.68
Donations	<u>\$ 375.00</u>
Source of funds	Tot. \$4,190.68
Initial Cost	<u>\$4,900.00</u>
Shortfall	(\$ 709.32)
Received 4/17/22	\$ 150.00
Current Need	\$ 559.32
Donations accepted to cover the shortfall	

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
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.