



Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 4, 2021

10:00 a.m.

ELW Liturgy

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the father, ✝ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

**Share with us the words of eternal life
and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

No. 888

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Pastor Bill Diehm

WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

¹[A voice] said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you.²And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. ³He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. ⁴The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." ⁵Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

¹To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

²**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you show us your mercy.**

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁴**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*Gospel

Mark 6:1-13

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. ²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Bill Diehm

Hymn of the Day:

This is My Song

No. 887

***Apostle's Creed**

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need especially, John Siebert, Bob Lentz, Ron Svoboda, David George, Greg McKee, Jim Apana, and Chuck Payne. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Risen Lord, we ask your blessing upon St. Matthew's call committee. Give them insight and a spirit of enthusiasm for their work and raise up for our people a pastor to lead us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

***Peace:** *The peace will be an acknowledgement with your neighbor of God's reconciling love by nod or bow.*

MEAL

Offertory

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

*Invitation to Communion

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Communion Hymn:

Let Us Break Bread Together

No. 471

*Table Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

*Sending Song:

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

No. 890

*Dismissal:

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Postlude

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PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: John Siebert, Bob Lentz, Ron Svoboda, David George, Greg McKee, Jim Apana, and Chuck Payne.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by Linda Kostelnik in honor of John Kostelnik's birthday.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Iced Coffee Bar available before worship.

Today, Sixth Sunday After Pentecost, we worship in person and online at 10:00 a.m. with ELW hymns and Holy Communion.

Parking Lot Communion at 11:15 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 11, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Seventh Sunday After Pentecost, we will worship in person and online at 10:00 a.m. with Rhythm & Blues hymns and Holy Communion.

**LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE
FROM AN USHER UPON REQUEST.**

WORSHIP SERVANTS		
Date	July 4	July 11
Service	10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Song Leader		Jenny Naida
Reader	Tim Brown	Beth Johnson
Ushers	Brian & Sandi Harris	
Communion Servers	Cindy Rickly	
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Rex Rickly	Owen Blakslee
Altar Guild	Sandy & Gary Kelling	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Lindsay is/will be on vacation June 30-July 7 and July 12-20.

The Church Office Will Be Closed Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Pastor's Next Book Study - You are invited to a study with Pastor Bill on Richard Rohr's new work, **The Universal Christ**. You have three ways to participate. We meet 4 times: July 18, Aug 1, 15, and 29. We will gather at 11:15 AM in the fellowship hall. You may join us also by zoom. This study may also be done as an independent study. Study guides will be available to download. Books are available through Amazon. Please let the office or Pr. Bill know of your desire to participate. More details to follow.

A Special Thank You - Borrowing from the words of St. Paul to the Philippians, we thank our God every time we remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of our prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now (Philippians 1:3-5 NRSV). The SMLC Worship Team committee extends a special thank you to Joyce and Tom Davis for their assistance with the organ motor repair and reinstallation, and to Ron and Esther Svoboda and family for the donation and delivery of their Story & Clark piano for use in the choir practice area of the Brown Room. We continue to be grateful for the ongoing ministry of Pastor Bill Diehm, Deacon Lindsay Bailey, Deb Musil, the work of our Audio/Visual Team, the Altar Guild, our worship assistants, musicians, song leaders, ushers and faithful members of the Worship Team committee. We are blessed to be joined together at St. Matthew as we all seek to make a joyful noise to the Lord! ~Judy Reber McLaughlin, Chairperson, Worship Team committee.

United Way of Summit and Medina County is collecting school supplies for needy children in Medina County grades K thru 6. St. Matthew has participated in this event for several years, with the exception of 2020 due to the pandemic. A large box is located in the narthex where you may drop the school supplies. The collection will be from July 5th through August 3rd. Items needed are:

- #2 pencils with erasers
- Crayons (standard 24 ct.)
- Folders
- Glue sticks (standard size, no jumbos)
- Markers (standard 12ct.)
- Highlighters
- Dry Erase Markers
- Notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- Pens (Black or Blue)
- Plastic Pencil Cases or pencil pouches

Please note that this year United Way will be supplying the back packs.

This year there is also the option to order items online at the following links:

Amazon: <https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/11PYT0BBAZLL6/guest-view>

Target: [tgt.gifts/MedinaSTB](https://www.target.com/gifts/MedinaSTB)

If you order via Amazon or Target, United Way is requesting that you please add your name and St Matthew in the "Gift Notes" when checking out.

Also, new this year will be a community Sort-A-Thon that will be held on the square August 5th for anyone who would like to help sort and pack the school supplies. More details to come about that event.

Thank you for your donations!

In Search of a Recliner to be donated for someone getting a double knee replacement in three weeks. Contact Joyce at 216-780-0965 if you are able to assist.

Medina County Historical Society Garden Tour - July 10, 2021 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Come enjoy a self-guided tour of 12 outstanding Medina gardens, from large and lush landscapes to pretty pocket gardens, and everything in between. Proceeds from the tour will benefit the Medina County Historical Society, and the ongoing restoration of our two historic properties, the John Smart House and the McDowell-Phillips Home, as well as benefiting our archival collections of the history of Medina County. Advance tickets: \$12. Day of (in person only): \$15. (12 and under free). Go to their website <http://www.mainstreetmedina.com/medina-county-historical-society-2021-garden-tour.html> for more information and to purchase tickets.

Live Streaming on YouTube Coming Soon! We have been working on setting up a YouTube channel for St. Matthew. We will be able to live stream worship services and post any videos we feel would be good for the channel. Please subscribe at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbMSkGvyBcRUoHWduYpW8EA> so you can view worship services as an alternative to Facebook and our videos.

Anyone entering St. Matthew's Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall can breathe easy: Thanks to the good efforts of our Property Team, including Troy Gerspacher, and Tom and Joyce Davis, St Matthew now has installed and functioning Anti-Covid air treatment units on the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall HVAC systems. What this means is that any pathogens in the HVAC air will be reduced if not eliminated, further improving the safety of our in-person worship.

Electronic Offering Updates - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Thaddeus Neururer 617-360-1342 or email at thaddeus.neururer@gmail.com.

UPDATED COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

HVAC anti-COVID air treatment / Equipment installed earlier this year
No Singing / Restrictions Lifted
Limiting Attendance / Restrictions Lifted
Keep Exterior Doors Open / Restrictions Lifted
Mask Mandate / Masks are now optional
Fellowship After Worship / Casual fellowship after church is resuming
Ropes to Encourage Social Distance / Ropes will be removed June 20th
Communion / Covid protocol still in place
Hymnals / Hymnals are not distributed just yet
Sharing of the Peace / Covid protocol still in place
Masks and Sanitizer available / Covid protocol still in place

Save the Date!



Sunday, July 25 • □ 10:00 a.m.

At the Burke residence - 3938 Nichols Road, Medina

Please bring a lawn chair.

Worship will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the picnic will follow.

See the Friday Shout-Out to sign up or you may sign up in the narthex. We ask you to bring one of the following items, based on the first letter of your last name:

A-G: Case of water or soda

H-P: side dish/salad (include serving utensils)

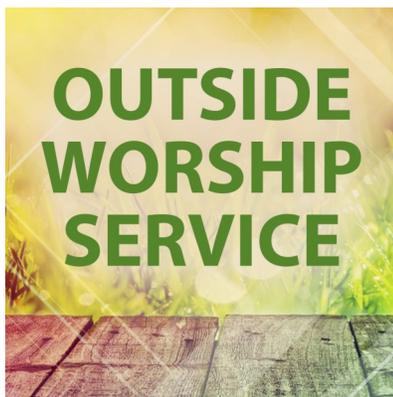
Q-Z: dessert

In addition to your lawn chairs, the following items are also recommended:

- Swim suits & towels
- ALL children MUST have a life jacket or puddle jumper
- Sunscreen
- Fishing Poles and bait if you wish to catch a big fish!
- Hand sanitizer



Feel free to bring friends to enjoy this day of fellowship!

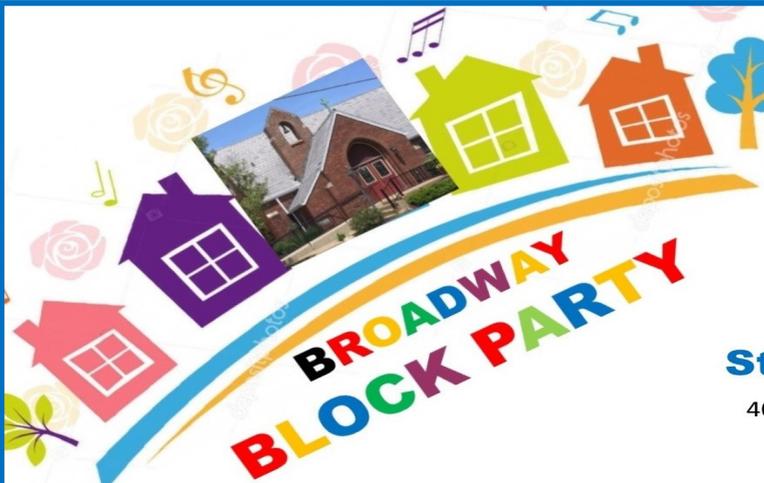


August 8 - 10:00 a.m.

Outdoor Worship at Buckeye Woods
Iced Coffee Bar and pastries
will be served.

Bring a chair and a friend!

Save the Date!



Saturday,
August 28

4:00 - 7:00 PM
(Preceded by 3:30 PM Worship)

St. Matthew Parking Lot
400 N. Broadway Street, Medina, Ohio 44256

FREE FOOD LIVE MUSIC
MAGICIAN JUGGLER ICE CREAM BALLOONS
RAFFLE CARNIVAL GAMES FACE PAINTING

Finance Report for May and Year-to-Date
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
 St. Matthew had the following revenue
 and expenses for May.

	Month of May 2021	Year-to-Date May 2021
Total Revenue	\$ 27,488.73	\$ 154,083.24
Total Expenses	\$ 26,776.18	\$ 146,044.71
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 712.55	\$ 8,038.53
Net Other	\$ 29.55	\$ 88.62
Net Revenue	<u>\$ 742.10</u>	<u>\$ 8,127.15</u>

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. William Diehm	Interim Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Sue Gircsis	Nursery Attendant
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Heather Rohde	Youth Worship Music Director

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM