



## *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

July 24, 2022  
9:30 a.m.

*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

*Holy Spirit*

### \*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

**Almighty and ever-living God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and you gladly give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us your abundant mercy. Forgive us those things that weigh on our conscience, and give us those good things that come only through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

## WORD

### First Reading

Genesis 18:20-32

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, "How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! <sup>21</sup>I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know."

<sup>22</sup>So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham came near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" <sup>26</sup>And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake." <sup>27</sup>Abraham answered, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. <sup>28</sup>Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." <sup>29</sup>Again he spoke to him, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." <sup>30</sup>Then he said, "Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." <sup>31</sup>He said, "Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered,

“For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.”<sup>32</sup> Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

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

## Psalm

Psalm 138

<sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

<sup>2</sup> **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;  
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

<sup>3</sup> When I called, you answered me;  
you increased my strength within me.

<sup>4</sup> **All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O LORD,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

<sup>5</sup> They will sing of the ways of the LORD,  
that great is the glory of the LORD.

<sup>6</sup> **The LORD is high, yet cares for the lowly,  
perceiving the haughty from afar.**

<sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

<sup>8</sup> **You will make good your purpose for me;  
O LORD, your steadfast love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

## Second Reading

Colossians 2:6-19

<sup>6</sup> As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, <sup>7</sup> rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

<sup>8</sup> See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. <sup>9</sup> For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup> and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. <sup>11</sup> In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; <sup>12</sup> when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. <sup>13</sup> And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, <sup>14</sup> erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He

disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

<sup>16</sup>Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. <sup>17</sup>These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. <sup>18</sup>Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, <sup>19</sup>and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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

**\*Gospel**

Luke 11:1-13

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

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

<sup>1</sup>Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." <sup>2</sup>He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

<sup>5</sup>And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' <sup>7</sup>And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

<sup>9</sup>"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>11</sup>Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup>Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day:

*Jesus, What a Beautiful Name*

\*Prayers of Intercession

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

*A brief silence.*

D: Rooted and built up in Christ, we pray for the church. Embolden church leaders to take risks for the sake of the gospel, and equip the baptized to proclaim your extravagant love for the whole world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Rejoicing in the works of your hands, we pray for the natural world. Make rivers and lakes, oceans and all waterways, sparkle with your radiance. Protect water sources and strengthen those who defend them. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Interceding on behalf of the vulnerable, we pray for the peoples of the world. Inspire all rulers and governing authorities with your justice. Guide the work of legislators and public officials, that they advocate for the well-being of those they serve. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Persistent in prayer, we pray for our neighbors in need. To all who have hunger, give daily bread. To all who have bread, give hunger for justice. Open us to the cries of those who suffer especially 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. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Abounding in thanksgiving, we pray for this congregation. Bless the prayer and fellowship ministries in this place. Call us together in times of praise and blessing, trouble and sorrow, in your holy name. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

D: Buried with Christ in baptism and raised with him to new life, we give thanks for your saints who rest in your eternal presence. Join our voices with theirs as we sing of your great glory. 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

## \*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

*Broken Vessels*

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:

*Worthy is the Lamb*

## \*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 in celebration of their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary (July 31) by Dave and Judy Weir.

**Memorial Flowers** this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her husband, Dennis W. Straub by Pat Straub.

**Prayers for Healing:** 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, Seventh Sunday after Pentecost,** we worship in person and via livestream at 9:30 a.m. with *Praise* liturgy and communion.

**Church Picnic** at 12:00 p.m. at the Burke Residence. Don't forget your chairs and swim suits!

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 27 AT ST. MATTHEW

**Wednesday** we will worship in person at 7:00 p.m. with *Spoken* liturgy and communion.

**Youth & Family Event** - Cedar Point 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

## NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 31 AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost,** we will worship in person and via livestream at 9:30 a.m. with *Chicago Folk* liturgy and communion.

**Bike Ride** - Meet at Lakewood Park parking lot at 11:30 a.m.



# 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** - A new member class will be forming soon. Please contact Pastor Steve if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew.

**Nursery Subs** - If you are willing to serve as a substitute in our nursery, please contact Barb Woodard at [barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com](mailto:barbwoodard.bw@gmail.com) or 330-321-2408.

**Bike Ride** - Sunday, July 31. We will meet at Lakewood Park parking lot at 11:30 a.m., where Pastor Steve will bless us and our bikes. We will check out the Solstice Steps there, ride to Edgewater park, then to Whiskey Island, Wendy Park, and the flats. On the way back, we will stop at Whiskey Island Still and Eatery right on the lake for lunch and some entertainment. There is a band that day from 2 to 6. If you would like to join us for this ride, please sign up so we know to expect you. Sign up in the narthex or <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094CA8AC22ABFC1-bike1>. Total ride is about 12 miles. \*Individuals/families are responsible for their own lunch.

**Blood Pressure Screening** - August 7, before and after worship in the Parish Nurse's office.

**Blood Drive** - We are hosting our first American Red Cross Blood Drive. The drive is scheduled for August 7 from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. If you're a regular donor, you can schedule your donation on the Blood Donor app. New donors can download the app on their phone to schedule or schedule online at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time?dt=WB:PL:DR:PM>. If you have any questions, please contact Melody Costello. We hope to see you roll up your sleeve!

**Lutheran House at Chautauqua** - You are invited to visit with Pastor Bill and Sue Diehm at Lutheran House at Chautauqua Institution Themed Week - August 6-13. Pastor Bill will be chaplain and will be leading service at the house on Sunday, August 7 at 9:30 and again Vespers Thursday evening at 7:00. Chautauqua is about 2.5 hours from Medina and the grounds are free on Sundays. For more information on staying at the house (\$75 a night), contact [lutheranhost@gmail.com](mailto:lutheranhost@gmail.com) or contact June Trenty at 330-421-7567 or [rtrenty@gmail.com](mailto:rtrenty@gmail.com), for information about Chautauqua. June will be co-hostess at the house for seven weeks this summer.

**Rubber Ducks Game** - Calling all St. Matthew families and friends...It's time to go to a ball game! Please join us on Sunday, August 14 for an Akron Rubber Ducks game. Game time is 2:05 p.m. Discounted tickets are \$12 and must be purchased by August 7. Use this link to purchase tickets <https://fevo.me/saintmatthewlutheranchurch>. Family FUNday at Canal Park. Some

of your favorite princes and princesses will be there. Enjoy pre-game catch on the field, reading with the Rubber Ducks, end of 5<sup>th</sup> inning kids stampede, and post-game kids run the bases. Hope to see you there!

**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).

**Bible & Brews** - (minus the brews for now) Third Thursday of the month, 7:00 p.m., at St. Matthew until our chosen venue, Four Paws, is available. We will begin with the book of Acts. All are welcome!

**Pastoral Installation** for Steve Mahaffey, August 21, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church. *Additional detail will be provided closer to the date.*

**Block Party Committee and Volunteers** – Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Block Party will be held August 27 from 4-7. We could use volunteers. If you can help, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149 or [costellofamily@zoominternet.net](mailto:costellofamily@zoominternet.net).

***Calling all Middle and High School students – We need some help with the games and willing participants for our dunk tank. If you can help, contact Mrs. Costello via text at 330-461-1149.***



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## WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday July 24	Wednesday July 27	Sunday July 31
<b>Service</b>	9:30 a.m.	7:00 p.m.	9:30 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>			Marin Gerspacher
<b>Reader</b>	Melody Costello		
<b>Ushers</b>	Bruce Reed		Todd Costello Melody Costello
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Melody Costello		
<b>Sound</b>	Joe Obermeier/ Larry Mohler		Joe Obermeier/ Larry Mohler
<b>Video</b>	Owen Blakslee		Rex Rickly
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy McNeal & Nancy Weygandt		

## 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.