



All Saints Sunday

November 6, 2022

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Now the Feast & Celebration

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

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Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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 Bailey

WORD

First Reading

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song,
 God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
² **Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.**
³ Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
 let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
⁴ **For the LORD takes pleasure in the people
 and adorns the poor with victory.**
⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
 let them sing for joy on their beds.
⁶ **Let the praises of God be in their throat
 and a two-edged sword in their hand,**
⁷ to wreak vengeance on the nations
 and punishment on the peoples,
⁸ **to bind their kings in chains
 and their nobles with links of iron,**
⁹ to inflict on them the judgment decreed;
 this is glory for all God's faithful ones. Hallelujah!

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.
¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Gospel Verse**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel**

Luke 6:20-31

²⁰Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you,
revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that
day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what
their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did
to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who
hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If
anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who
takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who
begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them
again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day

Shall We Gather at the River

No. 423

***Apostles' Creed**

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***Prayers of Intercession**

D: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared
world.

A brief silence.

D: Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Holy One, the earth is yours and all that dwells within it. Care for places ravaged by natural disasters. Quell raging fires and halt destruction caused by flooding. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: Holy One, we remember in thanksgiving all those saints who have died this past year: Joyce Henschel, Janet Walter, Esther Svoboda, Paul Gesecki, Jim Apana, Mary Gienke, John Siebert, and Jim Davis. Wipe away our tears and comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. We also give you thanks for the new saints whom we have welcomed through the waters of baptism: Alix, Amelia, Frankie, and Sophia Brlan, Dan Minek, Gayle Vacha, DeeAnne and John Minek, Elena Johnston, Lucy Brown-Serban, and Parker Bailey. Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

D: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Peace**

D: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory	<i>Headin' for the Promised Land</i> (11:00) Sleeth/Larson	Luther Choir
*Song	<i>As the Grains of Wheat</i>	Page 10
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Communion Hymn	<i>Behold the Host Arrayed in White</i>	No. 425
*Thanks Be To You		Page 15

SENDING

*Post Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table.
May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be
made known through us.

C: Amen.

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PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in honor of their daughter Ali's birthday, by Jill and Bill Heck.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in memory of their family - John, Tiffany, and Todd - by Louise and Tori Cadwallader.

Prayers for Healing: Bob Madey, Arline, Don Baker, Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, All Saints Sunday, we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *Now the Feast* liturgy and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Noisy Offering at both services for local families in need this Thanksgiving. *Sponsored by Luther Littles.*

Canned Food Drive -12:00-1:30 p.m. *Sponsored by Luther Littles/Middles.*

Foundry Social Outing 2-4 p.m. *Small Groups.*

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *ELW setting 4* liturgy and Holy Communion and at 11:00 a.m. with *Praise* liturgy and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday School for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Youth Bible Presentation at both services.

65+ Thanksgiving Dinner at 5:00 p.m. Dine in and carry-out available.

WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday November 6	Sunday November 6	Sunday November 13	Sunday November 13
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte		Evan Hogan		Brooke Haycook
Reader	Adam Scheid	Lisa Burke	Delores Ivan	Peg Huber
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan Bruce Reed			
Communion Assistants	Melody Costello Mary Dunham	Lisa Burke Rebekah Knaggs		Peg Huber
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Brian Harris	--	Owen Blakslee	--
Altar Guild	Becky Malloy & Julie Shrader			

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Watch your bulletins and Shout-Outs for details.

Week of November 7-14, Operation HOMES at St. Matthew.

Friday, November 11, 7:00 pm - Game Night. *Offered by Small Groups.*

Sunday, November 13, Youth Bible presentation. Both services.

Sunday, November 13, 5:00 pm, Thanksgiving Dinner for 65+. *Hosted by Luther League.*

Sunday, November 20, Blood pressure Screening before each service.

Wednesday, November 30, 2:00-8:30 pm, Directory Pictures. Schedule your pictures now. *Arranged by Communication Evangelism.*

Thursday, December 1, 2:00-8:30 pm, Directory Pictures. Schedule your pictures now. *Arranged by Communication Evangelism.*

Saturday, December 3, Journey to Bethlehem, Walnut Creek. 3:45 pm. All are welcome! *Offered by Comprehensive Youth.*

Sunday, December 4, 12:30 pm - Annual cookie exchange and evergreen cross making, fellowship hall. *Offered by Small Groups.*

All Saints' Day

November 6, 2022

Joyce Henschel, March 3, 2022. Joyce's daughter, Tammy, shared, *"Today, we are remembering our mother, Joyce Henschel. In life we can choose our friends, but not our parents. The greatest gift God gave to her daughters was that we were lucky enough to have her as our mother, who played and laughed with us. She was the foundation for her daughters to build a life on. We are entering the holiday season, of which is the first without our mother. We will miss you mom and Dad, Joyce and Walter Henschel. They exemplified the meaning of great parents. Love you, Kim, Dawn, and Tammy."*

Janet Walter, April 5, 2022. Janet's husband, George, shared, *"Janet had a unique ability to make things right under stress, no matter what the problem. Her answers always worked out with love and understanding. She loved her children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. Her sense of humor was amazing with great, quick responses. When asked how she was doing, she would answer 'I have made my peace and God will protect me'."*

Esther Svoboda, June 20, 2022. Esther's daughter, Karen, shared, *"Esther L. Svoboda joined St. Matthew in 1978 when she married Ron. She was an active member and directed the adult choir for 20 years. She enjoyed time with family, especially playing games. She will be in our hearts always and we look forward to seeing her gain. Thanks be to God!"*

Paul Gesicki, June 22, 2022. Paul's son, Andrew, shared, *"Paul loved his family and was a wonderful husband, father, son, brother, and friend. He graduated with an associates degree in Business Administration and spent his career working in transportation and logistics management. He loved being outdoors and was an avid golfer who enjoyed playing every chance he could. Paul was a gifted musician and play the bari sax."*

James Apana, August 4, 2022. Jim's wife, Sandie, wrote, *"Jim was a loving husband, a proud father of three, and an adored Papa. He was an active community member being on the Medina Township Zoning Board and a past trustee of the Weymouth Homeowner's Association. In his profession, he was a Master teacher, winning awards for developing new techniques for learning and helping students, not only with their studies, but their families as well. Jim enjoyed gardening, walking in the parks, sports, and snuggling with his two kitties. He was married for 53 wonderful years and is greatly missed."*

Mary Gienke, August 8, 2022. Mary's nephew, Bill, wrote, *"With much gratitude to the staff and members of St. Matthew, we acknowledge 2022 All Saints Day and the recognition of St. Matthew's local saints who are no longer with us, but dearly remembered. Mary and Roy Gienke were special people who spent lives of service to others within the congregation and within the Medina community. In the years that we cared for, first Roy, then upon his passing for Mary, we learned how much Roy and Mary cared for St. Matthew, and how much St. Matthew cared for both of them. This is one of the most significant marks of a nurturing Christian environment that understands what Christianity is all about. God Bless all of you."*

John D. Siebert, September 10, 2022. Susie, John's wife, shared, *"John, loving husband, father, and granddad, was a faithful servant of God, lover of music, and avid reader. He was a strong supporter and encourager to his family, friends, and church. He loved telling stories of his life experiences. He is now at peace and free of the pain and difficulties he experienced in his later years. We are thankful he is rejoicing with all the saints and with God."*

Jim Davis, September 26, 2022. Jim was the brother of Tom Davis. He worked in sales at Ohio Fasteners and Home Depot. His sister-in-law, Joyce, shared, *"He was a people person and he had the best sense of humor."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Seeking all Thrivent members! If you belong to Thrivent, please contact Pastor Steve.

Operation HOMES will be at St. Matthew the week of November 7-14. BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ITEMS NEEDED. If you are able to supply breakfast items (cereal, milk, fruit) or lunch items (lunch meat, bread, fruit), please let Sandy Andrews know as soon as possible. *We are currently in need of a St. Matthew coordinator.*

Game Night - Friday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. Bring your favorite game and a snack/drink to share.

Bible Presentations - The tradition has been for children to receive their first Bible in 2nd grade. While this is still the practice, this year's group consists of a few age groups due to Covid delays, new membership, etc. Youth and their families will be invited to come forward (at either service) for a blessing during worship on Sunday, November 13 and will be presented with their personalized Bible.

65+ Thanksgiving Dinner - Luther League invites St. Matthew members 65 and over to Thanksgiving Dinner on Sunday, November 13 at 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Dine-in and carry-out available. *Please RSVP by Friday, November 11* to Luther League at stmatllmedina@gmail.com, sign up in the narthex, or call the office at 330-725-8885. ***Postcard invitations were mailed. If you did not receive one, please contact Deb in the office to update your member profile.***

Blood Pressure Screening before both services, in the Parish Nurse's office, Sunday, November 20.

Church Directory - St. Matthew is having a new pictorial directory created and we need your smiling faces to make it complete! Universal Church Directories will be here on November 30 and December 1 from 2:00 – 8:30 to take photos and provide proofs for you to view and purchase, if you wish. Please make an appointment at www.ucdir.com; select the photography schedule button on the right. Enter OH2620 and photos to login (open M-F). Select the day that works best for you; find a time and select the pencil. Enter your information and you're done. Each photography session takes about 45 minutes from start to finish.

We will have volunteers in the narthex on Sundays to help schedule anyone that would like help. If you have questions, please call/text Melody at 330-461-1149.

Journey to Bethlehem - We are once again planning a group event to see the Journey to Bethlehem in Walnut Creek, December 3, 2022. We will meet for dinner at Der Dutchmen at 3:45 (if you don't plan to have dinner, please indicate that and meet us in the parking lot at 4:45) and then "journey" by caravan around Walnut Creek experiencing the immersive Journey to Bethlehem. While this is sponsored by Comprehensive Youth, we invite and encourage all members to join us! If you

have questions, please feel free to reach out to Christy Gabler 330-441-1841. Please sign up in the narthex or via this site <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FADAE2DA46-journey>

Christmas Cookie Exchange & Evergreen Cross Craft - Sunday, December 4 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy lunch provided by Small Groups, followed by the Cookie Exchange and Evergreen Cross making. A craft for kids will be provided and door prizes will be awarded for the most festive Christmas outfit. Please bring three dozen **HOMEMADE** cookies for the exchange, along with a container to take your exchanged cookies home. Immediately after the cookie exchange, we will craft our evergreen crosses. This will take approximately 30 minutes. Cost is \$40. *Please pay Corey Neururer via cash, check, PayPal, or Venmo (caneururer@yahoo.com) by Sunday, November 27*, so we know how much material to prepare, etc. There are picture examples in the narthex of the evergreen crosses. Join us for one or all of these activities. Please contact a member of Small Groups with any questions. We hope to see you for fun, fellowship, and to enjoy the Christmas spirit. Please sign up in the narthex or by using this site: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/5080a45afae2cabff2-cookie>

VOLUNTEER AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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.

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.

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.

Worship Assistants - Readers, Ushers, and Communion Assistants. Please sign up in the narthex. For any questions regarding these opportunities, please contact Sandy Andrews.

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St. Mathew 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.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop
System available.