

# LORD OF THE SABBATH

MARK 2:23-3:6

*Second Sunday after Pentecost*

June 2, 2024

9:30 a.m.

*Now the Feast & Celebration*

*Marty Haugen*

*“Living God’s Love”*

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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 found in the Now the Feast & Celebration booklet.*

*"Hymns" are located toward the back of the red hymnal.*

\*Please stand as you are able.

## **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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**Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

<b>Choir Anthem</b>	<i>Jesus, What a Beautiful Name</i>	Kids of the Kingdom
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## **WORD**

<b>First Reading</b>	Deuteronomy 5:12-15
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<sup>12</sup>Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. <sup>13</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>14</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. <sup>15</sup>Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

<b>R:</b> The word of the Lord.	<b>C: Thanks be to God.</b>
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- <sup>1</sup>Sing with joy to God our strength  
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- <sup>2</sup>**Raise a song and sound the timbrel,  
the merry harp, and the lyre.**
- <sup>3</sup>Blow the ram's horn at the new moon,  
and at the full moon, the day of our feast;
- <sup>4</sup>**for this is a statute for Israel,  
a law of the God of Jacob.**
- <sup>5</sup>God laid it as a solemn charge upon Joseph, going out over the land of  
Egypt, where I heard a voice I did not know:
- <sup>6</sup>**"I eased your shoulder from the burden;  
your hands were set free from the gravedigger's basket.**
- <sup>7</sup>You called on me in trouble, and I delivered you;  
I answered you from the secret place of thunder and tested you at the  
waters of Meribah.
- <sup>8</sup>**Hear, O my people, and I will admonish you:  
O Israel, if you would but listen to me!**
- <sup>9</sup>There shall be no strange god among you;  
you shall not worship a foreign god.
- <sup>10</sup>**I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt.  
Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.**

**Second Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

- <sup>5</sup>We do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and  
ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, "Let light  
shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the  
knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.
- <sup>7</sup>But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this  
extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. <sup>8</sup>We are  
afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;  
<sup>9</sup>persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; <sup>10</sup>always  
carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be  
made visible in our bodies. <sup>11</sup>For while we live, we are always being given up  
to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our  
mortal flesh. <sup>12</sup>So death is at work in us, but life in you.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gospel Verse**

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P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the second chapter.

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

## \*Gospel

Mark 2:23--3:6

<sup>23</sup>One sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? <sup>26</sup>He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; <sup>28</sup>so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."  
<sup>3:1</sup>Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup>They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup>And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. <sup>5</sup>He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. <sup>6</sup>The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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

## Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

## \*Hymn of the Day

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

Hymn 521

## \*Apostles' Creed

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## \*Prayers of Intercession

D: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

*A brief silence.*

D: Guide your church to expressions of faith that bring rest and release. Teach your faithful people to be attentive to the spiritual, physical, and societal weariness of our neighbors, that we proclaim your grace through tangible acts of mercy and justice. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Keep us mindful of the rhythms of nature as the days lengthen and the seasons shift toward summer. Grant relief to areas facing flooding or drought and bring favorable weather for the flourishing of crops, gardens, and orchards. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Where there is affliction in our world, bring healing. Where world leaders are perplexed, bring clarity of vision. Give a spirit of discernment to political advisors, institutional researchers, economic analysts, and all vocations that inform the work of governments and policymakers. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Provide wholeness and respite to all who are weary: those who struggle in any way and those who care for them, especially Michael, John, Isaac, Ron, Catherine, Sylvia, Karen, Richard, Ken, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Jerry, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Strengthen first responders and health care workers in their times of exhaustion or frustration. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Stir our hearts toward abundant generosity among neighbors who experience hunger and food insecurity. Bless feeding ministries and community food efforts, especially community gardens, farmers markets, food pantries and Little Free Pantries. Open both our hearts and our tables. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: We remember the communion of saints whose lives made visible the saving life of Jesus Christ. Guide us by their example to embody the treasure of your love for the sake of our world, until we come to our final rest in you. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

**C: Amen.**

### **\*Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **MEAL**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

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<b>*Post Communion Prayer</b>		
	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.	
	<b>C: Amen.</b>	

## SENDING

<b>*Sending Song</b>	<i>Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing</i>	Hymn 389
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## WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	Olivia Naida
Reader:	Melody Costello
Communion Servers:	Melody Costello Delores Ivan
Ushers:	Alan & Delores Ivan Bruce Reed
Sound:	Larry Mohler
Video:	Brian Harris
Altar Guild:	Nancy McNeal

## PRAYERS

**Altar Flowers This Morning** are given to the glory of God by Larry and Connie Mohler.

**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:** Michael Minen, Isaac Linden, Ron Umscheid, Catherine Forsythe, Sylvia, Karen Rupert, Richard, Ken Ault, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Jerry Jakovcic, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

### Summer Worship Schedule Begins!

**Second Sunday after Pentecost**, we worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m. with Now the Feast and holy communion.

**Luther Middles Bake Sale** - before and after worship in the Narthex.

**New Member Class** with Pastor Steve. 10:45-11:45 am in the Fellowship Hall.

### NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 9, AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Third Sunday after Pentecost**, we will worship in person and livestream at 9:30 a.m. with ELW 8 and holy communion.

**Blood Pressure Screenings** before and after worship in Brenda's Office.

**Loads of Love** 1:00-4:00 p.m., North Court Laundry, 739 W. Liberty St., Medina.

**Social Gathering** 5-8 pm at Ignite Brewing Co., 1255 N. Carpenter Rd., Brunswick. Come and celebrate Father's Day with Pastor Steve.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Morning Coffee Bar** - We are looking for your help to prepare and clean-up the coffee bar in the Narthex. Responsibilities include, arriving at 7:45 to plug the coffee maker in and prep the coffee maker to brew. You would also be responsible for clean-up. Thank you so much for your help with this enjoyable part of our Sunday morning experience together. Specific instructions can be found in the Shout-Out and posted by the coffee maker. A sign-up link is available through the Shout-Outs.

**Silent Book Club!** Meets every other Monday at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). Upcoming dates are 6/3, 6/17, 7/1, and 7/15 @ 6:30 pm. BYOBook! See you there!

**Blood Pressure Screening** - Sunday, June 9, before and after the 9:30 worship service in Brenda's office.

**Loads of Love** - Sunday, June 9, 1:00-4:00 p.m. North Court Laundry, 739 W. Liberty St., Medina. St. Matthew will once again be spreading joy and covering the cost of laundry for all of the clients during this three-hour period. Please sign up here if you would like to volunteer your time to help supervise, hand out coins...and spread LOVE and JOY! We only need two volunteers per hour...but if the time slots are filled, please feel free to shop up anyway. The link to volunteer can be found in the Shout-Out and on our website.

**Come out and celebrate Father's Day with Pastor Steve!** Come hang out and socialize. Not just for fathers ... All are Welcome! Sunday, June 9, 5-8 pm at Ignite Brewing Co., 1255 N. Carpenter Rd., Brunswick.

**Hat Making** - *\*note location change\** We will meet every other Monday, beginning June 10, at Faith House (432 N. Broadway), 6:30-8:00 pm.

**Cross Penny Ministry** - Jesus is the One Sent (cent) to die and set us free (liberty) from our sins. He rose from the dead so that we could be saved when "In God We Trust". You will find the cross pennies in the narthex and you are invited to take one for yourself and several to share with family, friends, and strangers. Use the simple message above or open a conversation about the Good News, your faith journey, or even our church. Some other ideas for using your cross penny: *\*send one in a greeting card \*attach one to your keychain \*give to someone who is struggling \*include one along with a generous tip to your waiter or waitress \*leave one on a park bench, a store shelf, in a take one/leave one change dish, on the sidewalk...the options are limitless! Pennies from heaven!!* If you have a special story to share about one of your cross pennies, please let someone from the Evangelism/Communication team know or share on St. Matthew's Facebook page!!

**The Pierstorf College Fund**, established in 1994 is a one-of-a-kind Lutheran financial aid program for all Lutheran students pursuing a higher education who live in Ohio. First time borrowers may be new or returning college students. We do not ask for family income information. The pastor of the applicant is their sole reference. For more



information, please visit [www.Pierstorf.org](http://www.Pierstorf.org) to complete the online application. Applications are open from April 15 through June 30, 2024. Please contact us at [Pierstorf@messiahfp.org](mailto:Pierstorf@messiahfp.org) or call 440-665-3653 with questions.

**“Getting to Know You”** - The *Getting to Know You* segment in the Shout-Out has been received very positively! Please take a couple minutes to respond to the few questions through the link in the Shout-Out or you can find the form in the Narthex. We would love to *Get to Know You* better!



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 24-28    9 - 11:30 am  
for children who have completed  
Preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Registration Extended  
Until June 9, 2024!**

# Finance Quarter One Report 2024

**Offerings-Budget (2023 Approved Mission Plan):** Expected offerings for the month based on the approved budget.

**Offerings - Actual (General Offerings Unrestricted):** Offerings that are for the church that can be dedicated to any area that is needing support of these offerings.

**Restricted Offerings:** These are offerings that members/visitors of the congregation provide to the church that are dedicated to a specific purpose. It could be for renovation projects, youth gatherings, flowers, and many other options that an individual can choose. These offerings are unable to be used for general church purposes. **These are usually unanticipated offerings and are not included in the budget variance which is why they are separated out.**

**Budget Variance:** The budget variance is the actual offerings minus the total offerings expected. **\*\*The Budget Variance does not include restricted offerings\*\***

**Offerings:** By setting up recurring offerings online, you enable us to maintain financial stability and plan for the future of St. Matthew. Please consider signing up for Simply Giving at <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-Z4MP/home> or use your smart phone with the QR code below. Please prayerfully consider increasing your offering to support the church and its mission of Living God's Love.

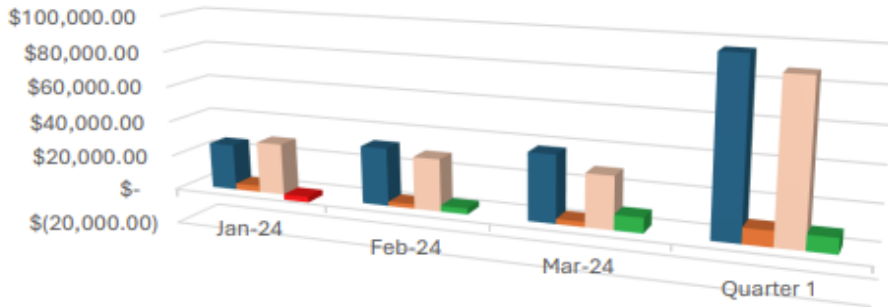
NOTE: You can select between recurring or one time donation for General Church Operations, St. Matthew Renovation/Refresh Project, or choose Other if you'd like to dedicate your offering to another purpose.

Estate planning is for everyone, it is an opportunity to create your legacy at St. Matthew. Thank you for your continued generosity.

If you have any questions about your current account or setting up your account, contact our Financial Recording Secretary, Mary Dunham at 330-421-4730 or via email at [Recording\\_Secretary@stmatthewmedina.org](mailto:Recording_Secretary@stmatthewmedina.org)



## Finance Report Update for Q1 2024



	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Quarter 1
General Offering Unrestricted	\$26,064.41	\$32,438.94	\$37,593.45	\$96,096.80
Restricted Offerings	\$3,481.84	\$2,428.20	\$2,838.11	\$8,748.15
2023 Approved Mission Plan	\$29,166.67	\$29,166.67	\$29,166.67	\$87,500.01
Budget Variance	-\$3,102.26	\$3,272.27	\$8,426.78	\$8,596.79

## **St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff**

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Stertzbach	Director of Youth & Family Ministries
Cindy Piovarchy	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Maintenance Supervisor
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
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Hearing Loop  
System available.

### **Church Office Hours**

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

Friday: Office Closed