

# Now the Feast and Celebration

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

October 6, 2024  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*“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**

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**Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Children's Message** Pastor Steve Mahaffey

**WORD**

**First Reading** Genesis 2:18-24

<sup>18</sup>The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." <sup>19</sup>So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living

creature, that was its name. <sup>20</sup>The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. <sup>21</sup>So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup>And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup>Then the man said,

“This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.”

<sup>24</sup>Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

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

## Psalm

Psalm 8

<sup>1</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!—  
<sup>2</sup>**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of  
infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to  
silence the foe and avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
<sup>4</sup>**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,  
human beings that you should care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them little less than divine;  
with glory and honor you crown them.

<sup>6</sup>**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet:**

<sup>7</sup>all flocks and cattle,  
even the wild beasts of the field,  
<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

<sup>1</sup>Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, <sup>2</sup>but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. <sup>3</sup>He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, <sup>4</sup>having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

<sup>2:5</sup> Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. <sup>6</sup> But someone has testified somewhere, "What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?" <sup>7</sup> You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, <sup>8</sup> subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, <sup>9</sup> but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

<sup>10</sup> It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. <sup>11</sup> For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, <sup>12</sup> saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise 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 tenth chapter.

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

### **\*Gospel**

Mark 10:2-16

<sup>2</sup> Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" <sup>3</sup> He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" <sup>4</sup> They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." <sup>5</sup> But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. <sup>6</sup> But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' <sup>7</sup> 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, <sup>8</sup> and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. <sup>9</sup> Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

<sup>10</sup> Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. <sup>11</sup> He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; <sup>12</sup> and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell

you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.”<sup>16</sup> And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

**\*Hymn of the Day**

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

Hymn 656

**\*Apostles' Creed**

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**\*Prayers of Intercession**

D: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

D: God of our ancestors, we give thanks for the church in all times. May we listen for the prophets of this age who bear messages that stir the church toward renewal and justice. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Creator of every creature on earth, direct our lives toward the renewal and sustaining of cattle, birds of the air, animals of the field, and those who share our homes. Reveal the ways we can work alongside creation for the health and well-being of all. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Sovereign God, we give thanks that you are mindful and benevolent to even us, mere mortals. Accompany us when hardness of heart gets in the way of justice between people and nations. Endow leaders with minds for justice and hearts for compassion. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Restoring Lord, grant healing and wholeness to those who are sick and suffering especially Marge, Joan, Jenna, Marliese, Jerry, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Todd, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Work through medical professionals to diagnose, ease pain, and give life to all who seek their wisdom and experience. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Unifying God, humans were created for relationship with the earth, its creatures, and one another. Forgive us when division threatens companionship, mutual support, and unity among us. May your love inspire us to build supportive communities of faith where all are cherished. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: God of resurrection, you prepare a place in the kingdom through Christ's death and resurrection. We give thanks for the saints who have taken their place at your heavenly banquet. God of grace,

**C: hear our prayer.**

D: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Peace**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## MEAL

### Offering

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**Communion Hymn** *Although I Speak With Angel's Tongue* Hymn 644

### \*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.**

## SENDING

**\*Sending Song** *Now Thank We All Our God* Hymn 840

**\*Trinitarian Blessing & Dismissal** Page 16

**Postlude** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. by Becki Mayo

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## WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	8:30 - Patrick Linden	11:00 - Olivia Naida
Reader:	8:30 - Beth Johnson	11:00 - Melody Costello
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Mary Dunham Delores Ivan	11:00 - Sandy Andrews Melody Costello
Ushers:	8:30 - Delores & Alan Ivan Bruce Reed	11:00 - Todd & Melody Costello
Sound:	8:30 - Larry Mohler	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	8:30 - Brian Harris	
Altar Guild:	Becky Malloy & Julie Shrader	

## PRAYERS

**Harvest Home Sunday** - Today is the first Sunday of Harvest Home. Thank you to all who shared items and to those who decorated our sanctuary yesterday. May we all enjoy what God gives us.

**Prayers for Healing:** Marge Murray, Joan Batke, Jenna Saleker, Marliese Leggett, Jerry Jakovcic, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Todd Costello, and Sandi.

## TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**, we worship in person and livestream at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with Now the Feast and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30.*

**Sunday School** for all ages, 9:45 a.m.

**Baby Shower** for Deacon Lindsay and Austin, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall.

## NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13, AT ST. MATTHEW

**Next Sunday, Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**, we will worship in person and livestream at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with ELW 10 and holy communion. *Livestream at 8:30.* Bishop Barbins will be here! Please plan to attend.

**Sunday School** for all ages, 9:45 a.m.

**Looms of Love** - 9:45 a.m. in the Library.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Silent Book Club!** *Next gathering: October 7.* Meets the **first and third Mondays** each month at Faith House (432 N. Broadway). We have a few fun things planned in the upcoming months: Oct 21-Halloween Book Club, Nov. 18-Book Club Food Drive, Dec. 16-Holiday Get Together. *We are still taking donations for the Free Library at Faith House.*

**Come and Join the Kids of the Kingdom!!** We have a NEW MEETING TIME, Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. We are always looking for new members and would love for you to join us! Everyone from 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade is welcome! Contact Rachel Knaggs (330-591-7093) with any questions.

**Bishop Laura Barbins is joining us** for worship Sunday, October 13!! Please make plans now to be in attendance so we can give her a BIG St. Matthew welcome!

**Adult Sunday School** - A new Adult Sunday School class will be starting October 13, focusing on ELCA Social Statements. Social Statements are documents the ELCA publishes on social topics of importance in today's society. Join us as we learn about and discuss some of these statements. Bishop Barbins will be our speaker on October 13 to start us off on our discussions.

**Celebrate Newsletter** - The fall edition of the Celebrate Newsletter is available through the link in the Shout-Out or there are printed copies in the Narthex and Room of the Cross.

**Bible & Brews will not meet** during the month of October. We will resume Thursday, November 14.

**Altar Guild Luncheon** - Altar Guild members will meet October 12 for their Fall Luncheon at The Farmer's Table, 320 S. Court St., at 11:30 a.m. Please let Sandy Andrews know whether or not you will be attending.

**Hidden in Plain Sight** - The Northeastern Ohio Synod Women's Organization will hold their Fall Gathering on October 19 at Zion Lutheran Church, Valley City. This will start at 8:30. There is no charge. See the poster in the narthex for more information. Let Sandy Andrews know if you would like attend.

**Confirmation & Reception** - On Sunday, October 27, several youth will be affirming their baptisms at the 11:00 service. There will be a reception in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. in celebration of this important faith milestone. Please plan to attend and join the Comprehensive Youth team in honoring this year's confirmands!

**Blood Pressure Screening** before and between services on Sunday, October, 20, in Brenda's office.

**Care Package ministry Collection** -The Care Package Ministry Team is making preparations for the next round of care packages for our college students! We are collecting gift cards, notes, and words of encouragement to include in the care packages. Monetary donations are also welcome and appreciated to help cover shipping costs and purchase items for the packages. There will be a container in the Narthex for notes, gift cards, and monetary donations. You can also purchase items directly from our Amazon wish list to help fill the packages! Simply use the link in the Shout-Out or on our website to view our Wishlist, add the item you wish to purchase to your cart, and select St. Matthew as the shipping address, and it will be delivered directly to the church to be included in the packages! **Updated Addresses Needed for College Students and Military Personnel!**

**Fun Fellowship Fall Festival** - Fun for the family! Sunday, October 20, 1:00-5:00 p.m. Richardson's Farm, 6984 Lafayette Road, Medina. Chili cook-off, hayride, pumpkin picking, and Trunk or Treat for the kids!

**Loads of Love** - Join us Sunday, October 27 at North Court Laundromat, 1:00-4:00 p.m., or until quarters run out. Members of St. Matthew will be spreading love and joy by handing out quarters for people to do their laundry. *"Showing love to our community one load at a time."*

**Looms of Love (Hat Making)** - Meets the **second and fourth Sundays** each month at 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

**Cross Penny Ministry** - Cross pennies remind us that Jesus was the One sent (cent) to set us free (liberty) from our sins. He rose from the dead so that we could be saved when "In God We Trust". Please take and share cross pennies which can be found in the narthex.

**Share!** Do you have something to share with the congregation and/or community? The Evangelism and Communication Team has developed an easy way to make sure your message gets delivered complete, immediately, and effortlessly. We have many avenues of sharing your message (Shoutout, bulletin, slides, website, Facebook, newspaper, paid ads, etc.) and now you have only ONE place to go to share with all of them. Go to the new webpage, "Share Your News" to submit your message.

### **Have you seen the Brown Room recently?**

If so, you'll notice it's no longer brown, thanks to the recent painting and carpet replacement. We thought it might be fun to come up with a new, more fitting name. With that said, if you want to propose a name, or more than one, of how we might refer to the room in the future, please send your ideas to our office administrator, Deb Musil, at [office@stmatthewmedina.org](mailto:office@stmatthewmedina.org) or complete a form found at the back of the sanctuary, outside the offices, or in the "Brown Room" and return it by November 10. We will take a vote on November 17 at our Annual Congregation Meeting.

### **Youth Bulletin Board**

Let's support our youth!! Between Pastor Steve's and Deacon Lindsay's offices is a giant bulletin board. If you, as a youth, are involved in sports, the arts, or any other activity that includes a performance, we'd love for you to share it with the congregation by posting the schedule of dates of activity on the bulletin board so we can come and cheer you on! Parents, we encourage you to encourage your child to share! Our hope is that this will become a PERMANENT place to learn about our youths' extracurricular activities.

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

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### **Church Office Hours**

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

Friday: Office Closed