



Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Now the Feast & Celebration

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“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 *The Day of Resurrection* L. Shackley

Welcome and Announcements

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***Gathering Song** *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright* Hymn 384

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***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord’s resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, 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 Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading Acts 4:32-35

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!

²**It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe.**

³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life forevermore.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Verse

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P: The holy gospel according to St. John, the twentieth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

*Gospel

John 20:19-31

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on

them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

***Hymn of the Day**

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Hymn 363

***Apostles' Creed**

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***Prayers of Intercession**

D: Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

D: Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed and we witness to your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Nurture trees, crops, wildflowers, and all growing things. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain especially Sylva, Diane, Richard, Karen, Ken, Karen, June, Steve, Tom, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Clarence, Jerry, Todd, Logan, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, deacons, musicians, and other staff, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

C: Amen.

***Peace**

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

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory

In the Garden (8:00)
M. Hayes

Jane Irvine

Majesty (11:00)
Hayford/Schrader

Luther Choir

***Song**

As the Grains of Wheat

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***Prayer**

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***Song**

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Communion Hymn	<i>Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness</i>	Hymn 488
	<i>By Your Hand You Feed Your People</i>	Hymn 469

***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	<i>Thine is the Glory</i>	Hymn 376
*Trinitarian Blessing & Dismissal		Page 16
Postlude	<i>Thine is the Glory</i>	A.L. Page

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	8:30 - Eli Cooper	11:00 - Brooke Haycook
Reader:	8:30 - Delores Ivan	11:00 - Helen Graf
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Sandy Andrews Mary Dunham	11:00 - Melody Costello Jen Knaggs
Ushers:	8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan Bruce Reed	11:00 - Todd & Melody Costello
Sound:	8:30 - Larry Mohler	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	8:30 - Brian Harris	
Altar Guild:	Sandy Andrews & Nancy McNeal	

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of 33 years of marriage by Bob & Teri Madey.

Memorial Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in memory of her father, Anthony Ludwig, on his birthday, by Pat Straub.

***Prayers for Healing: *Prayers for Healing:** Sylvia, Diane, Richard, Karen Rupert, Ken Ault, Karen Strange, June Trenty, Steve Combs, Tom Thornton, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Clarence, Jerry Jakovcic, Todd Costello, Logan, and Sandi.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Second Sunday of Easter, we worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with Now the Feast and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

Welcome and Thank You to Jane Irvine, our guest accompanist this morning.

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

"Tree of Life" End-Of-Life Planning Classes - 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Open to all adults.

Hat Making in the library at 9:45 a.m.

Care Package Assembly

Youth Gathering Parent/Student Meeting in the Fellowship Hall at 12:15 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 14, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Third Sunday of Easter, we will worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with ELW 10 and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

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

"Tree of Life" End-Of-Life Planning Classes - 9:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Open to all adults,

Youth Gathering Prep. in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m.

Finance Committee

Offerings-Budget: Expected offerings for the month based on the approved budget.

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

Offerings-Restricted: 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. **This 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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse will be out of the office on Tuesday, April 9.

New Member Classes Forming Soon! Contact Pastor Steve if you are interested in becoming a member of St. Matthew.

The CPR Class on April 30 is now full! Thank you to all who signed up.

Fun Fellowship - Do you want to be part of something exciting and new? Come be part of Fun Fellowship. All are welcome! Let's get ready to have some fun. Please join us for our first meeting, April 9, at 7:00 p.m. in the Brown Room. Feel free to contact Joyce Davis or Helen Graf with questions. Joyce Davis 216-780-0965, juicenomilk@aol.com or Helen Graf 330-421-2403, mhelg6216@yahoo.com.

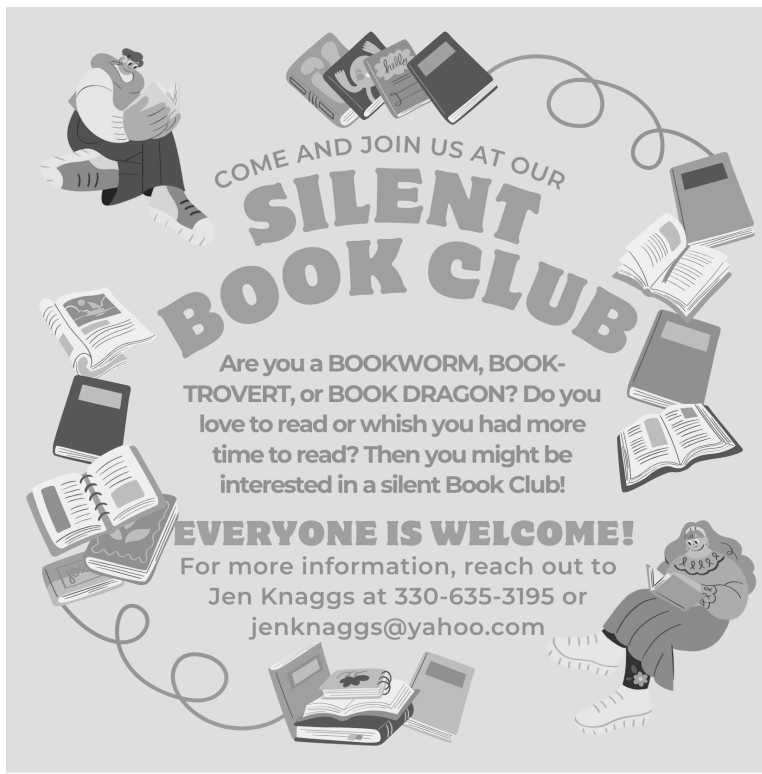
Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, April 21, before and between services in Brenda's (Parish Nurse) office.

Vacation Bible School registration is now open for all children who have completed Preschool through 5th grade. VBS will take place at St. Matthew June 24-28, 9-11:30 a.m. All registrations must be received by Sunday, June 2. Register at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe4cdM9dzJV7xUcce1sXgDD_YrHtQXmHmpAZc8OdO8Xxyo9mw/viewform or by using the link through the Shout-Out. **Volunteers needed!**

"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!

Do You Have OLD St. Matthew Treasures? The Archival Committee of St. Matthew is desiring to scan all old, archival, documents and/or photos related to St. Matthew and its ministry, dating back to the late 1930's. If you have old treasures, please share them! Bring them to the church office, or to one of the members of the Archive Committee (Dale Weygandt, Chair, Mary Dunham, Rebekah Neidig, Beth Johnson, Barb Woodard). Once scanned, the documents and/or photos will be safely stored in acid-free folders and boxes in an archival safe... unless you prefer to have them returned for sentimental reasons. Any questions? Contact Dale at (330) 725-5894.

Church Directory Photographs - The Evangelism & Communication Committee will be adding and updating photos for St. Matthew's Online Church Directory on an ongoing basis. If your individual or family photo is not currently available in the directory or you would like to update it, please contact Stephanie Hess at hessstephanie15@gmail.com or 330-441-1130. You can provide your own image or a photograph of you can be taken at St. Matthew before or after church services.



St. Matthew Choirs Invite You to Join Us!

Luther Choir (adults)

Rehearsals are held each Wednesday,
6:00 pm in the Brown Room.

Contact Nancy McNeal with any questions.
1musiclady46@gmail.com

Kids of the Kingdom (youth)

Rehearsals are held each Thursday,
6:00-6:45 pm in the sanctuary.

Contact Rachel Knaggs with any questions.
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