



REPENTANCE & FORGIVENESS

THE CHRIST WILL SUFFER AND RISE FROM THE DEAD ON THE THIRD DAY.
AND REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS OF SINS WILL BE PREACHED IN HIS NAME.

LUKE 24:46-47

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Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 10

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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 in the front of the hymnal.

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

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Good News Moment

Prelude

Welcome, Happy Morning

L. Smith

*Thanksgiving for Baptism

D: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the wellspring of grace, our Easter and our joy.

C: Amen.

D: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

D: Immersed in the promises of baptism, let us give thanks for what God has done for us. We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep and water became the essence of life. Adam and Eve beheld Eden's verdant rivers. The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day. Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land. In a desert pool the Ethiopian official entered your boundless baptismal life. Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

D: At the river your beloved Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love, freeing us to live as Easter people. We rejoice with glad hearts, giving all honor and praise to you, through the risen Christ, our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.

D: Look, here is water!

C: Here is our water of life! Alleluia!

*Gathering Song:

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Hymn 377

***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.

***Kyrie**

Have Mercy on Us

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***Hymn of Praise**

Glory Be To God in Heaven

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***Prayer of the Day**

C: Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection of your Son, 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 Stertzbach

WORD

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

¹²Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?" ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 4

¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek after lies?"**

³Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful;
the LORD will hear me when I call.

⁴**Tremble, then, and do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed sacrifices,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶**Many are saying, “Who will show us any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.**

⁷You have put gladness in my heart,
more than when grain and wine abound.

⁸**In peace, I will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, O LORD, make me rest secure.**

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia

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*Gospel

Luke 24:36b-48

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, “Peace be with you.”

³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?”

³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?”

⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer

and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Steven Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Jesus Loves Me

Hymn 595

***Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,*
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

***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: O God our holy one, you feed our deepest hungers. As we share the holy meal that is the body and blood of Jesus given for us, lead us to share all that we have, and find, in generosity, abundant life. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: O God our creator, you bring forth all life on earth. Calm storms, bring water to parched places, and protect the climate, that this planet would sustain life in all its variety. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: O God our savior, you offer wisdom and guidance beyond all human knowledge. Instruct lawmakers, judges, and elected officials to make decisions grounded in your justice and care for all people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: O God our elder, you care for all your children. Encourage those who are in times of transition, facing the loss of old ways and routines and anticipating change. Guide those who journey in grief, hope, and uncertainty especially Sylvia, 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: O God our center, you bring all people together in you. Help us to remember our identity and purpose in our ministry. Move us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to share in beloved community. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

D: O God our resting place, your Son Jesus promised that we are held in your love forever. We remember our beloved who have died. As we remember and share their love, comfort those who mourn. 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.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Majesty (8:00)
Hayford/Schrader

Luther Choir

Alleluia, Christ is Risen (11:00)
Patterson

Kids of the Kingdom Choir

Offertory Response

We Give Thee but Thine Own (vs. 1)

Hymn 686

*Offertory Prayer

P: Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

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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 our thanks and praise.

*Proper Preface

*Holy, Holy, Holy

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*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.**

*Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

***Lamb of God**

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Communion Hymns

*I Am the Bread of Life
Come, Let Us Eat*

Hymn 485
Hymn 491

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

C: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

P: The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:** *The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done*

Hymn 366

***Dismissal:**

D: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

***Postlude**

Unto God Be the Glory

G. Martin

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	8:30 - Luke Rohde	11:00 - Andrew Hogan
Reader:	8:30 - Adam Scheid	11:00 - Julie Shrader
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Helen Graf Brittany Thompson	11:00 - Peg Huber
Ushers:	8:30 - Alan & Delores Ivan Bruce Reed	11:00 - Becky Malloy
Sound:	8:30 - Larry Mohler	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	8:30 - Rick Sullivan	
Altar Guild:	Mary Dunham	

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in celebration of David and Kristin's birthdays this month by Brian and Sandi Harris.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Third Sunday of Easter, we 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.

Hat Making - 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 21, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Fourth Sunday of Easter, we will worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with Praise 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,

Hat Making - 9:45 a.m. in the Library.

Blood Pressure Screening before and between services in Brenda's office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Vacation Bible School registration is 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!**

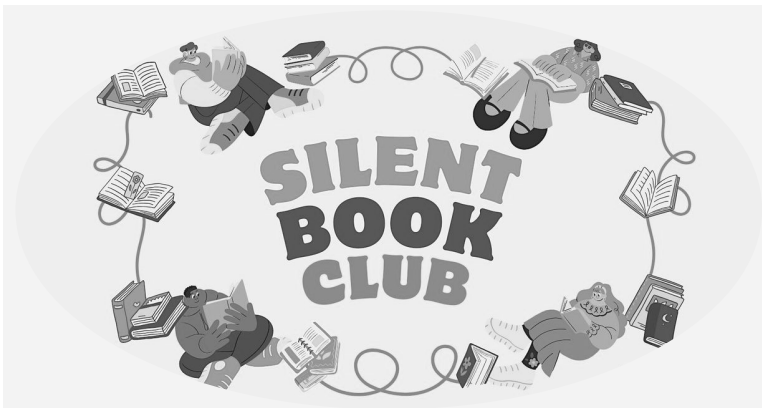
“Getting to Know You” - The *Getting to Know You* segment in the Shout-Out has been received very positively! Please take a couple minutes to respond to the few questions through the link in the Shout-Out or you can find the form in the Narthex. We would love to *Get to Know You* better!

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.

The Pierstorf College Fund was established in 1994 and is a one-of-a-kind Lutheran financial aid program for all Lutheran students pursuing a higher education who live in Ohio. We have awarded over \$13 million in loans to more than 4,000 students since 1994. 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 to complete the online application. Applications are open from April 15 through June 30, 2024. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for further updates. We are here to answer your questions. Please contact us at Pierstorf@messiahfp.org or call 440-665-3653.



Welcome to Silent Book Club!

Join us for our first meeting

Monday, April 22, 2024

At Faith House (432 N. Broadway)

6:30 - Arrival & Socializing

7 - 8 - Silent Reading

Please feel free to bring a beverage (adult or otherwise) and snack if you wish.

Most Importantly

BYOB - *Bring Your Own Book*

(Paper, Hardback, Audio, Kindle, whatever you enjoy.)

All are welcome!



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.

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