



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 2022

8:30 a.m.

Rhythm & Blues

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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now he will remember their iniquity
and punish their sins.

¹⁹Have you completely rejected Judah?
Does your heart loathe Zion?

Why have you struck us down
so that there is no healing for us?
We look for peace, but find no good;
for a time of healing, but there is terror instead.

²⁰We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD,
the iniquity of our ancestors,
for we have sinned against you.

²¹Do not spurn us, for your name's sake;
do not dishonor your glorious throne;
remember and do not break your covenant with us.

²²Can any idols of the nations bring rain?
Or can the heavens give showers?
Is it not you, O LORD our God?
We set our hope on you,
for it is you who do all this.

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

Psalm

Psalm 84:1-7

¹How dear to me is your dwelling,
O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she
may lay her young,

by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house!
They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs,
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height,
and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my
departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I
have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of

righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

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***Gospel**

Luke 18:9-14

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹Jesus also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

Onward Christian Soldiers

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***Prayers of Intercession**

D: In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.

A brief silence.

D: God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare. Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit especially Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, Steve Combs, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

MEAL

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***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday October 23	Sunday October 23	Sunday October 30	Sunday October 30
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte	Luke Gierhart	Brooke Haycook	Lucy Brown-Serban	Logan Naida
Reader	Delores Ivan	Beth Johnson		Mason Cooper
Ushers		Cindy Rickly		
Communion Assistants		Peg Huber		Peg Huber Christy Gabler
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Joe Obermeier	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
Video	Brian Harris	--	Rex Rickly	
Altar Guild	Peg & Ron Huber, Joan Batke			

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God in honor of Otto, Martha, and August Weight's birthdays by Kristin and Chris Weight.

Prayers for Healing: Judy McLaughlin, Peggy, Pat, and Steve Combs.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Next Sunday, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *Rhythm & Blues* liturgy and holy communion and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 8* liturgy and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

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

Luther League - Mapleside Farms at 12:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Reformation Sunday, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 4* liturgy and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

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

Halloween Activity for Luther Littles and Middles at 9:45 a.m.

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation) at 11:00 a.m. Reception for confirmands at 9:45 a.m. Confirmands are Mason Cooper, Jacob Gabler, Emma Gierhart, Ella Heinz, Lucas Hogan, Trevor Rohde, Addy Shook, Kayla Shook, Trevor Terihay, and August Weight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Lindsay Continuing Education - Deacon Lindsay will be out of the office for continuing education training from October 19-25.

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

Luther Littles “Turkey Drive” and Noisy Offering- Did you know that even here in Medina County many families do not have the means to celebrate holidays the same way each of us may? Each November Feeding Medina County collects funds and turkeys to be donated to local families in need at Thanksgiving. The Luther Littles are very excited to be supporting these efforts this year. To do this, we are trying to raise at least \$200 for a sponsorship this year. Luther Littles will have the opportunity to bring in offering for the next three Sundays to contribute to this endeavor. To wrap things up, on Sunday November 6, we will be having a “ Noisy Offering” at both church services. We encourage the congregation to contribute to the Luther Littles at this time. We hope you all are as excited about this as we are. We think this is a great way to teach the children about giving back to our community. If we are able to raise more than the \$200 we will purchase turkeys and gather as a group to turn these in on the day of collection. If you have any questions, please reach out to Christy Gabler or Julie Shrader.

Foundry Social Outing - Please sign up for the 2nd Annual St. Matthew Foundry gathering. The event will take place Sunday, November 6 from 2-4 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person, up to \$20 max per family. Please pay Corey Neururer via cash or check, if dropping in the Small Groups mailbox, please be sure your name is on the payment, as well “Foundry Social” on the envelope. Food will be provided along with Duckpin Bowling. Deadline to sign up is Wednesday, November 2 so we know how much food to order. Sign up in the narthex or via Sign-Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-thefoundry>.

Game Night - November - November game night has been CHANGED. We will meet November 11 due to the third Friday of that month being the first night of the candlelight walk.

Church Directory - Exciting News: Our church will be putting a new pictorial directory together! Our dates for photography are November 30 and December 1 from 2:00-8:30. We will need volunteers to help check people in on the days of photography as well as assist our congregation with online appointment scheduling on Sundays following our services. If you are willing to help, please contact Melody Costello at 330-461-1149 or sign up at https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1q0n9P9Wbt2OyFFLjLV2B5hGIHb92FehS0L_qV7qVYzQ/edit#gid=0.

Advent Devotions - Would you like to be a contributor to our 2022 Online Advent Devotions? Each day during Advent (beginning Sunday, November 27), a link to a new devotion, written by our own members, will appear on our church website homepage. All completed devotions will be also available on an archived webpage.

- Each devotion is inspired by a Scripture Reading.
- It may be as brief as one short paragraph... or it may be as 300 words.
- Each devotion may close with a prayer or a reflection question.
- Deadline for submission (to Beth Johnson) is November 15, 2022

Contact Beth Johnson for further information at 301-501-0473
or sboyumj@gmail.com

The sign-up sheet has begun! Click on the link below to see the list (and add your name). <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1c8UrCP4GOW98I3yGITjOQM4byfJbl5J0jeZUQaaO0Oo/edit#gid=0>

Journey to Bethlehem - We are very excited to announce that we will be once again planning a group event to see the Journey to Bethlehem in Walnut Creek, December 3, 2022. This is a wonderful way to experience what it might have been like many years ago for Mary and Joseph. We will start with meeting 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. This is a great experience you don't want to miss! While this is being 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 link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054FADAE2DA46-journey>

Flour Barrel Fund - (aka Pastor's Discretionary Fund) is running low. We are asking for contributions to this fund that is used to help those with a more immediate need, such as an extra night in a hotel, food, etc. Cash or checks (made out to St. Matthew) can be placed in the offering plate, mailed, or dropped off at the church office. Please make sure they are clearly marked for the Flour Barrel Fund.

If you have questions about your account or setting up your account, contact our Financial Director, John Baker at 330-607-0667 or financedir@stmatthewmedina.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch your bulletins and Shout-Outs for details.

Sunday, October 30, 9:45 a.m., Halloween activity. *Luther Littles/Middles*

Sunday, October 30, 11:00 a.m., Confirmation. Reception at 9:45 a.m. *9th Grade Youth*

Sunday, November 6, 2-4 p.m. - The Foundry Social outing. *Small Groups*

Sunday, November 6, "Turkey Drive" Noisy Offering, both services. *Luther Littles*

Sunday, November 6, 12:30-1:30 p.m. - Canned Food Drive. *Youth*

Friday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. - Game Night. *Small Groups*

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

November 3, 2:00-8:30 p.m., Directory Pictures.

December 1, 2:00-8:30 p.m., Directory Pictures.

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

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.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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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



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System available.