

*The Power of
Persevering Prayer*
Luke 18:1-8

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 16, 2022
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 8

“Living God’s Love”

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Good News Moment/Recognition of Promise Place

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

C: Amen.

P: Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God of mercy and forgiveness,

C: we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.

P: Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven † and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *What God Ordains is Good Indeed* No. 776

*Greeting

P: 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** Page 184

***Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast* Page 187

*Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

Psalm

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
²**My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.**
³The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
⁴**Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep;**
⁵the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
⁶**the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.**
⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
⁸**The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 3:14--4:5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to

God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

***Gospel Acclamation**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

***Gospel**

Luke 18:1-8

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

Hymn of the Day:

O Master, Let Me Walk With You

No. 818

Apostle's Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***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: For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. We pray especially for Judy McLaughlin Peggy, Mark, Pat, Steve, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts . Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

D: For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

D: For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace, that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. 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.

***Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Sing With Joy (8:30)
Price/Besig

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

P: Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

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 him thanks and praise.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Holy, Holy, Holy**

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***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.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

Day By Day

No. 790

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

No. 769

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday October 16	Sunday October 16	Sunday October 23	Sunday October 23
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte		Emma Kotick	Luke Gierhart	Brooke Haycook
Reader	Melody Costello			
Ushers	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan Bruce Reed		Alan Ivan Delores Ivan Bruce Reed	
Communion Assistants	Melody Costello	Cindy Rickly		
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Owen Blakslee	--	Rex Rickly	--
Altar Guild	Ron & Peg Huber, Joan Batke			

UPCOMING EVENTS

Watch your bulletins and Shout-Outs for details.

Sunday, October 23, 12:30 p.m., Mapleside Farms. *Luther League*

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

Friday, November 11, 7:00 p.m. - Game Night - *Please note date change.*

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

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

PRAYERS

Harvest Home Sunday - Today - Thank you to everyone who donated items to help beautify our sanctuary for Harvest Sundays and to the Altar Guild members who decorated. The Lord provides and we all get to enjoy the benefits.

Flowers on the Piano this morning are given to the glory of God in loving memory of her beloved mom, Carole Jean Davis, by Debra Sherman. *"I miss you every day!"*

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 8* liturgy and at 11:00 a.m. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

Coffee Bar - Enjoy the coffee bar before or after each worship service. So as not to disrupt worship, please do not visit the coffee bar during worship. Thank you!

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

First Communion - These youth will receive their First Communion today: Frankie Brian Lucy Brown-Serban, Noah Cooper, Avri Hess, Lexi Hess, Andrew Hogan, Patrick Linden, Olivia Naida, Luke Rohde, Ella Supanich, and Aubrey Terihay. Welcome to the Lord's table! A reception will take place at 9:45 this morning.

Blood Pressure Screening this morning before each service in Brenda's office.

Hayride & Chili Cook-Off today from 4-7 p.m. at Richardson Farms, 6084 Lafayette Road, Medina.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost, we will 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.

Hey, Luther League! We are going to Mapleside on Sunday, October 23. Meet at church at 12:30 and we will head to Brunswick. Bring money for your entrance and food. We may need extra drivers. Please indicate if you or a parent can drive and how many kids they can take. Sign up at this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0544afac2ca4fa7-mapleside> or email stmattllmedina@gmail.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Bible & Brews will resume Thursday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

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>

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.



Electronic Giving – To set up an online giving account or to make changes to your online giving, scan the QR code to the left or go to stmatthewmedina.org, click on the Give tab, scroll down to “*How Can I Give?*” and click on Give Here. If you already have an account, log in. You can then update any of your information (contact information, giving amount, and which funds you support). If you wish to *begin* donating electronically, click on Sign Up. You will fill each field as you are prompted to set up your account.

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.

VOLUNTEER AND JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Worship Assistants - We are in need of Readers, Ushers, and Communion Assistants, especially at the 11:00 service. Please sign up in the narthex. For any questions regarding these opportunities, please contact Sandy Andrews.

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.

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop
System available.