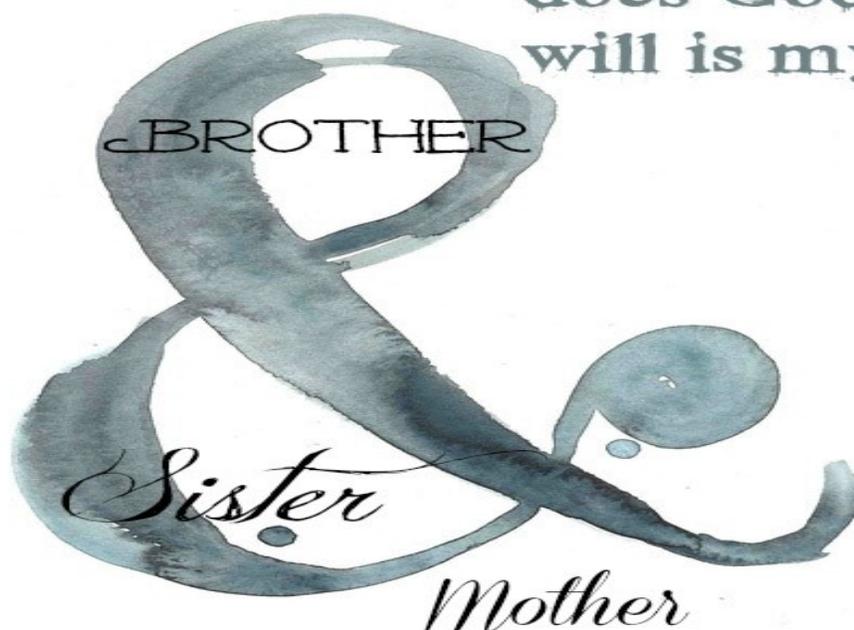


MARK 3:35 Anyone who
does God's
will is my



Second Sunday After Pentecost

June 6, 2021

10:00 a.m.

ELW Liturgy

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Confession & Forgiveness

P: In the name of the father, ✝ and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

**We question your ways when they differ from the ways
of the world in which we live.**

**We turn to our own understanding
rather than trusting in you.**

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God:

in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.

By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.

Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:

you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:**

Rise, Shine, You People

No. 665

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**

**All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory.
Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength
of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Blessing of High School Graduates

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

⁸[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.⁹But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?"¹⁰He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

¹²The man said, “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.” ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent tricked me, and I ate.” ¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you among all animals
and among all wild creatures;
upon your belly you shall go,
and dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and hers;
he will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.”

Psalm

Psalm 130

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,**

more than those who keep watch for the morning.

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;

with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel**

from all their sins.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13--5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;]²⁰ and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat.²¹ When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind."²² And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons."²³ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan?²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.²⁵ And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand.²⁶ And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.²⁷ But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸"Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter;²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—³⁰ for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him.³² A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you."³³ And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?"³⁴ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!"³⁵ Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

Hymn of the Day:

Lead Me, Guide Me

No. 768

***Apostle's Creed**

Dedication of Altar Candles

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

A brief silence.

P: God of wholeness, we pray for believers all over the globe. Unify us in service of the gospel, that we may work together as beloved siblings to share your love with all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of the cosmos, we pray for creation; the gardens, waterways and creatures near to us and diverse forms of life that remain unseen. Teach us to treat the natural world with reverence, seeking restoration when human divisions have caused harm to your beloved creation. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of all people, we pray for harmony among the nations. Cast out from us unclean spirits of greed and fear, that we may work in solidarity with one another for the common good. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of abundance, we pray for those who are oppressed or in any need. Encourage those who have begun to lose heart. We pray for those on our prayer list: John Siebert, Greg McKee, Emma Gierhart, Bill Heck, Jim Apana, Lloyd Madis, and Chuck Payne. Strengthen and renew us with your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God of righteousness, we pray for this holy house of worship. Set our gaze upon things eternal, that in thanksgiving for your mercy, we may extend grace to more and more people. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Risen Lord, we ask your blessing upon St. Matthew's call committee. Give them insight and a spirit of enthusiasm for their work and raise up for our people a pastor to lead us. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: God of the ages, in your goodness you have sent us faithful witnesses for every time and place. We give you thanks for those saints who now rest in your eternal mercy. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

C: Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

***Peace:** *The peace will be an acknowledgement with your neighbor of God's reconciling love by nod or bow.*

Offertory

SENDING

***Blessing**

***Sending Song:** *Go, My Children, With My Blessing*

No. 543

***Dismissal:**

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

***Postlude**

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Thank you for observing our protocols for gathering this Sunday.

Per Ohio Health Department Guidelines,

MASKS OPTIONAL IF VACCINATED.



Candelabra Candles - The candelabra candles dedicated today are in honor of Leithea Obermeier and her years of service to the St. Matthew Altar Guild. We all appreciate the many hours of love that she gave to St. Matthew.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE FROM AN USHER UPON REQUEST.

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: John Siebert, Greg McKee, Emma Gierhart, Bill Heck, Jim Apana, Lloyd Madis, and Chuck Payne.

Altar Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God.

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Second Sunday after Pentecost, we worship in person and online at 10:00 a.m. with ELW hymns. *No Communion Today.*

NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 13, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Third Sunday after Pentecost, we will worship in person and online at 10:00 a.m. with Rhythm & Blues hymns. *No Communion.*

Pastor Bill is on vacation June 3-19.

No Parking Lot Communion Today or Next Week.

WORSHIP SERVANTS		
Date	June 6	June 13
Service	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Song Leader	Nancy McNeal	
Reader	Melody Costello	
Ushers	Linda Kostelnik	Cindy Rickly
Communion Servers		
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Rex Rickly	Owen Blakslee
Altar Guild	Loretta Thornton & Sharron Sudimak	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation HOMES Meal Sign Up - We still need meals prepared for the week of June 7-13! During the pandemic Operation HOMES guests have been given shelter at the Super 8 Motel at Rt. 18 and I-71 due to churches being closed. There is still a need for evening meals to be provided.

St. Matthew is scheduled to provide meals June 7-13. You may sign up to provide a meal by going to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090d4ca9a62ba5fb6-meals22>. The instructions for dropping off meals and number of guests are listed in this link. Thank you!

Worship Assistants Needed! With in-person worship back, we need volunteers to help during worship as Readers, Ushers, and Communion Servers. You can sign up using this link through Sign-Up Genius <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549a5a622a4f49-worship2> or on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have never assisted during worship and would like training, please contact Sandy Andrews.

Offering Counter Needed! We are in need of a volunteer to count the Sunday offering one week per month. Please contact Dean Hauptman at 440-238-7169 for more information.

Video Upgrade Project - PAID IN FULL! Thank you to all who so generously donated for our video upgrade for high-definition streaming.

Should I get the Covid vaccine? If anyone in the parish is pondering the COVID-19 vaccine(s) and would like counsel on this concern, PLEASE contact Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse, at the church, or you can leave a voicemail at her home 330-667-2998.

Anyone entering St. Matthew's Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall can breath easy: Thanks to the good efforts of our Property Team, including Troy Gerspacher, and Tom and Joyce Davis, St Matthew now has installed and functioning Anti-Covid air treatment units on the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall HVAC systems. What this means is that any pathogens in the HVAC air will be reduced if not eliminated, further improving the safety of our in-person worship.

Visit stmatthewmedina.org: The new home page for our website is dynamic, user friendly and reflects the signs of the season. Relive the beauty of the sanctuary on Easter Sunday by visiting the home page. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and see the most recent important announcements for the week. An addition to the website this week is the new Call Committee page that can be found under the About tab. To stay updated on the progress of the Call process check back on a regular basis.

Electronic Offering Updates - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Dean Hauptman 216-280-7472 or email at dlhauptman73@gmail.com.

Pierstorf Memorial Loan Fund - provides interest-free loans to Lutheran students who are or will be enrolled full time in a four-year undergraduate program at any accredited college or university. This year, the maximum interest-free loan is \$3,000 for the school year. For information, visit www.Pierstorf.org and complete the 2021-2022 application. Applications open April 15, 2021 and close June 30, 2021.

Let's Go Fishing With Pastor Bill



**Shore-Nuf Charters
in Port Clinton**

Sunday, June 27 - 2:30 p.m.

(will arrive back at port at 9:30 p.m. and back at church by 11:30.)

Open to anyone who wants an evening on the lake!

\$75 per person, includes cost of bait and fish cleaning.

Rods and reels available for rent or
you may borrow them from Pastor Bill.

Bring your own supper sandwiches and beverages.

Call the church office to reserve your spot!

NEW Office Hours



**Monday-Thursday: 9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Friday: 9:00 am - 12:30 pm**

*****Due to a shorter Friday workday,
please have all announcements for
the bulletin and Shout-Outs
into the office by Wednesdays at
Noon.**

**Bulletins will be printed Thursday
afternoon. Thank you!*****

**Finance Report for April and Year-to-Date
St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

St. Matthew had the following revenue
and expenses for April.

	Month of April 2021	Year-to-Date April 2021
Total Revenue	\$ 38,070.70	\$ 125,779.51
Total Expenses	\$ 31,659.69	\$ 118,453.53
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 6,411.01	\$ 7,325.98
Net Other	\$ --	\$ 59.07
Net Revenue	<u>\$ 6,411.01</u>	<u>\$ 7,385.05</u>

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. William Diehm	Interim Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Sue Gircsis	Nursery Attendant
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Heather Rohde	Youth Worship Music Director