



Day of Pentecost

May 23, 2021

9:00 a.m.

Praise Liturgy

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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GATHERING

** Please stand as you are able.*

Welcome and Announcements

Good News Moment

Rex Rickly

Prelude

Thanksgiving for Baptism

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font

as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts. Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

***Gathering Song:** *Open Up the Heavens*

***Greeting**

***Prayer of the Day**

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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 Bill Diehm

WORD

First Reading

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. ²And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

⁵Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. ⁶And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all

these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” ¹²All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

¹⁵Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning.

¹⁶No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷‘In the last days it will be, God declares,
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
and your young men shall see visions,
and your old men shall dream dreams.

¹⁸Even upon my slaves, both men and women,
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;
and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹And I will show portents in the heaven above
and signs on the earth below,
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

²⁰The sun shall be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood,
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

²¹Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’”

Psalm

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

²⁴How manifold are your works, O LORD!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵**Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too many to number,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶There go the ships to and fro,
and Leviathan, which you made for the sport of it.

²⁷**All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.**

²⁸You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

²⁹**When you hide your face, they are terrified;
when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.**

³⁰You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;
and so you renew the face of the earth.

³¹**May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
O LORD, rejoice in all your works.**

³²You look at the earth and it trembles;
you touch the mountains and they smoke.

³³**I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

³⁴May these words of mine please God.
I will rejoice in the LORD.

^{35b}**Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Hallelujah!**

Second Reading

Romans 8:22-27

²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

***Gospel**

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. ²⁷You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:4b}“I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. ⁵But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. ⁷Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; ¹¹about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been condemned.

¹²“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Bill Diehm

Hymn of the Day:

Everybody Sing Praise to the Lord

***Apostle's Creed**

***Prayers of Intercession**

P: Alive in the risen Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, we bring our prayers before God who promises to hear us and answer in steadfast love.

A brief silence.

P: Gracious God, you give the Holy Spirit to your church, filling it with many and varied gifts. In the church throughout the world, strengthen us in our visioning and dreaming, that it may discover anew the Spirit's creative work. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of life, your mighty works are too numerous to count. The earth is full of your creatures, living things both great and small. Open your hand and give them the necessities of this life. Send your fresh Spirit over the face of the earth. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of the nations, at the sound of the rushing wind, people speaking different languages proclaimed and heard together your deeds of power. Fill the leaders of nations with your Holy Spirit, so that they exercise your gracious will in the lives of people. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of faithfulness, you tend to the needs of your people, even the sighs of our hearts. Hear those who cry out to you in distress. Restore to wholeness all who are in any need this day especially Greg McKee, Emma Gierhart, Tom Davis, Bill Heck, Jim Apana, Lloyd Madis, Deacon Lindsay, and Chuck Payne. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

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. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: God of love, fill this congregation with gratitude for the gifts we have received from you. Renew our ministries, heal our divisions, and open us to the needs of our neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: God of hope, those who have died in you raise their eternal song of praise. We give you thanks for the many gifts of your people and rejoice in the witness of your saints. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: In the hope of new life in Christ, we raise our prayers to you, trusting in your never-ending goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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

MEAL

Offertory

Offering Prayer

P: God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table.
Receive our lives and the gifts we offer.
Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world;
for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

*Great Thanksgiving

*Eucharistic Prayer

*Lord's Prayer

*Invitation to Communion

P: The risen Christ invites us to this table.
Come, eat, and be satisfied

Communion Song

Heather Rohde, Solo

*Table Blessing

*Prayer after Communion

P: Wellspring of joy,
through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts.
Satisfy the hunger still around us,
and send us as joyful witnesses,
that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

*Blessing

*Sending Song:

Multiplied

*Dismissal:

P: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C: Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P: Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

*Postlude

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Thank you for observing our protocols for gathering this Sunday.

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: Greg McKee, Emma Gierhart, Tom Davis, Bill Heck, Jim Apana, Lloyd Madis, Deacon Lindsay, and Chuck Payne.

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

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Day of Pentecost, we will worship in person and online at 9:00 a.m. with Praise hymns.

Pastor's Book Study at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall and via Zoom. "The Nones" by Ryan Burge.

Parking Lot Communion at 10:15 a.m.

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 30, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, the Holy Trinity, we will worship in person and online at 9:00 a.m. with ELW hymns.

Pastor's Book Study at 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship hall and via Zoom. "The Nones" by Ryan Burge.

Parking Lot Communion at 10:15 a.m.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE FROM AN USHER UPON REQUEST.

WORSHIP SERVANTS		
Date	May 23	May 30
Service	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Song Leader	Heather Rohde	Nancy McNeal
Reader	Lisa Burke	Judy McLaughlin
Ushers	Jeremy, Christy, Jesse, & Jacob Gabler	Brian & Sandi Harris
Communion Assistants	Mary Dunham	
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Rex Rickly	Owen Blakslee
Altar Guild	Helen Graf, Mary Dunham, & Becky Malloy	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

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

Pastor's Book Study - Sunday mornings, May 9- 30, 2021, 10:15. In Person and Zoom. *The Nones* by Ryan P. Burge. **Books can be purchased from Amazon, Walmart, or Target (\$17.75).** “*The Nones* gives readers a nuanced, accurate, and meaningful picture of the growing number of Americans who say they have no religious affiliation. Burge explains how this rise happened, who the nones are, and what they mean for the future of the American religion.”

Parish Nurse - I will resume blood pressure screening on a limited basis at this time. My office hours are Tuesdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. If you would like to contact me, we could schedule a visit in the church office. Masks, hand washing, etc. would apply. Please call the church at 330-725-8885 on Tuesday to schedule. Thank you, Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse

Vacation Bible School Registration - This year St. Matthew will be holding a shortened and abridged VBS for children who recently completed Preschool through 5th grade. During the week of **June 21-25**, VBS will be held outside at St. Matthew from **9:30-11:00 a.m.** (Inclement weather plans are being developed with safe distancing practices in mind.) This year's theme is “On Earth As In Heaven” and will center around the different petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Due to Covid protocols, registration will be capped at 24 children! Social distancing measures will be observed and masks will be required. **All registrations must be received by June 4.** Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemOef-8mkLCNvGOTxqXPTx0Qg8sfvIzFwLi4SdvZA0a31HQ/viewform>

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.

Hope Recovery Community's Memorial Day Garage Sale is coming up May 29-31. They are now collecting donations and will pick up your stuff! Text or call 330-321-9077 for more information or to schedule a donation pick up.

ADDRESS UPDATE: John Siebert
StoryPoint Senior Living
122 Medina Rd., Room 36



**NEW
Office Hours**

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

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	\$ 6,411.01	\$ 7,385.05

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