

The Holy Trinity

May 30, 2021

9:00 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:** *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

No. 413

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

**Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One,
and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith,
defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in
endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory.”

⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Psalm

Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God’s name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forevermore.**

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

Second Reading

Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

***Gospel**

John 3:1-17

P: The holy gospel according to John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Bill Diehm

Hymn of the Day:

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

No. 412

***Apostle's Creed**

***Prayers of Intercession (with Litany for Healing)**

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

A brief silence.

P: We pray, O God, for your holy church around the world. Revitalize and renew us, that we may be reborn once again through the waters of baptism and the blowing wind of your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We give you thanks for your power revealed to us in creation; for cedar and oak trees, for rushing waters, for the echoes of thunder. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for the nations and our leaders, that led by your Spirit, they work towards a world where all of your children enjoy peace. We pray especially for nations currently experiencing war or turmoil. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for healing for all those who suffer, especially victims and survivors of trauma or violence. Give respite to those living with PTSD or any other mental health concerns. We pray for all those on our prayer list: especially Greg McKee, Emma Gierhart, Tom Davis, Bill Heck, Jim Apana, Lloyd Madis, and Chuck Payne. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We pray for this worshipping community, that the splendor of your majesty and the holiness of your mystery may be glorified through our worship and our relationships with one another. 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. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for those who have died in the faith. We especially remember Ross Beachy, whose memorial service was Thursday. We remember also those whose lives have been lost due to the horrors of war. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

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

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

MEAL

Offertory

You Alone are God
Mary M^cDonald

Luther Choir

Offering Prayer

P: Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

***Great Thanksgiving**

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Lord's Prayer**

***Invitation to Communion**

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Communion Song

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

No. 484

***Table Blessing**

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: Greg McKee, Emma Gierhart, Tom Davis, 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, the Holy Trinity, we will worship in person and online at 9:00 a.m. with ELW hymns.

Pastor's Book Study (last session) 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, JUNE 6, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Second Sunday of Pentecost, we will worship in person and online at 10:00* a.m. with ELW hymns. We will recognize our 2021 graduates during worship and with light refreshments following worship.

Parking Lot Communion at 10:15 a.m.

Pastor Bill will be on vacation June 3-19.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS AVAILABLE FROM AN USHER UPON REQUEST.

WORSHIP SERVANTS		
Date	May 30	June 6
Service	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Song Leader	Nancy McNeal	
Reader	Judy McLaughlin	
Ushers	Brian & Sandi Harris	
Communion Servers	Lisa Burke	
Sound	Larry Mohler	Larry Mohler
Video	Owen Blakslee	Rex Rickly
Altar Guild	Helen Graf, Mary Dunham, & Becky Malloy	Loretta Thornton & Sharron Sudimak

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Operation HOMES Meal Sign Up - 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's next week that we were supposed to host is June 7-13. Even though we are unable to provide overnight accommodations, we can still provide meals. 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!

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.

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.** 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. Masks will not be required when we are outdoors, but please send masks with your child/children in the event that we need to move indoors due to inclement weather. **All registrations must be received by June 4.** Register at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSemOEF-8mkLCNvGOTxgXPTx0Qg8sfvnlZFWLi4SdvZA0a31HQ/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.

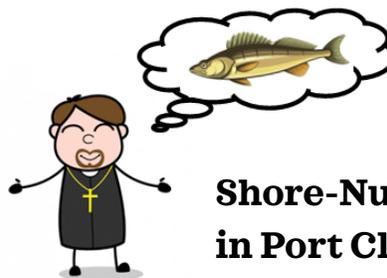
Visit Stmatthewmedina.org: The new home page for our website is dynamic, user friendly and reflects the signs of the season. Relive the beauty of the sanctuary on Easter Sunday by visiting the home page. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and see the most recent important announcements for the week. 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.

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.

Please RSVP as soon as possible!

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.*****

**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