



O LORD, OUR LORD
HOW MAJESTIC
IS YOUR NAME IN ALL THE
EARTH!

PSALM 8:1

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 3, 2021

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

Now the Feast & Celebration

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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(* Please stand as you are able.)

GATHERING

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Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Sermon

Deacon Lindsay Bailey

WORD

First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
this one shall be called Woman,
for out of Man this one was taken."

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

Psalm

Psalm 8

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine;
with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle,
even the wild beasts of the field,
⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**
⁹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere,
"What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
or mortals, that you care for them?
⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
you have crowned them with glory and honor,
⁸subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, ⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,
"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

*Gospel Verse

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P: The holy gospel according to Luke.
C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Gospel

Mark 10:2-16

P: The gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Blair Morgan

Hymn of the Day

God, When Human Bonds are Broken

No. 603

*Apostles' Creed

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*Prayers of Intercession

P: Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

P: Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. We pray for all those on our prayer list: John Siebert, Jerry Spears, Brenda Disbrow, Beau Barrett, Mary Baker, Michael Bazilius, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, Greg Mckee, Ed Berchert, Todd Costello, and Chuck Payne. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. 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: You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

***Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offering

Offertory

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord (11:00)
Raymond H. Haan

Luther Choir

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*Dismissal		
	P: Go in peace. Christ is your light.	
	C: Thanks be to God.	

Postlude

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WORSHIP SERVANTS				
Date	October 3	October 3	October 10	October 10
Service	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Acolyte		Trevor Terihay		Emma & Luke Gierhart
Reader	Adam Scheid	Judy McLaughlin		LaVonne Hauptman
Ushers	Bruce Reed		Bruce Reed	
Communion Servers	Sandy Andrews	Melody Costello		
Sound	Joe Obermeier	Mike & Alex Holthouse	Joe Obermeier	Mike & Alex Holthouse
Video	Brian Harris	--	Rex Rickly	--
Altar Guild	Nancy McNeal			

PRAYERS

Prayers for Healing: John Siebert, Jerry Spears, Brenda Disbrow, Beau Barrett, Mary Baker, Michael Bazilius, Alexis Scala, Joyce Henschel, Greg Mckee, Ed Berchert, and Todd Costello.

Altar Flowers and Memorial Flowers this morning are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Ben Reber (1980-2017), son of Judy Reber McLaughlin. *"We have not lost him; he has just gone on ahead of us."*

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

Today, Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost, we worship in person at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., livestreaming at 8:30 a.m., with *Now the Feast and Celebration* liturgy and Holy Communion.

We Welcome Pastor Blair Morgan, as our supply pastor this morning.

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room

Adult Sunday School Class - 9:45 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Pastor Morgan will lead a discussion on discipleship.

NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost, we will worship in person at 8:30 a.m. with *ELW* liturgy and communion and 11:00 a.m. with *Rhythm & Blues* liturgy and communion, livestreaming at 8:30 a.m.

We Will Welcome Pastor Shelley Nelson-Bridger, as our supply pastor this morning.

Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. in the Brown Room

COVID PROTOCOLS

**HVAC anti-COVID air treatment /
Equipment installed earlier this year
No Singing / Restrictions Lifted
Limiting Attendance / Restrictions Lifted
Keep Exterior Doors Open / Restrictions Lifted
Mask Mandate / Masks are now optional
Fellowship After Worship /
Casual fellowship after church is resuming
Ropes to Encourage Social Distance /
Ropes removed June 18
Hymnals / Hymnals returned to pews June 18
Communion / Covid protocol still in place
Sharing of the Peace / Covi protocol still in place
Masks and Sanitizer available / Covid protocol still in place**

Message from our Council President

As you know, we've been conversing with the Synod and they are looking for a replacement Interim Pastor for us, but the schedule has slipped a month. Hopefully, that individual will be here early in November.

In the meantime, we will be served by supply pastors and Deacon Lindsay until a new Interim is named.

Our COVID Team continues to monitor pandemic conditions in Medina, and plans to reevaluate our current protocols on October 18. Until that time the status-quo will be maintained, unless things change significantly.

Should this process raise any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone or email.

LGL, Rex

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Bar is Back! We are happy to bring the coffee bar back to St. Matthew to enjoy! Please be mindful of the following: - The coffee bar will be available in between church services (9:45-11:00 a.m.). Please do not utilize the coffee bar during services. - Please remember your LGL mugs that have lids. However, if you need a cup, please make sure a lid is placed or be mindful preventing spills. - Should you spill, please clean up after yourself. Napkins are available. *NOTE: Hot chocolate will no longer be available - coffee and hot water for tea only.*



Harvest Home Sundays at St. Matthew will be October 10 and 17. If anyone has produce, canned goods, grasses, loaves of bread, and anything else that might be a product of the harvest and are willing to bring it to the church by Saturday morning October 9, at 9:30 AM. Items will be used by the Altar Guild to decorate the sanctuary for Harvest Home. Altar Guild members are asked to come on Saturday morning to help with the decorating.

“Welcoming Strangers: Afghan Refugee Resettlement” Webinars - If you missed the live webinars regarding ways to help refugees in Northeast Ohio, you may watch the recorded sessions by clicking the links below. These information webinars were sponsored in part by the Northeastern Ohio Synod of the ELCA. These webinars are very informative regarding the refugee process in the US, and agencies that are coordinating efforts to help relocate refugees in Northeast Ohio and ways individuals and groups can help.



Session 1: <https://vimeo.com/611710331/5b4ef89917>

Session 2: <https://vimeo.com/617980402/380a328983>

Urgent Need! For ushers at upcoming 11:00 a.m. services. Sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0549a5a622a4f49-worship2>, in the narthex, or contact Sandy Andrews.

Small Groups - Foundry Event - Sunday, November 7, 1:00-3:00 p.m. at 333 Foundry Street, Medina, in the “Big Room”. Please come and enjoy an afternoon of fun, including games such as Duckpin Bowling, Shuffleboard, Cards, and more. We will provide lunch during this time, including water and soda. *We are asking for donations toward the cost of food. Collection baskets will be provided at the event.* Hope to see you there for fun and fellowship with your St. Matthew friends! *NOTE: If you and your family wish to stay later, please contact The Foundry directly for reservations - 330-333-9000.*

Advent Devotions - This year, St. Matthew invites you to participate in creating our own Advent devotions. A new devotion will be shared each day, via our website, beginning November 28, 2021. Please consider using your God-given gifts to be a blessing to our congregation and community. Go to <https://www.stmatthewmedina.org/advent-devotions> for instructions on signing up and submitting your devotion.



Seeking Nursery Volunteers - Our nursery at St. Matthew is an important service that we provide to our families with young children. It allows the parents the opportunity to worship without the disruption of their children allowing them to fully take in and participate in worship. As we continue to search for a full-time person (or 2 part-time people) to staff the nursery, we are looking for volunteers to be present with our younger members during worship and Sunday School in the nursery. In the interim, member Corey Neururer has agreed to help during Sunday School and the 11:00 a.m. service. If you would be interested in helping, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149.

Men's Bible Study has returned. Join us Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m. as we discuss the Gospel of John.

The Luther Choir rehearses on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 in the sanctuary. New members to the choir will be most welcome to join us.

Nursery Attendant Needed - Our nursery at St. Matthew is an important service that we provide to our families with young children. It allows the parents the opportunity to worship without the disruption of their children allowing them to fully take in and participate in worship.

We are currently looking for one full-time person (or 2 part-time) to staff the nursery. The right candidate should enjoy children; be willing to play with them; change diapers/help them use the toilet, etc. The position would involve, roughly, 4 hours each Sunday (fall through spring) and 1 ½ hours during the summer and is a paid position.

If anyone in the church is interested, please contact Melody at 330-461-1149. If you know someone who could be a fit, please pass along my contact information for further discussion.

Electronic Offering Updates - If anyone needs help in changing their electronic giving (ACH) through Vanco please feel free to contact Thaddeus Neururer 617-360-1342 or email

News from Founders Way North

Broadway Handrails - We are getting the handrails on Broadway (and also on Spring Grove)!!! Last night the City Council unanimously approved the handrails, many thanks go out to Skip and Jim for taking on this effort. In October, they will be removing trees on the west side of Broadway and sometime over the winter they will replace the culvert, which will result in a street closure for 70-90 days.

Congratulations - Founders Way North came in 1st place for the Main Street Medina's flower pot contest! Please thank the Daum, Frost, Baran, and Norris families for the design and implementation, they did a fantastic job! We won a \$75 Boyert's gift certificate, which will be given to Kathy Daum for the design inspiration and leading the Founders Way North team to implement it. Our flower pot is located in front of the Polish Pottery and will be removed on November 5th.

Finance Report for August and Year-to-Date
St. Matthew Lutheran Church
 St. Matthew had the following revenue
 and expenses for August.

	Month of August 2021	Year-to-Date August 2021
Total Revenue	\$ 33,147.78	\$ 250,178.61
Total Expenses	\$ 29,191.53	\$ 238,405.18
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 3,956.25	\$ 11,773.43
Net Other	\$ --	\$ 118.18
Net Revenue	\$ 3,956.25	\$ 11,891.61

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Custodian
Brenda Disbrow	Parish Nurse
Nancy McNeal	Luther Choir Director
Heather Rohde	Youth Worship Music Director

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM