

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 20, 2024

Holy Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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† Congregation stands as able

GATHERING

Prelude

Sandra Nearhoof



Confession and Pardon - Now the Feast

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Gathering Hymn “*What a fellowship, what a joy divine*”

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Kyrie - Now the Feast

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Hymn of Praise - Now the Feast

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Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray,

Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

Rose Johnson

First Reading

Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth. ⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away. Who could have imagined his future? For he was cut off from the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people. ⁹They made his grave with the wicked and his tomb with the rich, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain. When you make his life an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days; through him the will of the LORD shall prosper. ¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light; he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge. The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out himself to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 91:9-16

Tone 1

⁹Because you have made the ¹LORD your refuge,
and the Most High your ¹habitation,

¹⁰**no evil ¹will befall you,
nor shall affliction come ¹near your dwelling.**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge ¹over you,
to guard you in ¹all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will ¹bear you up,
lest you strike your foot a- ¹gainst a stone.**

¹³You will tread upon the lion ¹cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion ¹and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who ¹cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they ¹know my name.**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will ¹answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and ¹honor them.

¹⁶**With long life will I ¹satisfy them,
and show them ¹my salvation.**

Second Reading

Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; ⁶as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek." ⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

† Gospel Acclamation - Now the Feast

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Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to [Jesus] and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said

to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." ⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Facing into...Deadly Circumstances

Reverend Taylor Burton Edwards

† Hymn of the Day

"Jesus, Savior, pilot me"

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Apostles' 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**

You may sit, stand or kneel for the prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

A: Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

A brief silence.

A: Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who face danger, are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer threats, disease, or difficulty with your comfort and peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: For all those who have asked us to pray for them...

C: hear our prayer.

A: Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you, especially Keandra Bashful, WJ Barrs, Eva Brown, Bishop Davis, Joan Smith, Tom Pettit, Nelda Woods, Patti Vinson, Louie Niederhammer, Gary Nearhoof, and John Bonaker. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever.

C: Amen

MEAL

Anthem	<i>"The Gift of Love"</i>	Choir
<i>The gifts may be brought forward.</i>		
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Through Christ, With Christ, In Christ - Now the Feast		Page 13
Lord's Prayer	"Our Father, who..."	Page 13
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Communion

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.
and each person may respond Amen

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† Prayer after Communion

A: Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen**

SENDING

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Sending Hymn	<i>"God be with you till we meet again"</i>	ELW #536

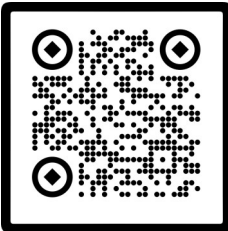
Dismissal

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

The Memorial Book is open today to the Glory of God

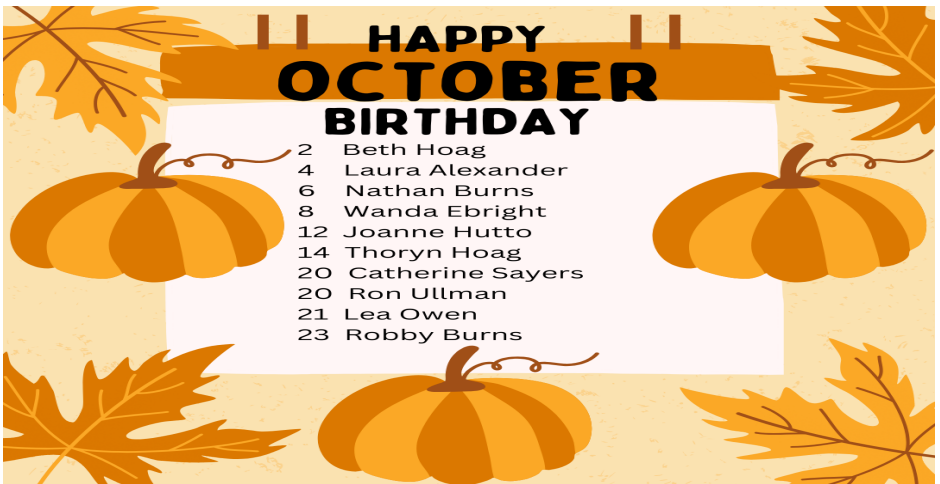
In Memory of:

Anneliese Knapp, 2000



You can use the QR code to the left to donate to the Lutheran Disaster Response for hurricane relief. Please consider donating as so many need our help to recover from these devastating hurricanes.

Lutheran Disaster Response



READINGS AND PSALM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

Jeremiah 31:7-9
 Psalm 126
 Hebrews 7:23-28
 Mark 10:46-52



“The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.” —Martin Luther

October 13, 2024
Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

ATTENDANCE — 57
 (IN-PERSON— 51, YOUTUBE - 6)

OFFERING

Benevolence	\$	3,255.00
Building	\$	100.00
Memorial	\$	250.00
Other	\$	350.00
Total	\$	3,955.00

Save the Date

- October 22 - 10:15 - Bible Study - Church House
- October 23 - 6:00 - More Than Just Stories Bible Study-Luther Hall
- October 25 - 10:00-12:00 - Craf-Tea - Luther Hall
- October 27 - Following church - Oktoberfest - Luther Hall
- November 2 - 9:00-12:00 - Garden and grounds cleanup
- November 3 - Following church - Memorial Committee Meeting - Narthex
- November 10 - 11:30 - Annual Congregational Meeting

Serving October 20, 2024

Opener/Closer	Allena Sperry
Worship Assistant	Rachel Zarnke
Communion Assistant	Lisa Pettit
Lector	Jaxson Gardner
Ushers	Jim Sperry Bill Wallace
Altar Guild	Allena Sperry Lisa Pettit
Live Streaming	Cecil McGouirk

Serving October 27, 2024

Opener/Closer	Katherine Kelly
Worship Assistant	Matt Bonaker
Communion Assistant	Shannon Gardner
Lector	Dave Bonaker
Ushers	Katherine Kelly Ron Ullman
Altar Guild	Catherine Sayers Debbie Ullman
Live Streaming	Matt Pettit/Jaxson Gardner

Pray Without Ceasing



“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

—1 Thessalonians

5:16-18

The Armed Forces,
their families,
and victims of war
Persecuted Christians
The ministries of
St. Matthew
Bishop Kevin
Strickland
Southeastern Synod
Staff
Pastor Taylor Burton
Edwards
Laura Alexander
Carol Bingemann
Dave Bonaker
Pat Bonaker
Rigney Cofield
Betty Davidson
Ken Hoag
Myrna Hoag
Bennie Jackson
Mairetha Jackson
Marga Miller
Traudel Mosely
Terri Niederhammer
Debby Owen
Dorothy Redden
Connie Sieg
Carla Stickle
Albert VanHousen II

Harold Vinson
Margarete Walsh
Monika Wright
George Capps
Jim Chappel
Jean Clemmons
Xavier Danguilan
Penny Davis & Family
Brandy Garnett
Moses Glidden
Becky Goldsmith
Estrella Gonzales
Doris Grier
Petra Henderson
Van Henshaw
Norma Kilby
Ken Korn
Emma Kump
Boyd Lester
Laura Lester
Valerie Karol Louder
Robert Lowe
Michelle Matthias
Sandra McPeters
Brady Meeks
Tim Moore
Michael Owen
Angela Paul
Vincent Pawlowski
Beth Price

Mark Purushotham
Tiffany Richardson
Dayna Ryan
Shirley Scott
Dou Shizhen
Ricky Skinner
Betty Townsend
Charlie VanHousen
Dawn VanHousen
Martha Zimmerman

Israel
Ukraine
Gaza
Lebanon
Florida
Winder, GA
Augusta, GA
Western North Carolina

Octapharma Plasma
Kamoree's Beauty Salon
Broken Tarot Tattoo &
Piercing
Master-Kleen
Title Max
JD Wings

Deadline for bulletins is **Tuesday 10:00 a.m.** prior to the Sunday.
Deadline for October newsletter is October 20.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to St. Matthew: Jesus Christ offers himself to all. May you be blessed as we celebrate God's love for us. All the baptized are invited to feast with us at the Lord's Table. The wearing of a mask is optional during worship and social distancing is recommended. The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated every Sunday.

We invite you to join our congregation if you have not yet found a church home. We are people of God that share a living, daring, confidence in God's grace. Liberated by our faith, we embrace you as a whole person, questions, complexities and all. Join us, as we do God's work in Christ's name for the life of the world.

Nursery: St. Matthew provides nursery service for children ages 6 and younger. All children are welcome to attend worship with their families. If a child needs a break during the service, they may sit with a parent/guardian in the Narthex.

Mission Outreach Opportunities:

Mission Focus:

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| | Operation Christmas Child |
| • Lion's Club: | Glasses, sunglasses and old cell phones |
| • Family House of West GA: | Pop tabs |
| • Flags to Retire: | Bring used American flags that you no longer want or need. |
| • St. Anne's: | Personal hygiene products (travel size), toilet paper, and non-perishable food items |
| • Safe House | Sealed plastic utensils (take-out meals) |
- Leave donations in the labeled containers in the Narthex between bathrooms.

Craf-Tea: This group will meet Fridays 10:00-12:00 PM in Luther Hall. If you enjoy crafts and tea, this group is for you! Please see Beth Hoag for more information.

Remembrance Gathering: Our last gathering for 2024 came together on October 8th. Thank you church family for your support, sharing your memories and engaging in our storytelling. We are seeing some community involvement and look forward to expanding our reach to include all conflicts and wars. See you as we resume our gatherings on January 14th, 2025. If you have any questions, please contact Zocia Barr.



Magnifying sheets are now available to use with our hymnal to help make the print larger. Please return to the basket in the Narthex after the service



October Mission Focus

PLEASE SEE THE LIST OF ITEMS NEEDED ON THE SHEET YOU CAN FIND IN THE NARTHEX.

Please place items in labeled basket in the Narthex. Donations can be made by writing a check to the church and putting in the memo line that it is for Operation Christmas Child.



Do you love Bible stories and enjoy sharing with others? The Children's Message committee needs you! We have an opening to share stories with our children once a month. If you are led to fulfill this need, please see Rose Johnson.

**St. Matthew Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Mission Statement**



Reach in to grow in Christ
Reach up to worship God
Reach out to welcome and witness

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Sonja Metcalf, Parish Administrator

Lisa Pettit, Sexton

Sandra Nearhoof, Minister of Music

Penny Davis, Nursery Director