

# St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church



Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 2024

*A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.*

## Holy Communion

Evangelical Lutheran Worship

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† *Congregation stands as able*

## GATHERING

Prelude

Sandra Nearhoof



P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen**

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen**

P: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of +Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen**

**Gathering Hymn**

*"In Christ called to baptize"*

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Kyrie

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Hymn of Praise

*"Glory to God in the Highest"*

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Prayer of the Day:

P: Let us pray,

Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen**

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Rose Johnson

**First Reading**

**Lamentations 3:22-33**

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; <sup>23</sup>they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. <sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him." <sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. <sup>26</sup>It is good that one should

wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. <sup>27</sup>It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, <sup>28</sup>to sit alone in silence when the LORD has imposed it, <sup>29</sup>to put one's mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), <sup>30</sup>to give one's cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults. <sup>31</sup>For the LORD will not reject forever. <sup>32</sup>Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; <sup>33</sup>for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 30

Tone 6

<sup>1</sup>I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift-<sup>1</sup>ed me up  
and have not let my enemies triumph<sup>1</sup> over me.  
<sup>2</sup>**O LORD my God, I cried<sup>1</sup> out to you,  
and you restored<sup>1</sup> me to health.**  
<sup>3</sup>You brought me up, O LORD,<sup>1</sup> from the dead;  
you restored my life as I was going down<sup>1</sup> to the grave.  
<sup>4</sup>**Sing praise to the LORD,<sup>1</sup> all you faithful;  
give thanks in ho-<sup>1</sup>ly remembrance.**  
<sup>5</sup>God's wrath is short; God's favor<sup>1</sup> lasts a lifetime.  
Weeping spends the night, but joy comes<sup>1</sup> in the morning.  
<sup>6</sup>**While I felt se-<sup>1</sup>cure, I said,  
"I shall never<sup>1</sup> be disturbed.**  
<sup>7</sup>You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong<sup>1</sup> as the mountains."  
Then you hid your face, and I was<sup>1</sup> filled with fear.  
<sup>8</sup>**I cried to<sup>1</sup> you, O LORD;  
I pleaded with<sup>1</sup> my Lord, saying,**  
<sup>9</sup>"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down<sup>1</sup> to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you or de-<sup>1</sup>clare your faithfulness?  
<sup>10</sup>**Hear, O LORD, and have mer-<sup>1</sup>cy upon me;  
O LORD,<sup>1</sup> be my helper."**  
<sup>11</sup>You have turned my wailing<sup>1</sup> into dancing;  
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed<sup>1</sup> me with joy.  
<sup>12</sup>**Therefore my heart sings to you<sup>1</sup> without ceasing;  
O LORD my God, I will give you<sup>1</sup> thanks forever.**

### Second Reading

Acts 11:19-30

<sup>19</sup>Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. <sup>20</sup>But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. <sup>21</sup>The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. <sup>22</sup>News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. <sup>23</sup>When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; <sup>24</sup>for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. <sup>25</sup>Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, <sup>26</sup>and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they met

with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called "Christians."

<sup>27</sup>At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. <sup>28</sup>One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. <sup>29</sup>The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; <sup>30</sup>this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

† Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia"

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**Gospel**

**Mark 5:21-43**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 5th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>21</sup>When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. <sup>22</sup>Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet <sup>23</sup>and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." <sup>24</sup>So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. <sup>25</sup>Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. <sup>26</sup>She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. <sup>27</sup>She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, <sup>28</sup>for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." <sup>29</sup>Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. <sup>30</sup>Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" <sup>31</sup>And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" <sup>32</sup>He looked all around to see who had done it. <sup>33</sup>But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. <sup>34</sup>He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease." <sup>35</sup>While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" <sup>36</sup>But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." <sup>37</sup>He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. <sup>38</sup>When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. <sup>39</sup>When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." <sup>40</sup>And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. <sup>41</sup>He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" <sup>42</sup>And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with

amazement. <sup>43</sup>He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon *Expanding Connections*

Reverend Taylor Burton Edwards

† Hymn of the Day *“The Son of God, our Christ“*

**ELW #584**

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: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

A: God of abundance, you fill your church with a multitude of gifts. Sustain those among us who feel they are not valued. Open our hearts to the wondrous breadth of all who call upon your name. In your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of creation, your goodness abounds. Multiply the fruits of the earth and rescue it from our wastefulness. In your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: God of justice, you reign in steadfast love. Bring peace between nations ravaged by war or strife and illumine paths of justice and freedom for those who lead them. In your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God of compassion, your touch brings healing and your word revives us for life. Hear our prayers for all who are in need, and for doctors, nurses, and health care workers who provide care. Turn wailing into dancing and weeping into joy. In your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God of community, you gather us at your table of plenty. Where there is hunger among us, open our hands. Where we are indifferent to the needs of others, open our hearts. In your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

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

C: **hear our prayer.**

A: God of the ages, great is your faithfulness. We remember in thanksgiving our beloved dead especially Keandra Bashful, WJ Barrs, Eva Brown, Bishop Davis, Joan Smith, and Tom Pettit, who with all the saints sing without ceasing in your realm of glory. In your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

## MEAL

Anthem                      This is My Father's World                      Choir

*The gifts may be brought forward.*

Offering Prayer

A: 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  
Holy, Holy, Holy

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Lord's Prayer              "Our Father, who..."

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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*

Table Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you  
in his grace.  
C: Amen

**†** Prayer after Communion

A: 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**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

**Sending Hymn**                      *“O beautiful for spacious skies ”*                      **ELW #888**

**Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.  
C: Thanks be to God.

**The Memorial Book Is Open Today to the Glory of God**

**In Memory of:**

*Jean Wing, 2014*

**READINGS AND PSALM  
SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2024**

Ezekiel 2:1-5  
Psalm 123  
Acts 16:6-15  
Mark 6:1-13



*“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*

**June 23 2024**

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

ATTENDANCE — 56

(IN-PERSON— 50 , YOUTUBE - 6)

*Thankfully offered*

**OFFERING**

Benevolence	\$ 1,627.00
Building	\$ 200.00
Memorial	\$ 125.00
Other	\$ 120.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,072.00</b>

**Serving June 30, 2024**

Opener/Closer	Zocia Barr
Worship Assistant	Donna Doughty
Communion Assistant	Shannon Gardner
Lector	Joyce Moore
Ushers	Jim Sperry
	Katherine Kelly
Altar Guild	Zach F., Rose Johnson
	Catherine Sayers
Live Streaming	Cecil McGouirk

**Serving July 7, 2024**

Opener/Closer	Rose Johnson
Worship Assistant	Rose Johnson
Communion Assistant	Shannon Gardner
Lector	Dave Bonaker
Ushers	Amanda Jeffery
	Sean Jeffery
Altar Guild	Catherine Sayers
	Zach F, Rose Johnson
Live Streaming	Cecil McGouirk



# *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  
Acting Bishop  
Jill Henning  
Southeastern Synod  
Staff  
Pastor Taylor Burton  
Edwards  
Laura Alexander  
Carol Bingemann  
Dave Bonaker  
Pat Bonaker  
Betty Davidson  
Ken Hoag  
Myrna Hoag  
Bennie Jackson  
Mairetha Jackson  
Marga Miller  
Traudel Mosely  
Debby Owen  
Dorothy Redden  
Connie Sieg  
Carla Stickles  
Albert VanHousen II

Margarete Walsh  
Monika Wright  
Gary Anderson  
Judy Bultman  
George Capps  
Kyle Carter  
Jim Chappel  
Jean Clemmons  
Rich Curtis  
Xavier Danguilan  
Penny Davis & Family  
Brandy Garnett  
Becky Goldsmith  
Estrella Gonzales  
Doris Grier  
Petra Henderson  
Beverly Huckaby  
Norma Kilby  
Ken Korn  
Emma Kump  
Boyd Lester  
Laura Lester  
Valerie Karol Louder  
Robert Lowe  
Michelle Matthias  
Brady Meeks  
Tim Moore  
Gary Nearhoof  
Louie Niederhammer  
Kimberly O'Malley

Michael Owen  
Angela Paul  
Vincent Pawlowski  
Beth Price  
Mark Purushotham  
Dwight Redmond  
Tiffany Richardson  
Dayna Ryan  
Yuliia Savitska  
Shirley Scott  
Ricky Skinner  
Betty Townsend  
Charlie VanHousen  
Dawn VanHousen  
Martha Zimmerman

Maui  
Morocco  
Israel  
Ukraine  
Gaza

#1 Nails  
McKibben Insurance  
Valley Rescue Donation  
Center  
Rooster's Beer & Wine  
Mario's Tire  
Woodville Apartments  
Mariner Finance

Deadline for bulletins is **Tuesday 10:00 a.m.** prior to the Sunday.  
Deadline for August newsletter is July 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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|                            | Wynnton Neighborhood Network   |
| • 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.

**Growing in Grace:** This group is taking a break during the summer. We will let you know when it will resume.

**Remembrance Gathering:** This group is taking a break during the summer. The group will resume meeting September 10, 2024 at 3:00 in the Church House.



Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2024 yard sale an amazing success! \$2,000 was raised to support projects which will show God's love in our community and the world!

## ***Save the Date***

- **June 30th** - 11:30 AM - Summer Potluck - 11:30 AM
- **July 2nd** - 2:00 PM - VBS Planning Meeting - Church House
- **July 2nd** - 6:00 PM - Mr. Pizza Bible Study
- **July 9th** - 6:00 PM - Mr. Pizza Bible Study
- **July 24-26th** - 5:45-7:30 PM - VBS - Baptismal Tai-Chi

## **Wynnton Neighborhood Network June/July Mission Focus**

We are collecting for WNN the following items:

- Canned Veggies: Sweet peas, corn, carrots, green beans, black beans
- Canned Meat: Chicken, ham, tuna
- Canned Fruit
- Spaghetti sauce and noodles
- Macaroni and cheese
- Canned tomato products
- Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Soup
- Rice
- Cereals
- Monetary donations

Please place items in labeled basket in the Narthex.



**JOIN  
US  
TODAY!!**

# **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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