

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church



Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
October 13, 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

“O Word of God incarnate”

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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,

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

PROCLAMATION OF GOD’S WORD

Children’s Message

Rachel Zarnke

First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

⁶Seek the LORD and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

⁷Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,

and bring righteousness to the ground!

¹⁰They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. ¹¹Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

¹²For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. ¹³Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. ¹⁵Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 90:12-17**Tone 4**

- ¹²So teach us to num-ber our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
- ¹³**Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
Be gracious to your servants.**
- ¹⁴Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.
- ¹⁵**Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us
and as many years as we suffered adversity.**
- ¹⁶Show your servants your works,
and your splendor to their children.
- ¹⁷**May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.**

Second Reading**Hebrews 4:12-16**

¹²Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. ¹⁴Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

L: The word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

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Gospel**Mark 10:17-31**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. ²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of

a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."
²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you."
²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

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

Sermon *Facing into...Hardship* Reverend Taylor Burton Edwards

+ Hymn of the Day *"Precious Lord, take my hand"* **ELW #773**

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: Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

A: Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

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

C: hear our prayer.

A: Ever-living God, we rejoice to be heirs of the eternal life made real in Jesus' death and resurrection. We give thanks for saints of all times and places, first and last, especially Keandra Bashful, WJ Barrs, Eva Brown, Bishop Davis, Joan Smith, Tom Pettit, Nelda Woods, Patti Vinson, Louie Niederhammer, and Gary Nearhoof, who still inspire us to faithful living. 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 lift my soul"

Choir

The gifts may be brought forward.

Now the Feast

"As the grains of wheat"

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Great Thanksgiving - Now the Feast

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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 *“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”* **ELW #858**

Dismissal

A: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

The Memorial Book is open today to the Glory of God

In Memory of:

Richard Hansen, 2000

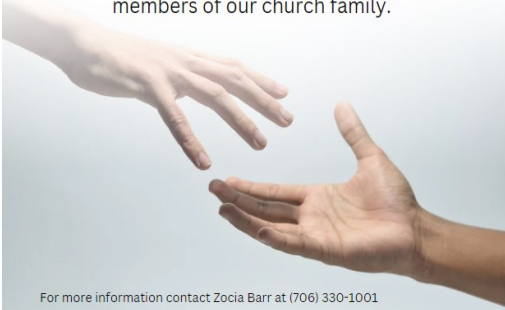
Garden and grounds cleanup Saturday, November 2nd 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM



Please bring your own tools, including weed eaters, blowers and tools to trim shrubs.

Within Reach

A ministry of our church focused solely on members of our church family.



For more information contact Zocia Barr at (706) 330-1001

Within Reach providing meal preparation to the Gates family has been so generous only leaving today, October 13th left to provide a meal and visit. If you have availability today or you have any questions, please contact Zocia Barr at (706) 330-1001 or Rose Johnson at rose_m_johnson@bellsouth.net

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

- 2 Beth Hoag
- 4 Laura Alexander
- 6 Nathan Burns
- 8 Wanda Ebright
- 12 Joanne Hutto
- 14 Thoryn Hoag
- 20 Catherine Sayers
- 20 Ron Ullman
- 21 Lea Owen
- 23 Robby Burns

READINGS AND PSALM
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2024

Isaiah 53:4-12
 Psalm 91:9-16
 Hebrews 5:1-10
 Mark 10:35-45



“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 6, 2024
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

ATTENDANCE — 59
 (IN-PERSON — 46, YOUTUBE - 13)

OFFERING

Benevolence	\$	2,405.00
Building	\$	100.00
Memorial	\$	340.00
Other	\$	20.00
Total	\$	2,865.00

Save the Date

- October 15 - 10:15 - Bible Study - Church House
- October 18 - 10:00-12:00 - Craf-Tea - Luther Hall
- October 16 - 6:00 - More Than Just Stories Bible Study-Luther Hall
- October 17 - 5:00 - Church Council Meeting - Church House
- 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 13, 2024

Opener/Closer	Rose Johnson
Worship Assistant	Lisa Pettit
Communion Assistant	Katherine Kelly
Lector	Randy Craven
Ushers	Jim Sperry Bill Wallace
Altar Guild	Terri Niederhammer Catherine Sayers
Live Streaming	Jaxson Gardner/Paul Hicks

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

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
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

Days Inn
Enterprise
The Cell Plug
Guthrie's

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:

- Lion's Club: Operation Christmas Child
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.



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

thank
you

FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

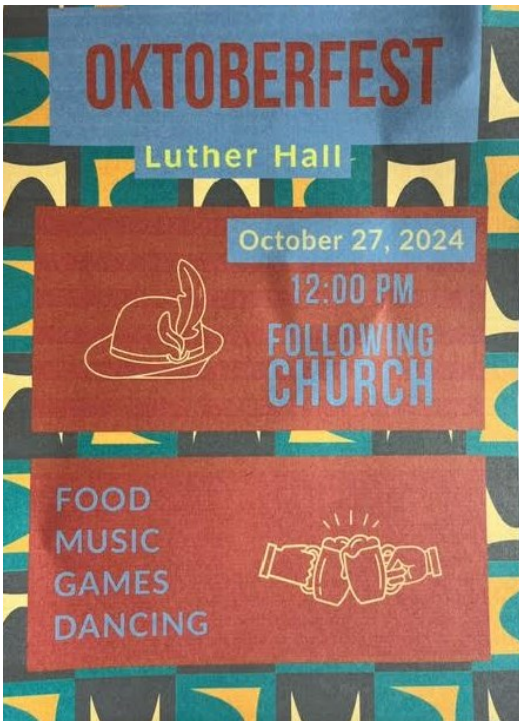
Thanks for your great response to Damascus Way by overflowing the collection baskets.
In addition \$450.00 was donated.



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.



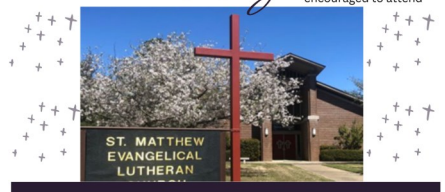
Remembrance Gathering: Our last gathering for 2024 came together on October 8th. Thank you church family for your support, sharing your memories and engaging in our storytelling. We are seeing some community involvement and look forward to expanding our reach to include all conflicts and wars. See you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



Celebrate 2024 and plan for 2025

Meeting

All voting members of the church (adult contributing members and confirmed youth) are encouraged to attend



**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