

# St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 21, 2024

*Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.*

## 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

*"The church's one foundation"*

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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,

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen**

## PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Children's Message

Rose Johnson

First Reading

**Jeremiah 23:1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to

you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 23

Tone 3

<sup>1</sup>The LORD <sup>1</sup> is my shepherd; I shall not <sup>1</sup> be in want.

<sup>2</sup>**The LORD makes me lie down <sup>1</sup> in green pastures  
and leads me be- <sup>1</sup> side still waters.**

<sup>3</sup>You restore my <sup>1</sup> soul, O LORD,  
and guide me along right pathways <sup>1</sup> for your name's sake.

<sup>4</sup>**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall <sup>1</sup> fear no evil; for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they <sup>1</sup> comfort me.**

<sup>5</sup>You prepare a table before me in the presence <sup>1</sup> of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is <sup>1</sup> running over.

<sup>6</sup>**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days <sup>1</sup> of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the <sup>1</sup> LORD forever.**

### Second Reading

Ephesians 2:11-22

<sup>11</sup>Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—<sup>12</sup>remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. <sup>13</sup>But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

<sup>14</sup>For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. <sup>15</sup>He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup>and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. <sup>17</sup>So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; <sup>18</sup>for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup>So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. <sup>21</sup>In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

L: The word of the Lord

C: **Thanks be to God.**

† Gospel Acclamation

“Alleluia”

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**Gospel**

**Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter.

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

<sup>30</sup>The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. <sup>32</sup>And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. <sup>33</sup>Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

<sup>53</sup>When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. <sup>54</sup>When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, <sup>55</sup>and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. <sup>56</sup>And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

Reverend Rachel Zarnke

† Hymn of the Day *“Christ is made the sure foundation”*

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

*A brief silence.*

A: For the church of Jesus Christ in this and every land: Through the One who is the cornerstone of a firm foundation, join us together and build us up as a temple of mercy and peace. In your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the creation: Cause new trees to be planted. Restrain the melting of polar ice caps. Save land from destruction. Like a shepherd tends her sheep, raise up from among us caretakers of all you have made. In your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the leaders of nations and heads of tribes: Where peace seems far off, bring it near. Where justice seems fleeting, bring it to light. Where discord seems relentless, bring harmony. In your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For the health and well-being of family, friends, and neighbors: Heal those who are sick. Give courage to all who struggle with addiction. Touch with your tender care all who reach out to you in pain. In your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: For this assembly and for the faith communities represented this week at the ELCA Youth Gathering: Nurture the faith of young people as they encounter new experiences and people. Break down dividing walls and inspire collaboration among people of every age. In your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

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

**C: hear our prayer.**

A: In thanksgiving for those who have died especially Keandra Bashful, WJ Barrs, Eva Brown, Bishop Davis, Joan Smith, Tom Pettit, Nelda Woods, and Patti Vinson. Make us certain that in Christ we are no longer strangers and aliens but citizens with the saints in the household of God. 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

*“Bind us together”*

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 Page 152

Holy, Holy, Holy Page 153

Lord's Prayer “Our Father, who...” Page 154

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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      *"In Christ there is no east or west"*

ELW #650

## 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:

*Elfie Salheiser, 2016*



## ***Save the Date***

- **July 22nd** - 12:00 PM - Wynnton Neighborhood Network Board Meeting
- **July 23rd** - 6:00 PM - Mr. Pizza Nicene Creed Study
- **July 24-26th** - 5:45-7:30 PM - VBS - Baptismal Tai-Chi
- **July 30th** - 6:00 PM - Mr. Pizza Nicene Creed Study

**READINGS AND PSALM  
SUNDAY, JULY 28, 2024**

2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm 145:10-18  
Ephesians 3:14-21  
John 6:1-21



*“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*

**July 14 2024**

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**

ATTENDANCE — 63

(IN-PERSON— 55 , YOUTUBE - 8)

*Thankfully offered*

**OFFERING**

Benevolence	\$ 2,005.00
Building	\$ 220.00
Memorial	\$ 100.00
Other	\$ 60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,385.00</b>

During the summer, if the temperature on Sunday is above 95 degrees, Pastor Taylor, Worship Assistants, Sandra Nearhoof and choir members will not wear their robes. When the temperature cools back down, robes will be worn. Thank you for your understanding!



**Serving July 21, 2024**

Opener/Closer	Nancy Gates
Worship Assistant	Lisa Pettit
Communion Assistant	Rachel Zarnke
Lector	Jaxson Gardner
Ushers	Sandy Craven
	Randy Craven
Altar Guild	Lisa Pettit
	Allena Sperry
Live Streaming	Paul Hicks/Cecil McGouirk

**Serving July 28, 2024**

Opener/Closer	Lisa Pettit
Worship Assistant	Rachel Zarnke
Communion Assistant	Rose Johnson
Lector	Katherine Kelly
Ushers	Katherine Kelly
	Jim Sperry
Altar Guild	Debby Ullman
	Catherine Sayers
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  
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

Harold & Patti Vinson  
Margarete Walsh  
Monika Wright  
Judy Bultman  
George Capps  
Jim Chappel  
Jean Clemmons  
Xavier Danguilan  
Penny Davis & Family  
Brandy Garnett  
Moses Glidden  
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  
Shirley Scott  
Ricky Skinner  
Betty Townsend  
Charlie VanHousen  
Dawn VanHousen  
Martha Zimmerman

Maui  
Morocco  
Israel  
Ukraine  
Gaza

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

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



Use the QR code to the left to register your child for Baptismal	Use the QR code to the right to register as an attending parent or volunteer for
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# 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.



**VACATION**  
**BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**Baptismal Tai-Chi**  
**JULY**  
**24-26**  
**5:45-7:30 PM**

**VBS SERVICE PROJECT**  
PROVIDING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEMS FOR  
WYNNTON NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK TO HELP  
OUR NEIGHBORS IN OUR COMMUNITY.  
BRING AN ITEM EACH NIGHT TO FILL OUR WAGON.

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The poster features a light blue background with colorful streamers at the top. It includes illustrations of children: a boy in a blue martial arts uniform, a girl in a pink top meditating, a boy in a red shirt, a girl in a yellow shirt, and a boy in a green shirt. The text is in various colors and sizes, with the main title in large, bold letters.

# **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

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Sandra Nearhoof, Minister of Music

Penny Davis, Nursery Director