

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 1, 2023

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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*ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

ELW # 807



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735–1790, alt.

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

***KYRIE**

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***HYMN OF PRAISE**

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***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray ... God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:1-7

¹From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" ³But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 78 1-4, 12-16 (read responsively)

¹Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times—

³that which we have heard and known, and what our forebears have told us, we will not hide from their children.

⁴We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, and the wonderful works God has done.

- ¹²God worked marvels in the sight of their ancestors, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan,
¹³**splitting open the sea and letting them pass through; making the waters stand up like walls;**
¹⁴leading them with a cloud by day, and all the night with a glow of fire;
¹⁵**splitting the rocks in the wilderness and giving them drink as from the deep;**
¹⁶bringing streams out of a rock, making them flow down like a river.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2:1-13

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

L: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

***GRADUAL HYMN**

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***Gospel: Matthew 21:23-32**

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” ²⁴Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ²⁶But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” ²⁷So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ ²⁹He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

HOMILY

Pastor Traci



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry cry for bread;
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
still the cap-tives long for free-dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
As you, Lord, in deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
by your Spir-it send your pow-er to our world to make it whole.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984

Music: BEACH SPRING, *The Sacred Harp*, Philadelphia, 1844

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***APOSTLES' CREED**

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***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Remembering the caring and generous works of God, we pray for the church, creation, and the needs of our neighbors.

A: We put our trust in you as we pray for the church. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and teachers the gifts of wisdom and discernment. Be with them in bold truth and faithful witness. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Lead us in your truth as we pray for creation. Empower us to look to the interests of others as we make choices that impact the environment. Summon us to be advocates for healthy waterways, habitats, and air. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Lead us in justice as we pray for those in government, the military, and other positions of authority. Give them humble and willing hearts, looking to the needs of others. We pray also for our enemies. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Trusting your goodness, we pray for all caregivers and people who are sick or suffering in any way. Give them encouragement and consolation in your presence. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: Teach us your paths as we pray for this congregation. Be at work in us and unite us in your love as we labor together for the sake of the gospel. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer.**

A: We give thanks for all the saints who died secure in the knowledge of salvation. Keep us fearless in our faith and certain of your resurrection. Merciful God, **C: receive our prayer**

P: Remember us according to your steadfast love as we offer these and the prayers of our heart, trusting in your compassion made known through Jesus Christ.
C: Amen.

***THE PEACE**

P: The peace of the LORD be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Please share the peace with those around you using a greeting that is comfortable for both you and them.

***OFFERTORY HYMN**

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***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

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*An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave;
we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:*

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

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***SANCTUS**

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***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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***LORD'S PRAYER**

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***THE AGNUS DEI**

Lamb of God

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POST COMMUNION HYMN

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***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION, BENEDICTION, & DISMISSAL**

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Also, please be advised that our parking lot has surveillance cameras and
that our worship service is video recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in memory of loved ones
and in honor of my friends and family at St. Matthew by Lori Tremmel.

Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew
Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott
Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith
Our Organist – Mary Nelson
Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings
Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka
Our Financial Bookkeeper – Laura Orczeck
Our Sexton – Phil Claar
Our Assisting Minister – Tina Harclerode
Our Lector – Andrea Paul
Our Acolyte – Gavin Kuster
Our Usher – Paul Decker
Our Altar Guild – Elaine Buchart, Janet Stewart
Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster
Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to “United Lutheran Seminaries”

Church Messenger

The October 2023 *Messenger* is now available at the St. Matthew **Website** (stmatthewlc.com), and on your recent **Email** message from St. Matthew by using the link listed in the body of the message. A paper copy of the *Messenger* is available in the news rack in the church Narthex. By calling the church office at (814-793-2413), you can request a paper copy to be sent by mail to your home. Do not hesitate to call the church office if you need help in securing a copy of the *Messenger*. Your readership and articles are always appreciated.

Help Wanted: Pianist/Organist

St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Martinsburg is seeking an accomplished pianist or organist to accompany liturgical worship services 2 to 3 Sundays per month. If interested, contact Rev. Traci Marriott at 814 935-9267 or revtracimarriott@gmail.com for more information and application.



2022 Audit

The full church audit of 2022 is available in the church office.

Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, October 5th and October 19th from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. Curryville Church of the Brethren will provide 3 or 4 people to help distribute food, in addition to regular helpers. If anyone harvests more vegetables or fruits than can be used, we will welcome it on the dates it is open!

Items most needed for October: Beverages, Vegetable Soup, Fruit, Pasta Sides and Paper Towels. We appreciate your prayers and support! Thank You! *Linda Smith*

This Week at St. Matthew:

814-793-2413: Office Hours

Pastor Traci – Wed. 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Jen – Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

This Week Events

- Today – Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
World Communion Sunday
- Monday – Flag Retirement Ceremony, Dairy Barns MCMP 5:45 pm
Nominating Committee, Window Room 6:00 pm
Cub/Boy Scouts, Scout Rooms 6:00 pm
- Tuesday – Bible Study Window Room/Zoom 6:30 pm
- Wednesday – Yoga, Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Staff Support Meeting Window Room/Zoom 6:30 pm
- Thursday – Food Pantry, Allegheny St. 9-11 am
- Sunday – Sunday School 9:30 am
Worship Service in the Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Christ Claysburg's 175th Anniversary Service 3:00 pm

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Carl Alexy, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenburg, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Doris Hershberger, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Randy Barrett, Caleb, Diane Cappel, Ted Chipperfield, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Greg Dick, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Marilyn Horton, Baby James, Darren Kreutzer, Carrie Lively, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Kay McGraw, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Nathan, Deb Peters, Bob & Annette Ritchey, Paul Ruth, Cindy Thomas, Tiffany Townsend, Drew Wenzel, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Tim Wilson, Pat Winston, Tom Woodrow, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.**

Away at School: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Camryn Gates, Jeff Hoenstine.

Those Serving in our Armed Forces: Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).

Flag Retirement Ceremony



Our Boy Scout Troop 358 is assisting the D. Merl Tipton VFW Auxiliary with a Flag Retirement Ceremony, on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 5:45 pm at the Morrison's Cove Memorial Park just behind the dairy barns. If you have an unusable flag, bring it with you to the ceremony. The ceremony will be about 45 minutes. You may want to bring a chair if you are unable to stand for any period of time.

Come and support our Boy Scout Troop!

**Sequanota
Adult Day Workshop**

**Faith & Robert Frost:
Spiritual Insights from
Mother Nature's Poet Laureate**

**October 12th, 9AM-2:30PM
Bowersox Center
with Pastor Traci Marriott**



2024 ELCA Youth Gathering

Please speak with Pastor Traci if you have any interest in attending the 2024 ELCA Youth Gathering July 16-20, 2024 in New Orleans.

The Weekend

Allegheny Synod Youth Event

Grades 6-12

December 8-10, 2023

Huntingdon, PA

Registration is Now Open

\$10 deposit/ for Families & Friends -

St. Matthew covers the remainder

See Pastor Traci for forms & details

**FORMS ARE ALSO LOCATED
AT THE
USHER STATION**