

The Nineteenth Sunday of Pentecost
Blanket & World Wide Communion
Sunday

October 3, 2021

8:30 a.m. Worship in Yard (FH)

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



In response to rising case numbers and in an effort to continue being able to worship in person, we strongly request that everyone mask when inside the building regardless of vaccination status.

Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

☞ Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless. ☛ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

☞ God our comforter:

☛ **Like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.**

☞ All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. ☛ **Amen.**

*KYRIE

Refrain



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



u - ni - ty of all; for
hun - gry and the poor; that
friends and fam - i - ly; for
wa - ter and the word; that you



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,



Refrain
let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

- 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.**
- P** *Let us pray ...* Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** **Amen**

First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24

¹⁸The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.” ¹⁹So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”

²⁴Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 8 (*To be read responsively.*)

¹O LORD our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!—

²**you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children; you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.**

³When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

⁴**what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?**

⁵Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

⁶**You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:**

⁷all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

⁸**the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.**

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Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

¹Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, ²but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. ³He is the reflection of God’s glory and the exact imprint of God’s very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word.

When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, ⁴having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

^{2:5}Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. ⁶But someone has testified somewhere, “What are human beings that you are mindful of them, or mortals, that you care for them?”

⁷You have made them for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned them with glory and honor, ⁸subjecting all things under their feet.”

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them,⁹but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

¹⁰It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, ¹²saying,

“I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.”

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***Gospel:** Mark 10:2-16

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²Some Pharisees came, and to test [Jesus] they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” ⁵But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’”

⁷“For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.”

¹⁰Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

¹³People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☑ Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Traci

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

ELW # 631



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

*CREED

P Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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

*PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P Holy One, you have raised up faithful leaders throughout history. Empower those discerning a call to ministry and all seminarians, that they continue to be formed for the sake of the gospel. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P You have established a diverse and beautiful creation. Revive declining species and preserve endangered lands. Cultivate in us a sense of wonder for the world you created. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P You desire for us not to be alone and to live in community with one another. Strengthen relationships between nations and peoples, that we celebrate and support one human family. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P You share in our experiences and struggles. Bless all who live with any mental or physical disability. Inspire creative communities, spaces, and environments that are accessible and hospitable. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P You have established and nurtured relationships that extend beyond those gathered here today. Bless members who can no longer travel to worship with us and remind us of their continued role in this community of faith. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P You promise eternal life to all your children. Thank you for the people of faith who have gone before us. Strengthen our trust we have in you. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

P Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts. **C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

P Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

P All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Communion Hymn

What Feast of Love

ELW # 487



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban - quet come from heav - en?
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim - son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last - ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?
What hope of ev - er - last - ing life, what won - drous word is giv - en?
What stream of ev - er - last - ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: GREENSLEEVES, English ballad, 16th cent.

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Post Communion Prayer

P Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

*SENDING SONG

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

ELW # 836

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - jice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Blessing

☞ People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, †one God, bless you now and forever. ☩ Amen.

Postlude

Dismissal

☞ Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. ☩ Thanks be to God.

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**Please be advised that worship services are recorded and/or
live-streamed on social media.**

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in memory of our Grandson, Ryan Smith from Dennis and Margie Smith

Serving God and Us

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist/Organist – Dr. Adam Smith/Mary Nelson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck

Our Sexton – **Open position**

Our Lector (10:30 a.m.) – Mike Lamborn

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to “On Eagles Wings and Missionaries”

MESSENGERS: There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board if you would like a PAPER Messenger each month.

**Attention
Please!**



To all committee chairpersons and all those who provide information for the budget of our church: It is time to begin preparation for the 2022 budget. **Please have all of your respective budgets to me before our October council meeting on October 12, 2021.** Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you. Jim Barley, Finance committee.

Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, October 7 and 21 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Curryville Church of the Brethren will supply 3 or 4 to help in addition to the regular helpers.

Items most needed for October: Fruit. Ravioli, Pasta Sides, Peas & Personal Supplies.

Many Thanks for all the school supplies given! *Linda K. Smith*

Office Hours This Week:

Pastor Traci – Wednesday 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Office Hours – Mon., Wed., - Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Lori)

Office Hours – Tue. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Laura)

This Week Events

- Today – Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
- Tuesday – Staff Support. Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday – Yoga 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday – Pastor on vacation till 10/11/21
- Sunday – Worship Outside 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

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Sexton Needed

Sexton employment opportunity is available at St. Matthew for cleaning of the church and maintenance of the grounds for approximately 15 to 20 hours weekly. If interested please contact the church office at 814-793-2413 for more information.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Cindy Barnes, Randy Barrett, Diane Cappel, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Wyatt Gerrity, George Gilbert Sr., Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Darren Kreutzer, Karrie McCall & Family, Chuck McGeary, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Joan Partner, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Bill Stahl, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Norm Tremmel, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

Those Serving in the Army Overseas: Nathan Smith (Germany)

Prayer Vigil

Saturday, October 2nd, from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church will hold our annual World Wide Prayer Vigil in observance of World Wide Communion Sunday, October 3rd. Members are asked to commit one half hour to pray for any concerns of a personal, church, or worldwide nature. We hope to have enough participation to fill a twelve-hour time period with continuous prayer. **The sign-up sheet is located on the Narthex Bulletin Board.** Deadline is TODAY, September 26, 2021.



All Saints Sunday, November 7, 2021

Please submit any names you would like recognized on All Saints Sunday to the church office by completing the form below. **November 1, 2021** is the deadline. You can also submit names using our Email address:

stmatthewluth@aol.com or use the website: stmatthewLC.com

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Person submitting: _____



Bible Study
October Zoom Bible Study

Tuesdays at 4PM, we'll meet on Zoom for Bible Study using the Semi-continuous Old Testament readings from Job:

October 5: Job 1:1-1; 2:1-10

October 12: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

October 19: Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

October 26: Job 42:1-6, 10-17

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5966211441?pwd=VIE2MVdMT3drdkIxTFhLK2RLNkRUQT09>

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Passcode: 8675309

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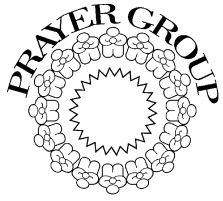
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Pastor on Vacation

Pastor Traci will be on vacation from Thursday, October 7 through Sunday, October 10. In case of a pastoral emergency, you may contact Pastor Amanda McCaffery at 814-327-9471.



Phone Prayer Chain Needs Volunteers

Due to sickness, aging and death the Phone Prayer Chain needs of volunteers. The phone prayer chain helps those who do not have internet to pray for those that are in need of prayer. If you would like to volunteer on the Phone Prayer Chain call the office at 814-793-2413.

To start a prayer on the Phone Prayer chain:

- Make sure you have the person or families permission.
- Call Ruth Marshall at 793-3107 and share the prayer request with her. She will then share the prayer request with the next person on the prayer chain and with the church office.

Directions for Prayer Chain Members. . .

In a **clockwise manner**, please call the next person on the Prayer Chain. If he/she is unable to be contacted, you should continue in a clockwise direction, until a member of the Prayer Chain, is contacted.

Those members of the chain not contacted at this time, should be informed of the prayer request by the contact person.

If You have internet you can e-mail your prayer request to

stmatthewluth@aol.com



Book Study: Searching for Sunday

Our next book study will be “Search for Sunday” by Rachel Held Evans. We will meet by Zoom at 4PM and 7PM on Thursday, October 21 (Sections 1-3) and Thursday, October 28 (Sections 4-7). Please join us for whichever time is most convenient for you. The Zoom link will be sent through the church email the week of the 21st; please contact Pastor Traci directly if you are having difficulties with Zoom.

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 112; Deuteronomy 22:13-30; 1 Corinthians. **Tuesday** Deuteronomy 24:1-5; 1 Corinthians 7:10-16. **Wednesday** Jeremiah 3:6-14; Matthew 5:27-36. **Thursday** Psalm 90:12-17; Deuteronomy 5:1-21; Hebrews 3:7-19. **Friday** Deuteronomy 5:22-33; Hebrews 4:1-11. **Saturday** Amos 3:13—4:5; Matthew 15:1-9. **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost** Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16.



Blanket Sunday

TODAY, October 3, 2021

Blanket Sunday is a ministry that is traditionally held on the first Sunday of October.

Persons in every congregation of the Allegheny Synod are invited to give a special offering for the purchase of blankets for Lutheran World Relief. You will find this special offering envelope in your offering booklets. If you have an offering number instead of an offering booklet, please write your **“offering number or name”** and **“blankets”** on a **pew envelope or on a plain white envelope**. Your contribution of \$5.00 buys a sturdy blanket which provides shelter, warmth, and security to someone in the world facing disaster.

Blanket Sunday is the largest single donation of blankets that takes place throughout the year.

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Sunday School is every Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Catechism Hay Ride—Saturday, October 16 at 4PM

For the whole families of our catechism students, our next cooperative event with St. James and St. Luke will be a special catechism hay ride at the Orczeck's farm on Saturday, October 16 at 4PM. Dinner will be provided.