

The Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

October 10, 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.**

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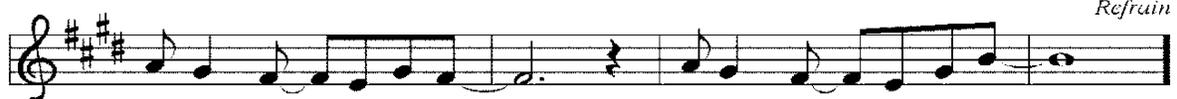
- 1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
- 2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the
- 3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . . for
- 4 For your Spir - it to guide; that you cen - ter our lives in the



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,



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* ... 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**

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.

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

PSALM 90:12-17 (*To be read responsively.*)

¹²So teach us to number 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.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

The holy gospel according to Mark.

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.”

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

SERMON

The Rev. Ralph Hamer

*HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life That I May Be

ELW # 685



1 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine;
 it shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is thine own;
 it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 at thy feet its treasure store;
 take myself, and I will be
 ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: PATMOS, William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

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*CREED

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

☑ 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** Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Empowering God, you offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten. Open the hearts of local, national, and world leaders to show such compassion and love for their neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have no place to live. Sustain ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Eternal God, we thank you for the lives of those who have died. Make us confident in your promise of salvation and support us in our own journey of faith. 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.

☩ Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

☩ 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. ☩ Amen.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

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

☩ 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

The Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
 mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
 world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

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

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

ELW # 471

1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees;
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees.

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
 sun, O Lord, have mer-cy on me.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: BREAK BREAD TOGETHER, African American spiritual

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

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

ELW # 803



1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ, my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down. Did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748

Music: HAMBURG, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

Blessing

P 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. **C** Amen.

Postlude

Dismissal

P Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **C** Thanks be to God.

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Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in memory of my parents from Jim Barley.

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.) – Martie Gilbert

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.



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*

Welcome this morning our guest preacher Rev. Ralph Hamer III. Pastor Ralph provides oversight and coordination of pastoral care at ALSM. He also works to build and enhance relationships with our partner congregations. He currently serves as a casual chaplain for UPMC Altoona, and as a supply pastor in Lutheran and Episcopal congregations.

Office Hours This Week:

Pastor Traci – Wednesday 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Office Hours – Tues., Fri., - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Lori)
Office Hours – Mon., 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Lori)
Office Hours – Wed., Thurs. - 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Laura)

This Week Events

Today – Worship Outside 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday – Zoom Bible Study 4:00p.m.
Council Mtg. via zoom, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday – Yoga 5:00 p.m.
Saturday Catechism Hayride, Orczeck Farm 4:00 p.m.
Sunday – Worship Outside 8:30 a.m.
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Hayride at Orczeck Farm 4:30pm

Worship Schedule for October

In October, we will offer two Sunday services each week

8:30 AM Oct. 10,17,24,31; Worship Outside—Full Sung Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

In case of rain, the service will move to the Fellowship Hall and will be a spoken liturgy.

10:30AM Oct. 10,17,24,31; Worship in the Sanctuary—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.



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: _____

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, Pastor Carl Alexy, 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 McGear, 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)

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.



***Everyone is invited on
Sunday, October 17, 2021***

Everyone is invited on Sunday, October 17th to Shawn and Laura Orczeck's Farm for a hayride.

There will be a bonfire for roasting hot dogs and marshmallows after the hayride. Come at **4:30 p.m. and join in the fun!**

Directions to Orczeck's Farm: South on Rt. 36 past the intersection of Cross Cove Lane, make a left turn at the first Peartree Lane sign, continue straight until the bottom of the hill and then turn right. The hay wagon will leave promptly at 5:00 p.m. so be sure to be there! Come, young and old, join us for fun and fellowship!

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.



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 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>

Meeting ID: 596 621 1441

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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:

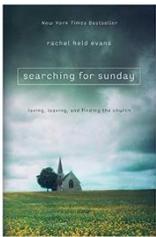
- Make sure you have the person or families permission.
- Call Ruth Marshall at 793-3107 and share the prayer request with her. She will then share the prayer request with the next person on the prayer chain and with the church office.

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 26; Obadiah 1-9; Revelation 7:9-17. **Tuesday** Psalm 26; Obadiah 10-16; Revelation 8:1-5. **Wednesday** Psalm 26; Obadiah 17-21; Luke 16:19-31. **Thursday** Psalm 91:9-16; Genesis 14:17-24; Romans 15:7-13. **Friday** Psalm 91-9-16; Isaiah 47:1-9. **Saturday** Psalm 91:9-16; Isaiah 47:10-15; Luke 22:24-30. **Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16; Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 10:35-45.