Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 2022

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Masks are optional but available in the narthex for anyone who feels more comfortable taking that precaution for themselves or on behalf of others.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who is eager to forgive and who loves us beyond our days.

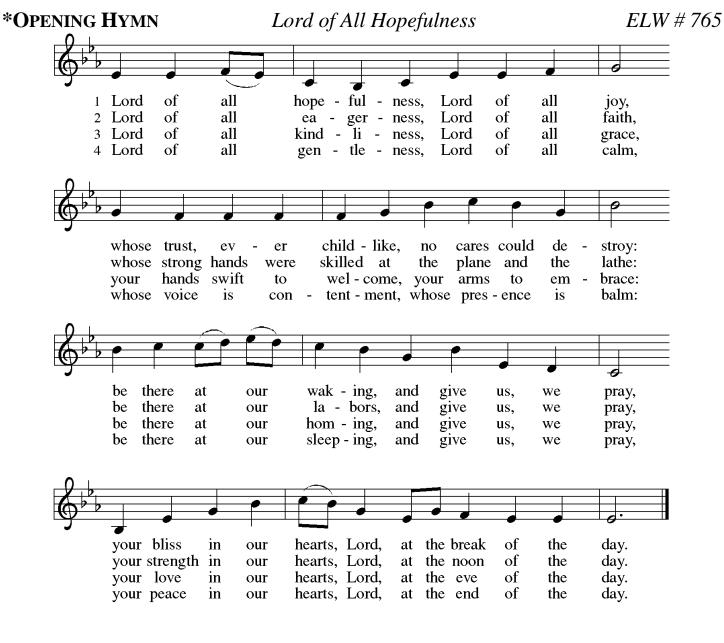
C Amen.

P Dear friends, together let us acknowledge our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

P God of mercy and forgiveness,

- C we confess that sin still has a hold on us. We have harmed your good creation. We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. Turn us in a new direction. Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. Amen.
- P Beloved of God: your sins are forgiven + and you are made whole. God points the way to new life in Christ, who meets us on the road. Journey now in God's abiding love through the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.





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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



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray ... O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C Amen.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 32:22-31

²²The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

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

PSALM 121 (read responsively)

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

- ²My help comes from the LORD, the maker of heaven and earth.
- ³The LORD will not let your foot be moved nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.

⁴Behold, the keeper of Israel will neither slumber nor sleep;

⁵the LORD watches over you; the LORD is your shade at your right hand;

⁶the sun will not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD will preserve you from all evil and will keep your life.

⁸The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 3:14-17—4:1-5

¹⁴But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, ¹⁵and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. ^{4:1}In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ²proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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

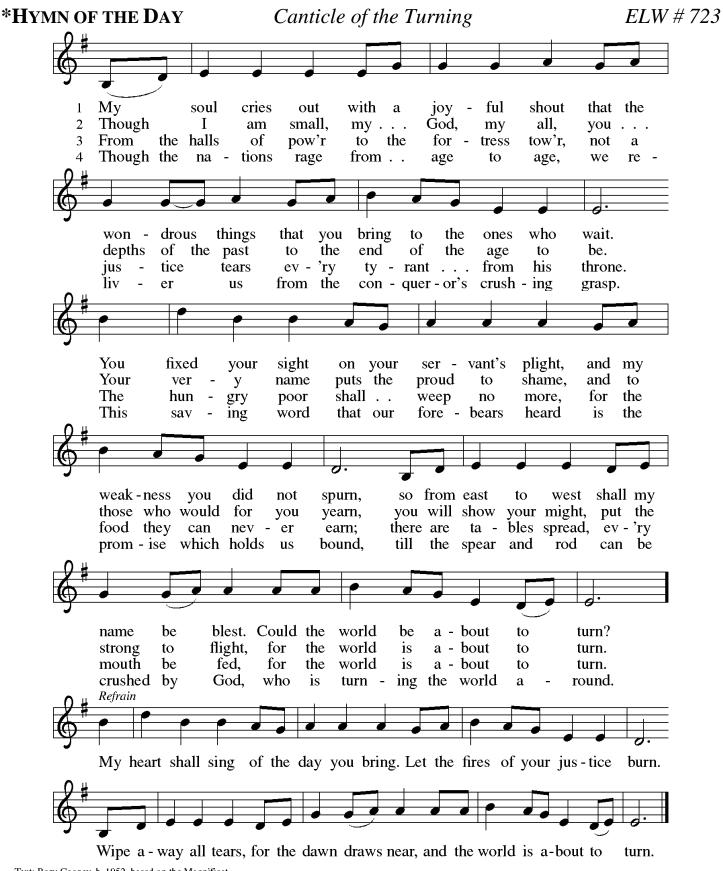
*Gospel: Luke 18:1-8 The holy gospel according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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

HOMILY

Pastor Traci



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*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, 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.

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

- P In gratitude and humility, let us join together in prayer on behalf of all of God's creation.
- P For all the baptized, that they become skilled in compassion and grace and equipped to share the good news with all. Grant your followers persistence in proclamation and prayer. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P For air and sky, clouds and sun, that they provide rain to parched land and relief to flooded ground. Renew and restore our polluted atmosphere and empower us to be worthy stewards of creation. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P For judges, juries, and all who work in the judicial system, that they desire wisdom, seek truth, rule with fairness, and have the courage to do what is right. Eliminate oppression and injustice in our criminal justice system. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P For all who are lonely, especially those who have newly arrived in an unfamiliar city or country, political prisoners without recourse to justice, hospital patients without visitors, and any who are ill or grief-stricken. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P For those in our congregation and community engaged in advocacy work, that with the persistence of the widow, they lift their voices in seeking justice on behalf of others. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P For those who have taught us faith and now rest in your heavenly peace, that we remember and give thanks for these saints who shared the gospel through word and deed. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**
- P With grateful hearts we commend our spoken and silent prayers to you, O God; 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.

PROPER PREFACE

- 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.
- And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

1* hel. Du är he - lig, du är Du är - tid myck-et all mer You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more nån - sin kan för - stå, du är än - då. än vi nä ra un-der - stand. You are hand. than we ev - er al ways at sig - nad va - re Väl du kom - mer hit just som nu, _ are you com-ing near. Bless-ed Bless - ed are you com-ing here bröd på vår väl sig - na-de vår jord, blir till jord. _ your church in wine and bread, raised from dead. raised from soil, to Du är he lig, dи är hel het, _ You are ho ly, you are whole ness, _ du är när het he - la dig! kos - mos lo - var Lord! Let the cos - mos praise you, you are pres ent. Ho-sian ho - si na, na, an _ _ Sing ho san na in the high est! ho - si vår Gud. ho si an na, an na _ Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san our God! na to

* May be sung in canon.

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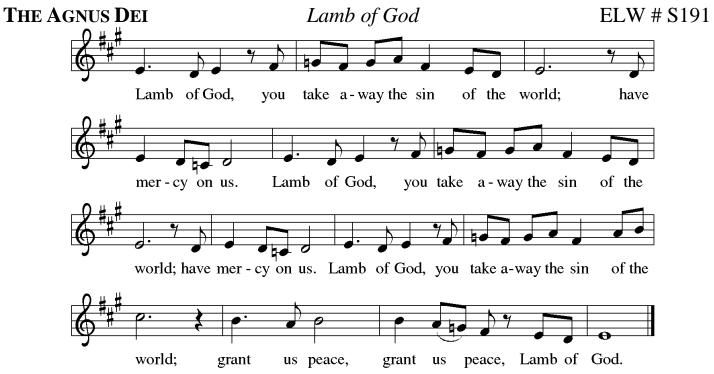
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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- P Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food, you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.
- You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.
- You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.
- 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.
- Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.
- By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.
- Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever. **C Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:
- C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



INVITATION

P Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

BLESSING

P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P *Let us pray*... God of the abundant table, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **C Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, + one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love. **C Amen.**



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Dismissal

P Go in peace, with Christ beside you. C 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 by Linda Negley in memory of Loved Ones.

Date	October 23	October 30 Reformation
Acolytes	Jay Hoenstine	Jeff Hoenstine
Lectors	Linda Smith	Steve Oswalt
Altar Guild	Tina Harclerode	Tina Harclerode
Offering	Beth Garner	Beth Garner
Counters	Jim Barley	Jim Barley
Audio/Video	Camden Kuster	Camden Kuster
Ushers	Jeff Garner	Paul Decker

SERVING GOD AND US

Acolyte & Assisting Minister (Re)Training, Sunday, October 23, 9:30 AM

In preparation for festival Sundays, Pastor Traci will show acolytes and assisting ministers the procedure for distributing communion from the front of the nave. Current acolytes and assisting ministers, as well as anyone who wants to become an acolyte or assisting minister, will please meet in the nave during the Sunday school hour on October 23.

Catechism Costume Party

Meet at 12PM at St. Luke, Roaring Spring on Sunday, October 23rd for our costume Halloween party, including lunch and catechism lesson on Reformation history. Whole family is welcome until 2PM.

Fellowship Meal

A Fellowship Meal has been scheduled for Sunday, November 6, 2022, at Noon.

Bring a dish to share, i.e. your favorite side dish, salad, or dessert.

- The Fellowship Committee will provide ham loaf and beverages. Table service will be provided as well.
- It has been several years since the congregation participated in this annual event. We hope you will be able to join us to share a meal together and enjoy a time of fellowship.

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 – On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck Our Sexton – Phil Claar Our Lector – Ben Decker, Jeff Hoenstine Our Acolyte – Ben Decker Our Altar Guild – Tina Harclerode Our Usher – Greg Haffling Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to "United Lutheran Seminaries"

Martinsburg Community Meal

Breaking Bread Food Ministry is every month on the second Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the Martinsburg Church of God Fellowship Hall, located 123 S. Market St., Martinsburg. This meal is "free" because God's love is free. Everyone is welcome. Take-out and delivery are also available. Contact Pastor Jim Shaffer 814-793-4375 for free delivery or questions.

Other Churches have offered to help with these monthly meals. St. Matthew Social Ministry Committee is planning to help with the dinner on Monday, November 14. Closer to this date, more information will be given for those wanting to help.

Fall Adult Day Study with Bishop Paula

Join us at Camp Sequanota in the Bowersox Center for a day of holy conversations, learning and fellowship. Topic: The Art of the Gospels Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022 Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM Cost: \$10 per person (includes lunch, pay upon arrival)

This Week at St. Matthew: 814-793-2413

Office Hours

Pastor Traci – Wed. 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Lori Tremmel – Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m.-1200 p.m.

This Week Events

Today –	Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Monday –	Cub Scouts, Scout Room 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday -	Yoga, Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Thursday -	Book Study, Zoom 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.
Sunday –	Acolyte Training/Refresher, Sanctuary 9:30 a.m.
	Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
	Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
	Confirmation Costume Party, St. Luke, R.S. 12:00 p.m.
	November Article Deadline for Messenger

Martinsburg Food Pantry

- The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursday, October 20 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Curryville Church of the Brethren will supply 3 or 4 people to help distribute food in addition to the regular helpers.
- Items most needed for October: Cereal, Fruit, Mashed Potatoes, Pasta Sides and Cleaning Supplies

Many thanks for food, other items and monetary donations! Linda K. Smith

Friends:

Hurricane Ian made landfall in Florida and the Carolinas with near Category 5-strength



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winds, dumping record amounts of rain and causing catastrophic flooding. Ian, as predicted, was one of the worst hurricanes to hit the United States in decades.

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- **Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Carl Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenberg, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Bill Stahl, Joy Williams.
- **Prayer Concerns:** Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Verna Blough, Diane Cappel, Greg Comer, Terry & Cathy Creek, Tim Flaugh, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Gerry Girolami, Rev. Ed Harshbarger, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Darren Kreutzer, Carrie Lively, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Liam McGregor, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Charles Minnick & Family, Nathan, Elaine Ormsby, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Rev. Jack Timm, Susan Werner, John Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Camryn Gates.

Those Serving in the Army Overseas: Nathan Smith (Germany), Melody Estep.

October Book Study: Revelation & The Rapture Exposed by Barbara Rossing

By Zoom, Thursdays at 4PM and 7PM—Pick the one most convenient for you. 10/20 Please read The Rapture Exposed, Preface through Chapter 4 10/27 Please read The Rapture Exposed, Chapter 5 through Epilogue

All Saints Sunday, November 6, 2022

Please submit any names you would like recognized on All Saints Sunday to the church office by completing the form below. **November 1, 2022** is the deadline. You can also submit names using our Email address: stmatthewluth@aol.com or use the website: stmatthewLC.com

Person submitting: