The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost October 20, 2024

10:30 a.m. Worship

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

PRELUDE

Praise Him! Praise Him!

Mark Hayes, Arranger

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- *P*: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.
- C: Amen.
- *P*: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

P: Gracious God,

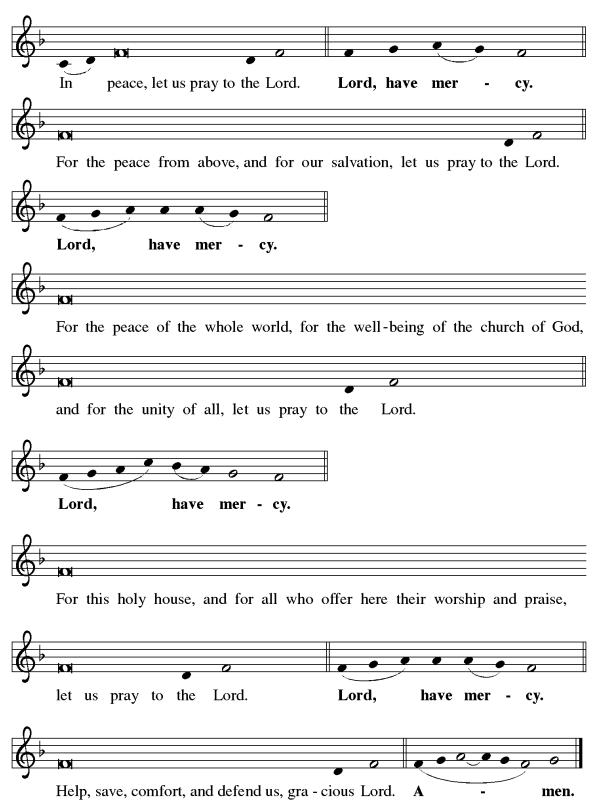
- C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
- *P:* God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.
- C: Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty ELW #858

*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.







*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray ... Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *C:* Amen.

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-7 [34-41]

¹The Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind: ²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? ³Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. ⁴"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. ⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? ⁶On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone ⁷when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? ³⁴"Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, ſ so that a flood of waters may cover you? ³⁵Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? ³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? ³⁷Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, ³⁸when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? ³⁹"Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, ⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? ⁴¹Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"] L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 104:1-9, 24, 35b (read responsively)

¹Bless the Lord, O my soul; O Lord my God, you are very great! You are clothed with majesty and splendor.

²You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak and stretch out the heavens like a tent.

³You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; you make the clouds your chariot; you ride on the wings of the wind.

⁴You make the winds your messengers and flames of fire your servants.

⁵You set the earth upon its foundations,

so that from now until forever it shall never be moved.

⁶You covered it with the deep as with a garment;

the waters stood above the mountains.

⁷At your rebuke the waters fled,

scattered by your voice of thunder.

⁸They went up into the mountains and descended down to the valleys, to the place where you assigned them.

⁹You set the limits that they should not pass;

never shall they return to cover the earth again.

²⁴How manifold are your works, O Lord!

In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

^{35b}Bless the Lord, O my soul. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

"You are my Son,

today I have begotten you";

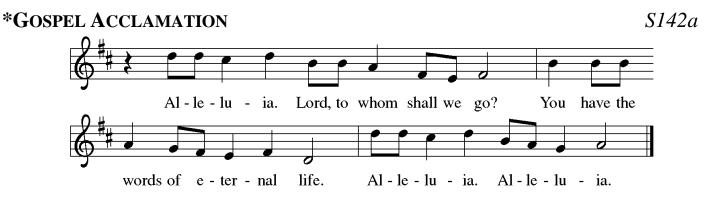
⁶as he says also in another place,

"You are a priest forever,

according to the order of Melchizedek."

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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



*Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." ³⁶And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" ³⁷And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." ³⁸But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" ³⁹They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared."

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

HOMILY

***HYMN OF THE DAY** Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

*APOSTLES' 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**

- *A:* Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.
- A: Holy One, we give thanks for all servant leaders of the church. Bless bishops, pastors, and deacons with humble wisdom and ground them in your love. God of grace, hear our prayer.
- *A:* Creative One, we give thanks for the delicate balance of the natural world. Kindle in us a spirit of caring strength in the preservation of habitats, food availability, and centers of refuge, that all wildlife may thrive. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
- A: Empowering One, fill the leaders of governments with a spirit of service that prioritizes those on the margins due to job loss, underemployment, unsafe working conditions, and immigration status. May economic equity be achieved for all people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
- A: Restoring One, send your angels to watch over, rescue, and protect those who are injured or ill. Nurse those who suffer hardship, disease, injury, or difficulty with your comfort and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**
- A: Abiding One, you call pastors to shepherd the congregation toward faithful living as servants and followers of Jesus. Inspire all ordained ministers and seminarians to ministry that challenges, engages, and comforts those in their care. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

- A: Saving One, we give thanks for the disciples James and John and all saints who have faithfully served you. We rejoice in a promised place at the feast of victory that we receive by your grace alone. God of grace, hear our prayer.
- P: Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the saving grace you freely give, both now and forever. 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 PRAYER**

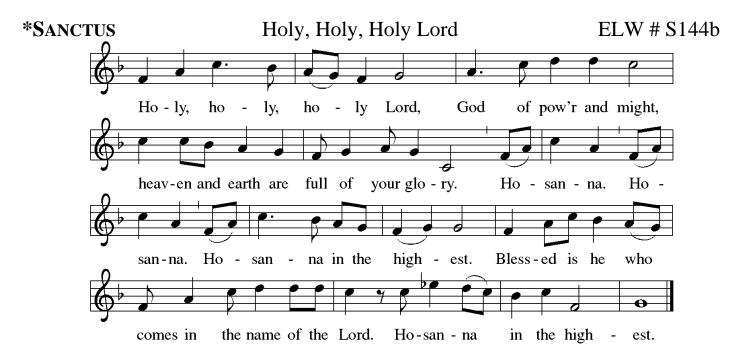
An offering plate is located near the entrance to the nave; we offer thanks for the abundance God has first shown us:

A: Let us pray ... Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C: Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING** ELW # S144a Lord be with with The you. And al - so you. 0 Lift your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. up 0 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 0 right It is 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:



*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

- *P*: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.

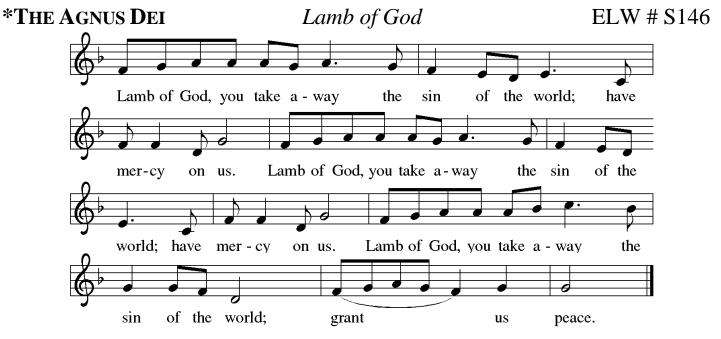
C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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 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: Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

COMMUNION HYMNSoul, Adorn Yourself with GladnessELW # 488

*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**

A: Let us pray... Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

P: God all mighty, God most merciful + bless you, keep you, and give you peace.
C: Amen.

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus. C: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

Praise Be To God

Matt Powers, Composer

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Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God and in memory of Charles and Janet Kreider from Richard & Karen Greenleaf and family and Ed & Dean.

Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott Our Organists – Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck Our Sexton – Phil Claar Our Acolyte – Gabby Decker Our Acolyte – Gabby Decker Our Assisting Minister – Stacy Kuster Our Lector – Elaine Smith Our Usher – Steve Oswalt Our Altar Guild – Jean Sinal and Tonya Walter Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to "United Lutheran Seminaries"

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

Pastor Traci – Tues. 1:00-4:00 p.m. Jen – Mon. Fri.: 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

This Week Events

Today –	22 nd Sunday After Pentecost
	Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
	Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday –	Knotty Ladies12:30-3:00 p.m., Quilting Room
	Social Ministry Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m., Zoom
Sunday –	Reformation Sunday
	Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
	Worship Service 10:30 a.m.
	Lutheran Home Halloween Party 6:00 p.m., Hollidaysburg



Prayers and Christian sympathy are asked for Linda Negley and family upon the death of her husband Jim, on Saturday, October 12th.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Mary Jane Allision, Vivian Beach, Fred Brandenburg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Avery, Randy Barrett, Greta Buchart, Tana Byler, Caleb, Warren Campbell, Phillip Claar, Dave Clayton, Greg Comer, Terry Creek, Brian Fleck, Ron Focht, Jim Fritz, Rodger Hoover, Marilyn Horton, Baby James, Ruth Johnson, Darren Kreutzer, Connie Lamborn, Linda Lehman, Bill Lively, Andy Lynn, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Aunt Mica, Carl Miner, Charles Minnick & Family, Pat Mountain, Nathan, Olga Perlov, Deb Peters, John Russell, Paul Ruth, Karyl Sawinski, Denny Smith (Shelly Hill), Dorothy Stahl, Jean Stonerook, Cindy Thomas, Steve Torres, Tiffany Townsend, Drew Wenzel, Susan Werner, Jean White, Joel Widmann, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.**

Away at School: Max Baker, Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jeff Hoenstine.Those Serving in our Armed Forces: Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep, Colin Guyer, Nathan Smith (Germany).

Martinsburg Food Pantry



Volunteers from Mt. Pleasant Church will be assisting the regular volunteers with food distributions on the first and third Thursdays, November 7 and November 21 from 9:00a.m. until 11:00a.m. Several churches in our



community, will be providing Thanksgiving dinners for food pantry families, about 50 to 60 families, to prepare for themselves.

Items most needed for November are: Juice, Cereal, Spaghetti Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Jelly, Paper Towels.

> Many thanks for all your donations! Linda Smith

All Saints Sunday, November 3, 2024

Please submit any names you would like recognized on All Saints Sunday to the church office by completing the form below. **October 30, 2024** is the deadline.

You can also submit names using our Email address: stmatthewmartinsburg@gmail.com **Person submitting:**______

Martinsburg Community Thanksgiving Meal



The Martinsburg Community Thanksgiving Meal will served be at 5pm Monday November 11, 2024, at the Church of God. St Matthew's Lutheran Church will provide the desserts for this community meal. The Social Ministry Committee needs the congregation's support to complete this task. Word from the pews say we have numerous good cooks/ bakers in our congregation. We are looking for desserts that emphasize TASTE OF FALL/THANKSGIVING. A sign-up list will be on the bulletin board till October 27. You can deliver your desserts to the Church of God by 4 pm or drop off at St Matthew's by 3:30 pm and the Social Ministry Committee will see they arrive safely to the Church of God. In the past the Community Thanksgiving Meal has served up to 150 people. The Social Ministry Committee appreciates the congregation's prayers and support for this event.

Lottie Ebersole, Committee Chairman



Hurricanes Helene and Milton Response

Hurricanes Helene and Milton hit the coast of Florida within weeks of each other as powerful and devastating storms impacting states across the Southeast. With your help, Lutheran Disaster Response will continue to be there to support people affected by Milton, Helene and any other storms that may strike this season.

Gifts to Lutheran Disaster Response equip us to respond to these disasters and others, whenever and wherever they strike.



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Eagle Scout Project

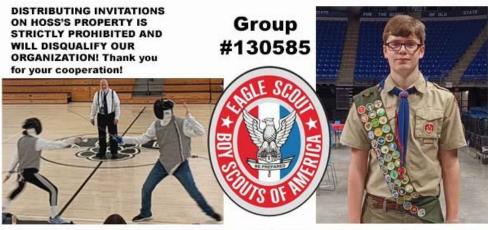
Fundraising for Northern Bedford High School Fencing Club to purchase new equipment and expand the NBC Fencing program.



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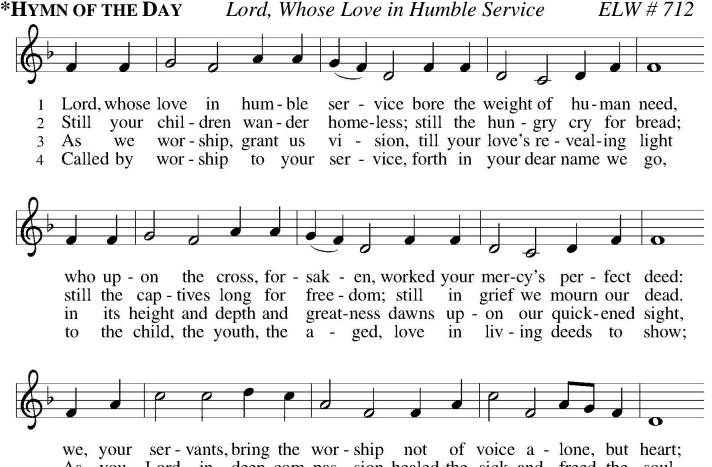
Join Pastor Traci & Otto at St. Matthew for

TRICK OR TREAT

> Throw on a costume & join us to give out candy. Shopping for Trick or Treat? Grab an extra bag for St. Matthew. (Please drop off by Wednesday the 30th)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty





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,

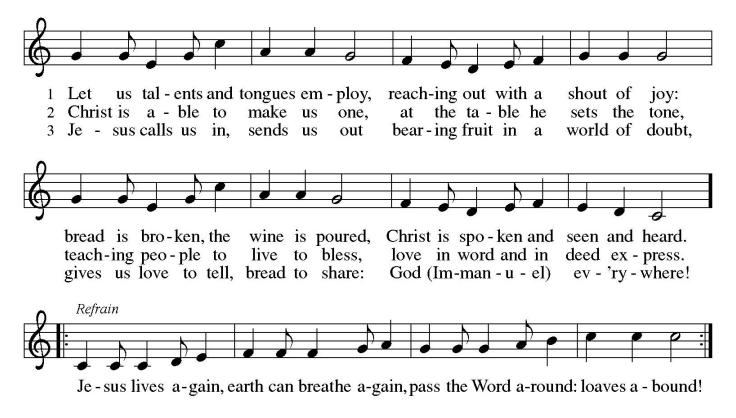


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