

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 23, 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.

*OPENING HYMN

God Is Here!

ELW # 526



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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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

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



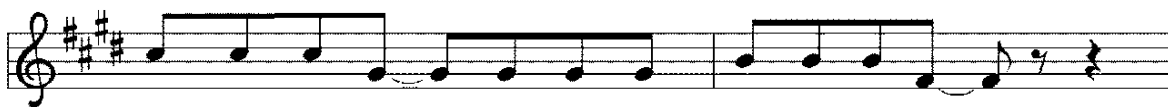
Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



- 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,



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

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P *Let us pray* ... Holy God, our righteous judge, daily your mercy surprises us with everlasting forgiveness. Strengthen our hope in you, and grant that all the peoples of the earth may find their glory in you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
C Amen.

FIRST READING: Sirach 35:12-17

¹²Give to the Most High as he has given to you, and as generously as you can afford.

¹³For the Lord is the one who repays, and he will repay you sevenfold.

¹⁴Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it; ¹⁵and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice; for the Lord is the judge, and with him there is no partiality. ¹⁶He will not show partiality to the poor; but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. ¹⁷He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan, or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

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

PSALM 84:1-7 (read responsively)

¹How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts!

²**My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.**

³Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young, by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts, my king and my God.

⁴**Happy are they who dwell in your house! They will always be praising you.**

⁵Happy are the people whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

⁶**Those who go through the balsam valley will find it a place of springs, for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.**

⁷They will climb from height to height, and the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

***Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt:¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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

HOMILY

Pastor Traci

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

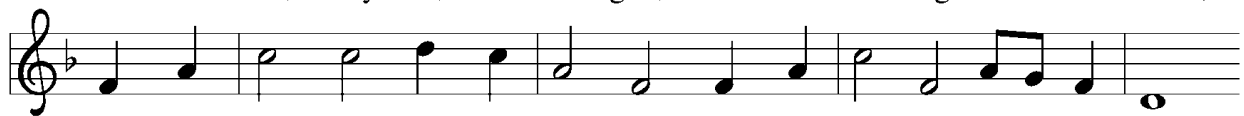
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1 Lord, whose love in hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called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

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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 God of mercy, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your name. Inspire your church to serve and love all people with the unceasing grace you extend to us. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P God of all creation, you formed a world where even the sparrow finds a home. Preserve the beauty and diversity of all creatures with whom we share the earth. Lead us to protect all living things. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P God of peace, you are an ever-present help in time of trouble. Rescue families and nations torn apart by violence and warfare. Unite all people toward common goals of reconciliation and peace for every person. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P God of hope, you stand with the suffering and give strength. Comfort your people filled with fear or anger, anxiety or shame. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P God of restoration, you call us to trust in you and not ourselves alone. Make this congregation a community of humility and repentance, ready to encounter you in love and follow in your ways. Hear us, O God. **C Your mercy is great.**

P God of eternal life, to you be the glory forever. We give you thanks for all who have fought the good fight, finished the race, kept the faith, and now live with you. 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*



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.

2



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

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EUCCHARISTIC 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.

THE AGNUS DEI*Lamb of God*

ELW # S191



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.

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.**

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; by good coun - sels guide, up - hold you,
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; ho - ly wings se - cure - ly hide you,
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils thick con - found you,

with a shep - herd's care en - fold you;
 dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 put un - fail - ing arms a - round you;

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

meet at Je - sus' feet; till we meet, till we
 till we meet, till we meet, till we

meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
 meet a - gain,

Dismissal

P Go in peace, with Christ beside you. **C Thanks be to God.**

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Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God by Melissa Fetzer in memory of Stanley and Margaret Metz.

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

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

SERVING GOD AND US

Date	October 30 <i>Reformation</i>
Acolyte	Jeff Hoenstine
Lector	Steve Oswalt
Altar Guild	Tina Harclerode
Offering Counters	Beth Garner Jim Barley
Audio/Video	Camden Kuster
Usher	Paul Decker

Catechism Costume Party

Meet at 12PM at St. Luke, Roaring Spring today, 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.

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.

Serving God and Us Today

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 Orzeck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Lector – Linda Smith

Our Acolyte – Jay Hoenstine

Our Altar Guild – Tina Harclerode

Our Usher – Jeff Garner

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to “United Lutheran Seminaries”



Flag Retirement Ceremony: Our Boy Scout Troop 3358 and the Merle Tipton VFW Post will be conducting this ceremony at MCMP Monday, October 24th, starting at 6:00 p.m.

Martinsburg Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is open for food distribution on the first and third Thursday of the month from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

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*

Prayers and Christian Sympathy are asked for the family of Allene Wolfe who died on Thursday, October 13, 2022. Allene is a friend of Fred Kensinger.

Finance Committee will meet in the Window Room on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the 2023 Proposed Budget.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Carl Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, 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, Bonnie Brobst 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.

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. - 12:00 p.m.

This Week Events

Today – Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
Catechism Costume Party, St. Luke, R.S. 12:00 p.m.

November Article Deadline for Messenger

Monday – Boy Scouts Flag Retirement Ceremony, MCMP 6:00 p.m.
Social Ministry Meeting, Zoom 7:00 p.m.
Cub Scouts, Scout Room 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday - Knotty Ladies, Quilt Room 12:30-3:00 p.m.

Wednesday – Employee Meeting, Fellowship Hall 10:00 a.m.
Yoga, Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
Finance Meeting, Window Room 7:00 p.m.

Thursday - Book Study, Zoom 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday – **Reformation Sunday**
Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

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

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Person submitting: _____
