

# Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021

Announcements

Prelude

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**



Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider,

**help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**Semicontinuous First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10**

<sup>1</sup>All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. <sup>2</sup>For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." <sup>3</sup>So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. <sup>4</sup>David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. <sup>5</sup>At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years.

<sup>9</sup>David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. <sup>10</sup>And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

Word of God, Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 123**

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God, until you show us your mercy.**

<sup>3</sup>Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

<sup>4</sup>**too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.**

### **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10**

<sup>2</sup>I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. <sup>3</sup>And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—<sup>4</sup>was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. <sup>5</sup>On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup>But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, <sup>7</sup>even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. <sup>8</sup>Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, <sup>9</sup>but he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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## **Gospel: Mark 6:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.<sup>2</sup>On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! <sup>3</sup>Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

<sup>4</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” <sup>5</sup>And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. <sup>6</sup>And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. <sup>7</sup>He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. <sup>8</sup>He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; <sup>9</sup>but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. <sup>10</sup>He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. <sup>11</sup>If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” <sup>12</sup>So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. <sup>13</sup>They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, oh Christ.**



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
 2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.  
 3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
 I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.  
 Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"  
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?"

*Refrain*



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

## **Apostles' Creed**

**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 Intercession**

Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

God of all, through the waters of baptism you claim people of all races, ethnicities, and languages as your beloved children. Sustain the baptized and increase their faith, that your gospel may be proclaimed throughout the earth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the heavens, your creating Spirit animates the universe. We give you thanks for the moon and stars, for the planets and the Milky Way Galaxy, and for all of the mysteries of the cosmos that remain unknown to us. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of freedom, you have liberated us from sin and death and rescue us from all forms of spiritual, social, and political oppression. Defend us from tyrants in our midst and deliver us from all forms of slavery or corruption. Direct our freedom for works of liberation and wholeness. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, you became vulnerable in the person of Jesus Christ in solidarity with the disempowered. Strengthen those who feel faint, give courage to those who fear, and bring wholeness to those in need. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of holiness, you send us out into the world to proclaim your love. We pray for our outreach ministries. Equip us as we leave this place to witness and serve our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks that in every time and place you call forth prophets who move us towards freedom. Thank you for those who work for human rights, community organizers, and all who strive for liberty for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace. **Amen.**

## \*Liturgy of Holy Communion

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

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## \*The Great Thanksgiving & Words of Institution

### \*Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### Communion Hymn

### *Faith of Our Fathers*

*ELW # 812*



1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
2 The mar - tyrs, chained in pris - ons dark, were still in heart and  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in



fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
con - science free; and blest would be their chil - dren's fate  
all our strife; pro - claim thee too, as love knows how,

*Refrain*



when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word.  
if they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.



ho - ly faith, we will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

## **Prayer after Communion**

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

## **Blessing**

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Postlude**

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## **SPECIAL MUSIC FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP**

Beginning with July 4th there will be two worship services each Sunday. The 9:00 AM service will be outdoors and will be a sung service. The 10:30 AM service will be in the sanctuary and the service will be spoken. Pastor Ed will try to line up vocalists for the 9 A.M. services and instrumentalists for either services. On July 11th, Steve Oswalt will sing at the 9:00 service and on July 25th our chime ringers will provide music at both services. Pastor Ed will be contacting choir members to have them sing some Sundays at the 9:00 AM service. If you know of vocalists or instrumentalists who may want to share their talents with us, please pass their name on to Pastor Ed at 814-650-5584 or [pastorech@comcast.net](mailto:pastorech@comcast.net).

**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 Jeff and Beth Garner in memory of loved ones.

### **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 – Bill Brown

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

**Second Quarter Ventures in Faith to “*Youth & Camping*”**

## **Office Hours This Week:**

- **Wednesday:** 1 PM to 4 PM (Pastor Traci)

**Monday – Office Closed**

**Tuesday & Thursday:** 9 AM to Noon (Lori)

**Wednesday & Friday:** 9 AM to Noon (Laura)

**This Week Events**    Monday, Office Closed in observance for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July  
Tuesday, Worship & Music Meeting, Zoom 6:00 PM  
Wednesday, July 7: Yoga 5:00 PM in the church yard  
Saturday, July 10: Yoga 10:00 AM in the church yard  
Friday, Pastor's Day Off

## **Worship Schedule Change for July & August**

In July and August, we will offer two Sunday services each week; there will be no Wednesday evening worship after June 30th.

**9AM 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 Worship in the Sanctuary**—Full Spoken Liturgy of Word & Sacrament (Communion)

This will be the recorded and live-streamed service.

**Inside or outside**, masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated and required for those who are not fully vaccinated.

## **Yoga Wednesday**

Yoga is on for Wednesday—rain or shine! 5PM in the side yard (weather-permitting) or in the fellowship hall (in case of rain or extreme heat). Please bring your mat.

## **Emergency Pastoral Care**

Pastor Traci will be serving as chaplain at Sequanota the week of July 11-17. Because guests at camp are being asked to remain on the property after COVID screening, she will be unable to travel back and forth during the week. You can reach Pastor Traci at camp on her cell (814-935-9267), but for in-person pastoral care needs that can't wait until the weekend, please call Pastor Drew or Pastor Amanda McCaffery (814-538-9036).



## Home Communion Visits

Pastor Traci is available for home communion visits, either inside for those fully vaccinated or outside for those not fully vaccinated. To schedule, please call the office or cell (814-935-9267).

### RSVP Requested—Catechism Camping Trip

Catechism students (those entering Grade 6 and up who have not yet been confirmed) will be camping in Ohiopyle, PA then biking and rafting on the Middle Yough River, Wednesday, July 28—Thursday, July 29. The whole family is invited (younger siblings must be at least 8 to participate in the rafting part of the trip). Please contact Pastor Traci for more information.

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Donna Gearhart, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, 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, George Gilbert Sr., Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Justin Karol, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Anna Klepser, Darren Kreutzer, Theo Lardieri, Dave Lehman, Karrie McCall & Family, Chuck McGeary, Marjorie Marriott, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, 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)

### Flower Committee Announcement

Worship and Music Committee agreed with a recommendation from the Flower Committee that when worship is scheduled in the sanctuary, flowers will be placed on the altar as usual. If you would like to sponsor flowers as a memorial or honorarium, please contact Margie Smith. The price for (2) Altar Vase flowers is \$40. You can share the expense with a friend so each pay \$20.

Donors are reminded to pay for the flowers in a timely manner, preferably on/or before the date of the memorial. Payment may be made in cash or check made payable to **St. Matthew Flower Fund**. You can place the payment in the appropriate mailbox in the hallway outside the church office.

### **From the Evangelism Committee:**

With a new chair, the committee's main focus will be just to think about evangelism, so you may not see any overt action from the committee for a while.

If you think about all the support that St. Matthew provides, you will see that, as a congregation, we actually do well with evangelism. However, my observation is that, while we donate and support willingly, we each have a general tendency towards a lack of a personal connection with evangelism.

For example, I am personally willing and glad to donate to ALSM, On Eagles Wings, Sequanota, and our other support areas, plus I am glad we open our church to the Boy Scouts & other groups, but that is the general extent of my evangelism at St. Matthew.

We all need to get to that personal touch, like the ones in our congregation that do meals on wheels, bringing others to church, visitation, etc. I believe the touch of the Holy Spirit comes more often to those who touch others in their personal evangelism, whatever form that takes.

*Regards,*

*Mike Lamborn*

### **FOOD PANTRY**

If you harvest more vegetables in your garden than you can use, please share with the Food Pantry, 133 E. Allegheny St. in Martinsburg on Thursdays, July 1 and July 15 between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. It will be open for food distribution on these dates between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Volunteers from Brethren in Christ Church will be helping besides the regular volunteers.

**Items most needed for July:** Canned Fruit, Tomato Sauce, Pancake Mix, Syrup/Honey, Tuna/Hamburger Helper.

Again, we will be collecting school supplies, which can be placed in the school box in the Narthex.

*Many thanks, Linda Smith*

## Important Dates of the Allegheny Synod

**Friday July 16, 6pm-8 p.m.** Farewell for Pastor Becca Ehrlich

Pastor Becca has received a call to serve as the Associate Dean for Community Life at General Theological Seminary (Episcopal) in New York City. She will be starting at General in August. We are holding a drop in to say farewell on Friday July 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 8pm. We will have some light refreshments and will be indoors due to the heat. Some of those who are attending have continuing health issues. We ask that if you are unvaccinated to please wear a mask, or if you are bringing children under 12 that they would mask as well. Vaccinated persons do not need to mask for this event.

### Readings for the Week:

**Monday** Psalm 119:81-88. **Tuesday** (commemoration of Jan Hus, martyr, 1415) James 5:7-12. **Wednesday** John 7:1-9. **Thursday** Psalm 85:8-13. **Friday** Colossians 4:2-18. **Saturday** Luke 1:57-80. **Seventh Sunday after Pentecost** (commemoration of Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 540) Amos 7:7-15; Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29.

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## Ways to Make Donations to St. Matthew

**Giving Online:** Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at “[www.stmatthewlc.com](http://www.stmatthewlc.com)”
- 2) Click on the “**Give**” button, (on the top white banner)
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.
- 4) If you would like to increase your giving, contact the church office by email: [stmatthewluth@aol.com](mailto:stmatthewluth@aol.com) or by phone: 814-793-2413.

### BarCode Offerings:

- 1) Visit “**Play Store on your mobile device**”
- 2) Find QR Code (this app is free)
- 3) Click on “**Install**” the app
- 4) Be careful of the ADS
- 5) Open the app on your device
- 6) Scan the BarCode: (follow the prompts)

