The Fourteenth Sunday of Pentecost August 29, 2021

10:30 a.m. Worship at the Kreider Farm



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.**

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*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. C And also with you.

P Let us pray ... O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C** Amen

First Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

⁸The voice of my beloved! Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. ⁹My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag. Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. ¹⁰My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; ¹¹for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. ¹²The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. ¹³The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

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

PSALM 15 (*To be read responsively.*)

¹LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

²Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;

³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.

⁵They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: James 1:17-27

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of the divine purpose God gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of God's creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless.

²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³(For the Pharisees, and all the Jewish people, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked Jesus, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" ⁶He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; ⁷in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' ⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

¹⁴Then Jesus called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile."

²¹For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

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

SERMON Pastor Traci

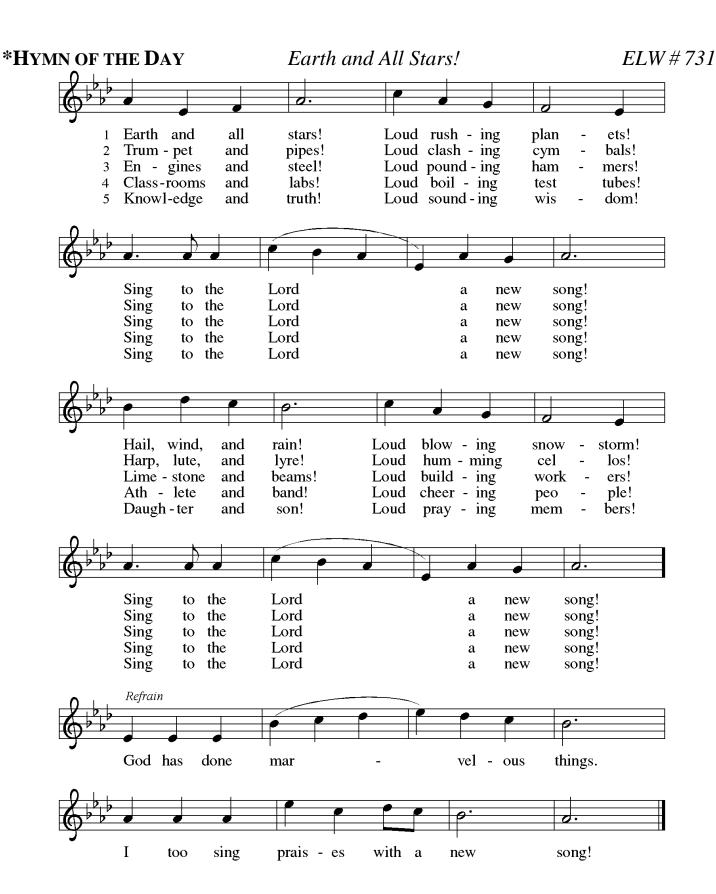


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BLESSING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR



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*CREED

- P 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

Whether we meet in assembly or worship from our homes, we join together in prayer for the world.

We pray for the church of Jesus Christ around the world. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We pray for wisdom concerning church traditions. Hear our prayers, O God; **abide** with us.

We pray for the pastor(s) and staff of our congregation. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We pray for the well-being of the created earth. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We pray for a halt to wildfires. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We pray for peace throughout the world. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We pray for nations experiencing adversity of any kind. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We pray for our elected leaders. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We pray for an end to prejudices. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We pray for schools and Sunday schools, the students and teachers. Hear our prayers, O God; **abide with us.**

We pray for those facing the coronavirus. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We pray for orphans, widows, and widowers. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We pray for all who are sick or suffering. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We pray for those we name here before you: Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

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Finally, we pray for ourselves. Hear our prayers, O God; abide with us.

We give thanks for all the faithful departed, and we pray that at the end we join them in your presence forever. Hear our prayers, O God; **abide with us.**

O God, in your mercy receive these prayers, for the sake of Jesus Christ, master Teacher, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P The Lord be with you. **Q** And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts. **@** We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- **Q** It is right to give our thanks and praise.
- 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.

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

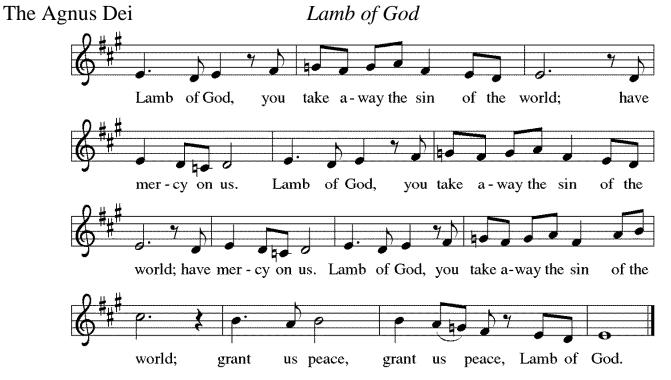
Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and 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.**

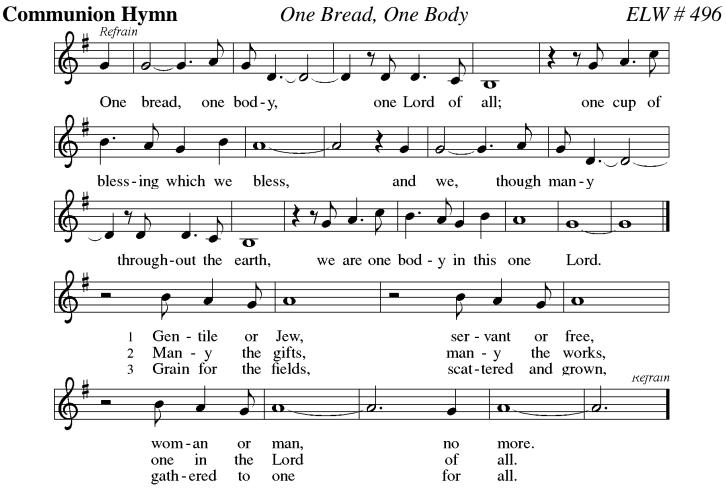
*LORD'S PRAYER

- P 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



P Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!



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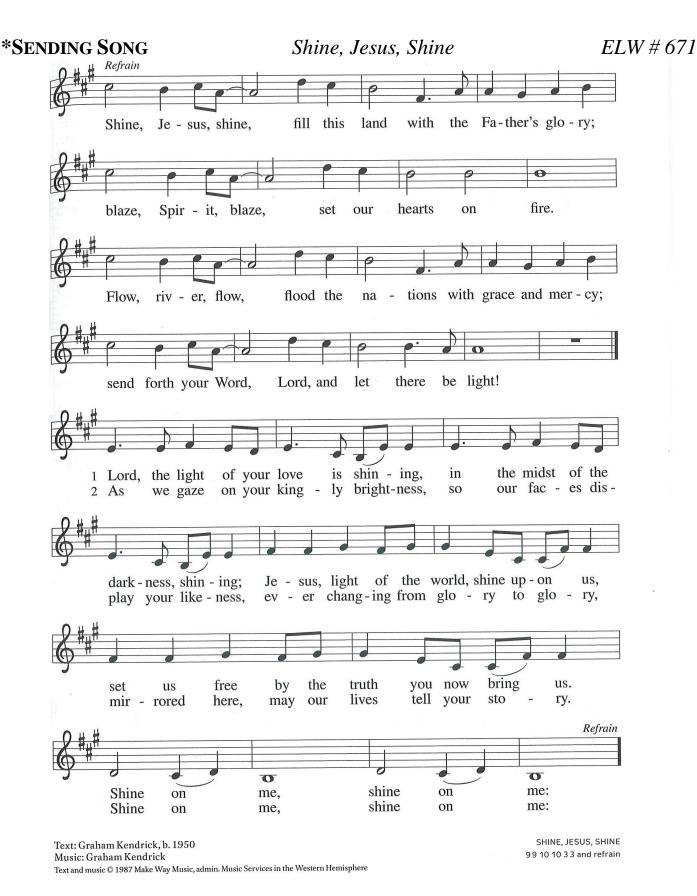
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Post Communion Prayer

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.

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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 and in memory of Sachiko Lamborn from Mike and Connie Lamborn and family.

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 Lector (10:30 a.m.) – Melissa Fetzer

Our Audio/Video Tech (10:30 a.m.) – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

Third Quarter Ventures in Faith to "On Eagles Wings and Missionaries"

Help Wanted!

The Property Committee of St. Matthew is seeking either volunteer or temporary paid help for church cleaning of the Sanctuary, Narthex, Fellowship Hall, and restrooms during our Sexton, Bill Brown's convalescence from recent surgery. This position can become permanent as a paid assistant to the Sexton. If you are interested either as a volunteer or a temporary paid worker, please contact the church office at 814 793-2413 Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

MESSENGERS: There is a sign-up sheet on the Narthex bulletin board if you would like a PAPER Messenger each month.

Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from the Memorial Church of the Brethren will be helping to distribute food on Thursday, September 2 and 16 19 from 9:00 until 11:00 a.m. along with the regular volunteers. If any of you harvest more vegetables or fruit than you can use, please share with the Food Pantry on the dates it is open. When you are shopping, remember we are collecting school supplies, which can be placed in the school box in the narthex.

Items most needed for August: Beverages, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pasta Sides, Paper towels.

Items most needed for September: Macaroni, Tomato Sauce, Fruit Cocktail, Scalloped Potatoes. *Many thanks for your donations!*

Supplies for Food Pantry (K-5)

We'll be collecting school supplies to give children going back to school in August and September. Please look for items when you shop and place them in the "school bus" at church in the Narthex.

Markers & Highlighters Large erasers
Colored Pencils Glue sticks

12 pack of #2 Pencils Wide Ruled Notebooks

Crayola Crayons (24 colors)

Share the Harvest

The "Share the Harvest" table is up and running. In the months to come, if you have extra fruit or vegetables to share with members of the congregation, please bring your items and place them on a table in the Narthex. Members will be able to help themselves to items as desired. Any remaining produce after Sunday morning will be given away at the discretion of the donor.

"Let us share God's harvest with others."

Office Hours This Week:

Pastor Traci – Call for appointment.

Office Hours – Mon.-Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (Lori)

This Week Events

Monday – Worship & Music Meeting 6:00 p.m. Zoom

Tuesday – Staff Support Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall

Wednesday – Yoga 5:00 p.m.

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

Worship Schedule for September

In September, we will offer two Sunday services each week except Sun., Sept. 12, 2021

Sunday, Sept. 12, 2021 will be at the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m.

9AM Sept. 5 & 12, 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.

8:30 AM Sept. 19 & 26 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. Except 9/12/21.

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

Rally Sunday is September 12 at 10:00 a.m. Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 19 at 9:30 a.m.



We're ordering new St. Matthew T-shirts in the hopes that they will be available to us in time for the community service on September 12 at the park; members are encouraged to stay after the service to clean up the park as our "God's work. Our hands." service project. Please email, call in, or sign up (name and size) by September 1st. Shirts will be \$15. (Sign up sheet is at the Usher's Station)

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenberg, Clyde Claycomb, 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, Bill Brown, Diane Cappel, Dwight Ciccotelli, Greg Comer, Marjorie Detwiler, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Wyatt Gerrity, George Gilbert Sr., Bob Guyer, Dan Hershberger, Doris Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Jozef Iwanski, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Anna Klepser, Darren Kreutzer, Dave Lehman, Cathy Loose, Karrie McCall & Family, Chuck McGeary, Jeff McFarland, Marjorie Marriott, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Murtle Miller, Anthony Pedone, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Stanley Smith, Bill Stahl, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Dan Tremmel, Norman 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)

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"
- 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.

Barcode Offerings:

- 1) Visit "Play Store on your mobile device"
- 2) Find QR Code (this app is free)
- 3)Click on the "Install" the app
- 4)Open the app on your device
- 5)Scan the Barcode: (follow the prompts)



Prayer Vigil

Saturday, October 2nd, from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. St. Matthew Lutheran Church will hold our annual World Wide Prayer Vigil in observance of World Wide Communion Sunday, October 3rd. Members are asked to commit one half hour to pray for any concerns of a personal, church, or worldwide nature. We hope to have enough participation to fill a twelve-hour time period with continuous prayer. The sign-up sheet is located on the Narthex Bulletin Board.

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 106:1-6, 13-23, 47-48. **Tuesday** Deuteronomy 4:15-20. **Wednesday** Mark 7:9-23. **Thursday** (commemoration of Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, bishop, renewer of the church, 1872) Psalm 146. **Friday** Romans 2:12-16. **Saturday** Isaiah 33:1-9. **Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost** Isaiah 35:4-7a' Psalm 146; James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17; Mark 7:24-37.