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*Worship for the 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

*July 25 & 28, 2024*

**Opening Hymn: Every Morning Mercies New** CW '93 580

**1 Ev'ry morning mercies new Fall as fresh as morning dew;**

**Ev'ry morning let us pay Tribute with the early day.**

**For your mercies, Lord, are sure; Your compassion will endure.**

**2 Still your kindness and your love Ev'ry day our sins remove;**

**Daily, far as east from west, Lift the burden from the breast;**

**Give unbought to those who pray Strength to live for you each day.**

**3 Let our prayers each morn prevail That these gifts may never fail.**

**And as we confess our sin And the tempter's pow'r within,**

**Feed us with the bread of life; Fit us for our daily strife.**

**4 As the morning light returns, As the sun with splendor burns,**

**Teach us still to turn to you; With your light our souls renew.**

**Then shall we our voices raise In unflinching prayer and praise.**

**Invocation**

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Confession of Sins**

P: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

P: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Holy God, gracious Father,**

**I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you  
in my thoughts, words, and actions.**

**I have not loved you with my whole heart;**

**I have not loved others as I should.**

**I deserve your punishment both now and forever.**

**But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins**

**with his innocent suffering and death.**

**Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

P: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**Lord, Have Mercy**

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## Glory Be to God

CW 157

♪ Glory be to God on high,

and on earth peace, good will toward men.

We praise you, we bless you, we worship you,

we glorify you, we give thanks to you, for your great glory,

O Lord God, heav'nly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

You take away the sin of the world; receive our prayer.

You sit at the right hand of God the Father; have mercy on us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord.

You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

are most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

P: Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve your goodness, still you provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your gifts, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Old Testament: I Kings 17:1-16

Elijah from Tishbe, one of the settlers in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As surely as the LORD lives, the God of Israel before whom I stand, there will be no dew or rain during the coming years, except at my word."

<sup>2</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>3</sup>"Leave this place and turn east. Hide yourself by the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>4</sup>You will drink from the stream, and I will command the ravens to provide for you there."

<sup>5</sup>So Elijah went and did just as the LORD had said. He lived in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. <sup>6</sup>The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and in the evening, and he drank from the stream.

<sup>7</sup>After some time the stream dried up because there had been no rain in the land. <sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup>“Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you.”

<sup>10</sup>So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, “Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink.”

<sup>11</sup>When she went to get it, he called to her, “Please bring me a piece of bread.”

<sup>12</sup>She said, “As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die.”

<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. <sup>14</sup>For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground.”

<sup>15</sup>So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days. <sup>16</sup>The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Verse of the Day**      *(sung to tune of CW '93 580)*

**♪ Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days.  
Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, Let your praise our tongues employ.  
All to you, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.**

**Gospel: Mark 6:35-44**

<sup>35</sup>It was already late in the day when his disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place and it is already very late. <sup>36</sup>Send them away so they can go into the surrounding country and villages and buy themselves something to eat."

<sup>37</sup>But he answered them, "You give them something to eat."

They asked him, "Should we go and buy two hundred denarii worth of bread and give them something to eat?"

<sup>38</sup>He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go see."

When they found out, they said, "Five, and two fish."

<sup>39</sup>He directed everyone to sit down in groups on the green grass.

<sup>40</sup>They sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. <sup>41</sup>Jesus took the five loaves and the two fish, looked up to heaven, and blessed the loaves and broke them. Then he kept giving pieces to his disciples to set in front of them. He also divided the two fish among them all.

<sup>42</sup>They all ate and were satisfied. <sup>43</sup>Then they picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. <sup>44</sup>There were five thousand men who ate the loaves.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ.**

**Hymn: Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings** CW 752

**1 Gracious God, you send great blessings  
new each morning all our days.  
For your mercies never ending,  
for your love we offer praise. (Refrain)**

**Ref Lord, we pray that we, your people  
who your gifts unnumbered claim,  
through the sharing of your blessings  
may bring glory to your name.**

**2 By your Word you formed creation  
filled with creatures large and small;  
as we tend that endless treasure  
may our care encircle all. (Refrain)**

- 3 In his earthly life, our Savior  
knew the care of faithful friends;  
may our deeds of dedication  
offer love that never ends. (Refrain)**
- 4 Heav'nly Father, may our caring  
bear the imprint of your grace;  
with the Son and Holy Spirit,  
praise be yours in ev'ry place! (Refrain)**

**Sermon: II Corinthians 9:8-11**

<sup>8</sup>God is able to make all grace overflow to you, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will overflow in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written:

He scattered. He gave to the poor.

His righteousness remains forever.

<sup>10</sup>And he who provides seed to the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing, and will increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be made rich in every way so that you may be generous in every way, which produces thanksgiving to God through us.

*See How God's Grace Continues To Give*

*I. All you need he first gives to you*

*II. To those in need he now gives through you*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,  
and became fully human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.**

**He suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son,**

**who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead**

**and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **Offering**

### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege of sharing happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all, we thank and praise you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

**C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

P: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions

that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

**C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

P: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray:

**C: 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.**

### The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**


P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:

The image shows a single line of musical notation on a five-line staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.





heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na, ho -  
 san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,  
 bless-ed is he, bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho-san - na, ho-san - na, ho-san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

### Lamb of God *Tune of CW 899*

**1 O Lamb of God, once lifted high  
 upon a cross to bleed and die,  
 in perfect love you took our place—  
 bestow on us your saving grace.**

**2 O Lamb of God, your sacrifice  
 has cancelled sin, has paid its price;  
 your perfect love will never cease;  
 have mercy, Lord, and grant us peace.**

### Distribution

**Distribution Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See You** *CW 660*

- 1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;  
here would I touch and handle things unseen,  
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,  
and all my weariness upon you lean.
- 2 This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
this is the heav'nly table spread anew.  
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong  
the brief bright hour of fellowship with you.
- 3 I have no help but yours nor do I need  
another arm but yours to lean upon.  
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;  
my strength is in your might, your might alone.
- 4 Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;  
mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.  
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:  
your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.
- 5 Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;  
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.  
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,  
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.
- 6 Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,  
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,  
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,  
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

**Distribution Hymn: All Depends on Our Possessing** *CW 807*

- 1 All depends on our possessing  
God's abundant grace and blessing,  
though all earthly wealth depart.  
They who trust with faith unshaken  
in their God are not forsaken  
and will keep a dauntless heart.

- 2 He who to this day has fed me  
and to many joys has led me  
is and ever shall be mine.  
He who ever gently schools me,  
he who daily guides and rules me,  
will remain my help divine.
- 3 Many spend their lives in fretting  
over trifles and in getting  
things that have no solid ground.  
I shall strive to win a treasure  
that will bring me lasting pleasure  
and that now is seldom found.
- 4 When with sorrow I am stricken,  
hope anew my heart will quicken;  
all my longing shall be stilled.  
To his lovingkindness tender  
soul and body I surrender,  
for on God alone I build.
- 5 Well he knows what best to grant me;  
all the longing hopes that haunt me,  
joy and sorrow, have their day.  
I shall doubt his wisdom never;  
as God wills, so be it ever;  
I commit to him my way.
- 6 If my days on earth he lengthen,  
he my weary soul will strengthen;  
all my trust in him I place.  
Earthly wealth is not abiding,  
like a stream away is gliding;  
safe I anchor in his grace.

Thanksgiving

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **Benediction**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

**Closing Hymn: Feed Your Children, God Most Holy** CW 509

**Feed your children, God most holy;  
comfort sinners poor and lowly.**

**Jesus, bread of life from heaven,  
bless the food you here have given.**

**As these gifts the body nourish,  
may our souls in graces flourish  
till with saints in heav'nly splendor  
at your feast due thanks we render.**

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**Communion Registration** *Communicant members of St. Matthew's are reminded to register for Holy Communion on the "Care Card" found in the pews. If you are visiting St. Matthew's today, we request that you please speak with the Pastor before communing. Questions and answers which will assist you in preparing for partaking of the Lord's Supper are found beginning on page 295 in the hymnal.*

**Members, Visitors & Guests—Welcome to St. Matthew’s!**

May the Holy Spirit open our eyes today to see how God by grace continues to give all we need to us and to those in need through us! If you are visiting our service, please sign a “care card” in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Sunday — 173 (27/146) Women’s Bible Study – 15  
Offering Last Week—\$11,566.54

**To Finish the Work We Need – \$52,000.00 - \$24,805.00 = \$27,195.00**

*(Meeting our 2024 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)*

*“A generous person will be blessed,  
because he gives some of his food to the poor”*

*Proverbs 22:9.*

**Announcements:**

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Charlotte Bothum.
2. **Funeral** Charlane Gibney was called to her eternal home on Monday, July 22, 2024. A funeral service took place for Charlane on Friday, July 26 at 11:00 a.m. We extend our deepest sympathy to her loved ones. *May God comfort those who mourn with his precious promises in Christ Jesus.*
3. **Finish the Work Challenge** A generous member of St. Matthew’s has offered to make the final payment on our mortgage when the members of St. Matthew’s bring the balance down to \$50,000.00. At the moment the remaining balance on the mortgage totals \$102,000.00. That means that when the members of St. Matthew’s can raise \$52,000.00 **we will truly finish the work!** *Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:23, 24*
4. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will not meet again until Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Summer Sunday School** Join us for our summer Sunday School session where we are revisiting the Old Testament story of Joseph and his brothers. We will meet again on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am in the library during adult bible class. Looking forward to seeing you there! Please contact Lisa Thoni with any questions. Thank you.

6. **Women's Bible Class** The Women's Bible Study will continue to meet through the summer. We are starting a series of 12 booklets from NPH featuring 12 different people from the Bible. We are calling our series "Beyond Sunday School Lessons." Our first book features Noah. Please feel free to join us, even if you can only come during the summer months. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lenser at 608-728-3120.
7. **Thank you to the women** who served on the altar guild for the month of July: Ann Janke, Joan Burnside, Tara Chapman, Elizabeth Kempel. Serving for the month of August will be: Jan Ehlers, Peggy Burandt, Jill Proeber, and Deb Lenser.

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### **Assisting with Worship**

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#### **Organist:**

Meredith Moeller

#### **Ushers:**

9:00 a.m. – Tim Stirmel & Connor Stirmel

#### **Next Week Ushers:**

9:00 a.m. – Doug McIlvain, Jeff Burandt, Nathan Wagner

#### **CODS:**

Thursday, July 25, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Tim Stirmel

Sunday, July 28, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Jim Daley

#### **Next Week CODS:**

Thursday, August 1, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Trevor Sanchez

Sunday, August 4, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – George Ehlers

#### **Greeters**

Sunday, July 28, 9:00 a.m. – Jerry & Sally Wellnitz

#### **Next Week Greeters**

Sunday, August 4, 9:00 a.m. – Tim & Susan Probst

#### **Church Cleaning:**

August 3, 2024 – Tom Heth & Roger Howard families

August 10, 2024 – Corey Jackson & Pastor Janke families

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## This Week at St. Matthew's

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### Sunday

No Bible Class or SS  
Worship Service with  
Communion 9:00 a.m.

### Wednesday

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

### Thursday

Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

### Sunday

Bible Class & Sunday School  
8:00 a.m.  
Worship with Communion  
9:00 a.m.

