

*St. Matthew's Evangelical
Lutheran Church & School*

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*Worship for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 8 & 11, 2024*

Opening Hymn: What Our Father Does Is Well (TLH #571)

1 What our Fa-ther does is well: Bless-ed truth His chil-dren tell!
2 What our Fa-ther does is well. Shall the wil-ful heart re-bel
3 What our Fa-ther does is well. Tho' He sad-den hill and dell,
4 What our Fa-ther does is well; May the tho't with-in us dwell!

Tho' He send, for plen-ty, want, Tho' the har-vest-store be scant,
If a bless-ing He with-hold In the field or in the fold?
Up-ward yet our prais-es rise For the strength His Word sup-plies.
Tho' nor milk nor hon-ey flow In our bar-ren Ca-naan now,

Yet we rest up-on His love, Seek-ing bet-ter things a-bove.
Is He not Him-self to be All our store e-ter-nal-ly?
He has called us sons of God; Can we mur-mur at His rod?
God can save us in our need, God can bless us, God can feed. A-men.

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.

Baptism of Owen Todd Schulz (Sunday 9:00 a.m.)

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: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus as the heavenly bread of life. Grant us faith to feast on him in your Word and sacraments that we may be nourished unto life everlasting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Epistle: I Corinthians 10:1-13

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea, ²and they were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate

the same spiritual food ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them—and that rock was Christ! ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them. He had them die in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things took place as examples to warn us not to desire evil things the way they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters like some of them—as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and got up to celebrate wildly.” ⁸And let us not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell. ⁹Let us not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and so were being destroyed by the serpents. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them grumbled, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹All these things that were happening to them had meaning as examples, and they were written down to warn us, to whom the end of the ages has come.

¹²So let him who thinks he stands be careful that he does not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you except ordinary testing. But God is faithful. He will not allow you to be tested beyond your ability, but when he tests you, he will also bring about the outcome that you are able to bear it.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse of the Day (*sung to tune of TLH 571*)

♪ **Therefore unto Him we raise**

Hymns of glory, songs of praise.

To the Father and the Son

And the Spirit, Three in One,

Honor, might, and glory be

Now and through eternity.

Gospel: John 6:24-35

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. ²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they asked him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?”

²⁶Jesus answered them, “Amen, Amen, I tell you: You are not looking for me because you saw the miraculous signs, but because

you ate the loaves and were filled. ²⁷Do not continue to work for the food that spoils, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."

²⁸So they said to him, "What should we do to carry out the works of God?"

²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God: that you believe in the one he sent."

³⁰Then they asked him, "So what miraculous sign are you going to do, that we may see it and believe you? What miraculous sign are you going to perform? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

³²Jesus said to them, "Amen, Amen, I tell you: Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the real bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

³⁴"Sir," they said to him, "give us this bread all the time!"

³⁵"I am the Bread of Life," Jesus told them. "The one who comes to me will never be hungry, and the one who believes in me will never be thirsty.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

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.

Hymn: Awake, O Sleeper, Rise and See CW 691

- 1 Awake, O sleeper, rise and see
this great and glorious mystery,
this shining promise, ever new:
the hope of glory—Christ in you.
- 2 Although life's heartaches, trials, and sin
combine to grieve your hope within,
rejoice! Your Savior's grace is great,
made perfect in your weakened state.
- 3 Come, share that life formed by his cross
and for Christ's sake, come suffer loss;
his Spirit works your life to fill
with all good things to do his will.
- 4 For you no longer live, but he
who washed you clean and set you free;
baptized in Christ, you now are saved,
forever on his palms engraved.
- 5 Christ offers you, with nail-scarred hand,
true manna for this desert land:
his body and his blood divine
beneath the sacred bread and wine.

Sermon: Exodus 16:2-20

²The entire Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the LORD’s hand in the land of Egypt, when we sat around pots of meat and ate as much food as we wanted, but now you have brought us out into this wilderness to have this whole community die of hunger.”

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, “Watch what I will do. I will rain down bread from heaven for you, and the people will go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test whether they will follow my instructions or not. ⁵On the sixth day they will prepare what they bring in, and it will be twice as much as they gather on the other days.”

⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “At evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you will see the Glory of the LORD, because he has heard your constant grumbling against the LORD. Who are we that you should grumble against us?”

⁸Moses said, “Now the LORD will give you meat to eat in the evening and as much bread as you want in the morning, because the LORD has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? Your grumbling is not against us but against the LORD.”

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, “Tell the entire Israelite community, ‘Come before the LORD, because he has heard your grumbling.’” ¹⁰As Aaron spoke to the entire Israelite community, they turned toward the wilderness, and suddenly the Glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.

¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses: ¹²“I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Say to them, ‘At evening you will eat meat, and in the morning you will eat bread until you are full. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.’”

¹³So in the evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning a layer of dew surrounded the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew was gone, there were thin flakes on the surface of the wilderness, thin as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” because they did not know what it was.

Moses said to them, “This is the bread which the LORD has given to you as food to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: All of them are to gather as much of it as they need to eat. You are to take an omer per person based on the number of people each of you has in your tents.”

¹⁷The Israelites did this, and some gathered more, some less.

¹⁸When they measured it with an omer, the one who gathered more did not have too much, and the one who gathered less did not have too little. All of them gathered as much as they needed to eat. ¹⁹Moses said to them, “No one is to leave any of it until morning.” ²⁰However, they did not listen to Moses. Some of them left part of it until morning, and it became full of worms and stank. So Moses was angry with them.

“What Is It?”

I. A reminder for us about our stuff

II. A mirror in which I see myself

III. A picture of the Bread of Life

Response to God’s Word

**6 Our Savior never leaves his own
as orphans, hungry and alone;
he promises with certainty:
“I am in you and you in me.”**

**7 Such precious gifts do not disdain;
do not receive God’s grace in vain,
but cherish, as his children true,
the hope of glory— Christ in you.**

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, the living Bread who came down from heaven and gives life to the world. 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:
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: Draw Near and Take *CW 661*

1 Draw near and take the body of the Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
Saved by his body and his holy blood,
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

2 Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.
He gave his life for greatest and for least,
himself the off'ring and himself the priest.

3 Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere
and take the pledges of salvation here.
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,
gives all believers life that never ends.

4 With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,
in this great feast of love be with us now.

Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing *CW 668*

1 Jesus comes today with healing,
knocking at my door, appealing,
off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He himself makes preparation,
and I hear his invitation:
"Come and taste the blessed feast."

- 2 Christ himself, the priest presiding,
yet in bread and wine abiding
in this holy sacrament,
gives the bread of life, once broken,
and the cup, the precious token
of his sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly,
I receive the Savior holy,
blood and body, giv'n for me,
very Lamb of God from heaven,
who to bitter death was given,
hung upon the cursèd tree.
- 4 God descends with heav'nly power,
gives himself to me this hour
in this ordinary sign.
On my tongue his pledge receiving,
I accept his grace, believing
that I taste his love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor,
bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me,
fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

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: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah CW 923

- 1 **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,**
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

- 2 **Open now the crystal fountain**
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery, cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliv'rer, strong deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

- 3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan,**
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

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 manna we see today be a reminder about our stuff, a mirror in which we see ourself, and a picture of the Bread of Life.

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 Week— 195 (42/153) Bible Study Classes – 34

Offering Last Week—\$10,957.50

To Finish the Work We Need – \$52,000.00 - \$25,810.00 = \$26,190.00

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

"The eyes of all look eagerly to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand, and you satisfy the desire of every living thing" Psalm 145:15-16.

Announcements:

1. **The flowers on the altar** have been given by Jim and Shirley Daley in celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary. God's blessings and congratulations!
2. **Baptism** Owen Todd Schulz, son of Brandon and Julie Schulz was born on June 15, 2024 and will be baptized today in the 9:00 a.m. service. Serving as sponsors are Matthew Schulz and Michelle Spence.. *He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. Titus 3:5-6*
3. **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, starting today, 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.

4. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – Sunday morning Bible class will meet today at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be studying the book of the Prophet Nahum.
5. **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*
6. **Registration day for Preschool** will be held on **Monday, August 12, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the school lobby area.** Please bring your forms along as well as your 1st quarter payment (3-year-old 1st payment - \$275, 4- year-old 1st payment \$325). If you can’t register at the times listed above, please call early to set up an appointment with Principal Sonntag at 414-460-8305. Home visits will begin at the end of July and early August.
7. **St. Matthew’s Lutheran School Fees Assistance Fund** – We have some families who could use financial assistance with their grade school registration fees. If you are interested in helping, please notify Mr. Sonntag. Donating should be identified **St. Matthew’s Lutheran School Fees Assistance Fund** and can be put in the regular Sunday collections.
8. **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.

Assisting with Worship

Organist:
Kathi Hendee

Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Fred Shadoski & Russ Scott

Next Week Ushers:

9:00 a.m. – Mark Schulz, Mike Lenser, Kevin Paasch

CODS:

Thursday, August 8, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – George Ehlers

Sunday, August 11, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Kyle Stade

Next Week CODS:

Thursday, August 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m. – Phil Fry

Sunday, August 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m. – Marc Augsburg

Greeters

Sunday, August 11, 9:00 a.m. – Scott & Kathi Hendee

Next Week Greeters

Sunday, August 18, 9:00 a.m. – Kyle & Meghan Stade

Church Cleaning:

August 17, 2024 – Paul Kleban & Jean Muche families

August 24, 2024 – Karl Kroening & Richard Lehmann families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

Sunday School & Bible Class

8:00 a.m.

Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Monday

Preschool Registration 4:00-

6:00 p.m. (Bring forms & fees.)

Tuesday

Fellowship Meeting at

6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

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

Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Worship Service 6:30 p.m.

Friday

LLHS Freshman Only Start

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8:00 a.m.

Worship 9:00 a.m.

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