

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 13, 2020

8:30 AM

Christ
DIED
and lived again,
so that he
might be
LORD
of both
the dead
and of
the living.

Romans 14:9

OUR MISSION

As a Lutheran community of faith, we continue our history of proclaiming Christ crucified through Word and Sacrament in joyful service to God and our neighbor.

WELCOME TO ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

We welcome all who worship with us today. We gather as the Body of Christ to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise to God. Ushers are available to answer any of your questions. The church is equipped with a hearing impaired system. If you need a listening device, it may be obtained from an usher. In the minutes prior to the beginning of each service, the doors to the nave are closed, and quiet is encouraged. Music is offered which prepares worshipers to receive God's gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Everyone is asked to sign the Attendance Record found at the end of each pew or row of chairs. Please sign this record and pass it down to those beside you during the announcements. As it is returned, please note who is worshipping with you. The Attendance Record helps worshipers to put names and faces together. We make new friends in this way and grow in care for each other.

Celebrating Holy Communion: We believe, teach, and confess Christ is truly present in the bread and wine. All baptized Christians, who share this belief, are invited to receive Jesus as He comes in the Holy Communion to forgive the sins of the penitent. Children and others who are not yet receiving the sacrament, or who choose not to commune with us, are invited to come forward for a blessing, crossing their arms over their chest.

During this Covid-19 season, specific instructions for communion will be given by the Pastor. Please receive the host in your flattened palm. If you cannot receive alcohol, please inform the Pastor before the host is dipped in the chalice. If you need gluten free host, please ask before the host is dipped in the chalice.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the Glory of God and given by Scott and Rhonda Mough in honor of their son, Connor, for his 12th birthday, and by Fred and June Doll in loving memory of Fred's brother, John Doll.

Sunday School is sponsored by Carol Roller in honor of all Sunday School teachers.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS! On this 15th Sunday after Pentecost, we complete our summer reading of Paul's letter to the Romans. In chapter 14, the apostle speaks again of the oneness of the Body of Christ. All the baptized remain sinners. All the baptized stand under God's judgment and must give an account to Christ at the last. Therefore, there are some matters of opinion among God's people that are simply not of the essence of the faith. Practicing forgiveness as one sinner to another *is* essential. If this was true of the Jews and Gentiles in the Church at Rome, it is most certainly true today.

I will strive to **Pray daily**
Worship weekly
Read the Bible
Serve at and beyond St. Matthew's
Be in Relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others
Give of my time, talents and resources



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(* Please stand as you are able.)

Silence for Meditation

PRELUDE

WELCOME

(Please sign the Attendance Record pad, and pass it along your pew.)

*** THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Congregation: Amen.

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Most merciful God,

Congregation: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies Let the Cre - a - tor's
 2 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal truth at -
 3 All praise to God the Fa - ther be, All praise, e - ter - nal

praise a - rise; Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 tends Thy Word. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Son, to Thee. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Let the Re - deem - er's name be sung Through ev - 'ry land by
 Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore Till suns shall rise and
 Whom with the Spir - it we a - dore For - ev - er and for -

ev - 'ry tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 set no more. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, sts. 1-2; William W. How, 1823-97, st. 3
Tune: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, Köln, 1623

*** THE GREETING**

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

*** THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one and with pure hearts to follow you our only Lord. Through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

FIRST LESSON: Genesis 50:15-21

¹⁵When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." ¹⁶So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died: ¹⁷'Say to Joseph, "Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.'" And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? ²⁰As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today.

²¹So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

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

PSALM 103:1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,**

who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
**who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON: Romans 14:1-12

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ² One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³ Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴ Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵ One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶ The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷ For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸ For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹ For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰ Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹ for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." ¹² So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

THE VERSE

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
 - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
 lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954
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*** THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Pastor: The HOLY GOSPEL according to St. Matthew, the eighteenth chapter.

Congregation: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

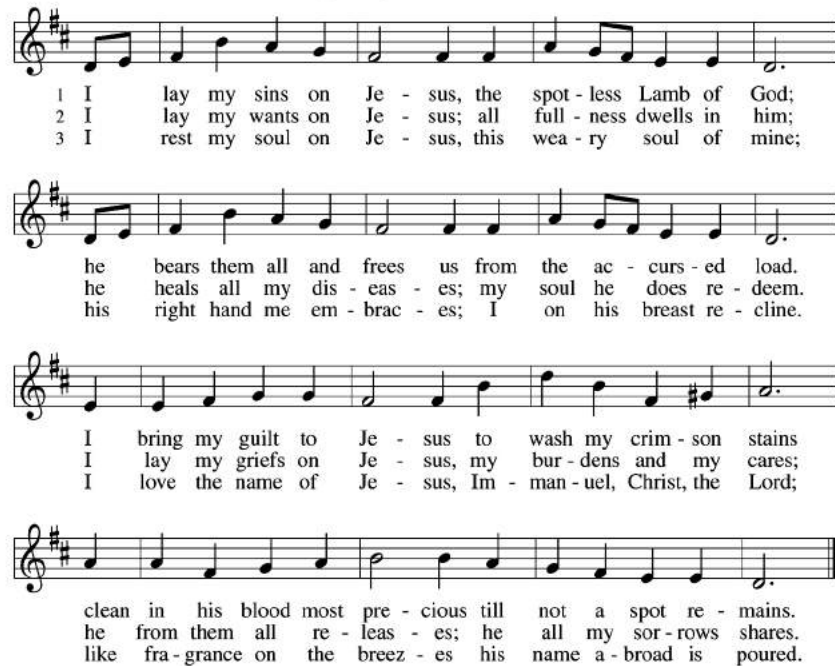
²¹ Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times. ²³ "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."

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

* THE HYMN OF THE DAY

I Lay My Sins on Jesus

LBW 305



1 I lay my sins on Je - sus, the spot - less Lamb of God;
 2 I lay my wants on Je - sus; all full - ness dwells in him;
 3 I rest my soul on Je - sus, this wea - ry soul of mine;

he bears them all and frees us from the ac - curs - ed load.
 he heals all my dis - eas - es; my soul he does re - deem.
 his right hand me em - brac - es; I on his breast re - cline.

I bring my guilt to Je - sus to wash my crim - son stains
 I lay my griefs on Je - sus, my bur - dens and my cares;
 I love the name of Je - sus, Im - man - uel, Christ, the Lord;

clean in his blood most pre - cious till not a spot re - mains.
 he from them all re - leas - es; he all my sor - rows shares.
 like fra - grance on the breez - es his name a - broad is poured.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889
 Music: MUNICH, *Neu-vermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693

* 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.

* THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

Congregation: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

What the Lord Has Done In Me
 Joyful Noise

Reuben Morgan

*** THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.
1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when
may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Eternal Father,

Congregation: your Son brought nothing into this world giving us an opportunity to serve you. Show us the needs he still has among us that we may prove our love and our hope in you. Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*** COMMUNION**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is indeed right...thanks and praise.

People: Amen.

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

Music: LAND OF REST, American folk tune
Text: "Sanctus," tr. English Language Liturgical Consultation

*** THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Pastor: You are indeed holy...now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

*** THE LORDS PRAYER**

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 DISTRIBUTION SONG

Now the Silence

LBW 205

Now the si - lence Now the peace Now the emp - ty hands up - lift - ed

Now the kneel - ing Now the plea Now the Fa - ther's arms in wel - come

Now the hear - ing Now the pow'r Now the ves - sel brimmed for pour - ing

Now the bod - y Now the blood Now the joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion

Now the wed - ding Now the songs Now the heart for - giv - en leap - ing

Now the Spir - it's vis - i - ta - tion Now the Son's e - piph - a - ny

Now the Fa - ther's bless - ing Now Now Now

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
Music: NOW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929
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*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Lord, we have eaten the food you gave as a sign of forgiveness and life. Use it to strengthen our resolve to forgive each other. We bless you now and evermore.

Congregation: Amen.

Congregation: **I will strive to pray daily, worship weekly, read the Bible, serve at and beyond St. Matthew's, be in relationship to encourage spiritual growth in others, and give of my time, talents, and resources.**

*** THE BENEDICTION**

* CLOSING HYMN

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less, so
one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Text: David Haas, b. 1957
Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas
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* THE DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:

Ezekiel 2:8–3:11; Psalm 119:33-40; Ephesians 2:4-10; Matthew 9:9-13

Saints and Sinners: As Neighbors

Praying

“O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.” (*The Daily Prayer of the Church*, 620-621).

Listening

Romans 14:1 “As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions.”

Origen [Late 2nd – early 3rd century Bible scholar in Alexandria, Egypt]: “A man who is weak in his faith is to be accepted and not rejected. For it is one thing to be weak in faith but quite another to be an unbeliever altogether. An unbeliever has no faith at all, but one who is merely weak has doubts about certain aspects of the faith” (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: Romans*, 337).

Romans 14:4 “Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another?”

St. John Chrysostom [Late 4th – early 5th century Patriarch of Constantinople, Turkey]: “It is not because someone does things which are worthy of escaping judgment that we are not to judge, but because the person in question is another man’s servant – not ours but God’s. It is up to God to decide...” (340).

Romans 14:6 “The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord...”

St. John Chrysostom: “The issue at stake is not a fundamental one. Both sides are acting for God’s sake, and both end up by giving him thanks. Thus the difference between them turns out to be a minor one. Nevertheless, Paul aims a blow at the Judaizers, because he accepts the validity of all foods” (341).

Romans 14:8 “For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.”

Origen of Alexandria “Here death refers to the death which we die when we are buried with Christ in Baptism, and life is the life we live in Christ, having died to sin and become strangers to this world” (342).

Romans 14:9 “that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.”

St. John Chrysostom: “Christ put down his own life for our salvation. Having gone to so much trouble and expense, he is not likely to consider us as being of no value” (344).

Romans 14:12 “So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.”

St. Polycarp [Early 2nd century Bishop of Smyrna, Turkey]: “If we ask the Lord to forgive us we should also forgive, for we stand before the eyes of the Lord God, and *we must all stand before the judgment seat of Christ, and each must give an account of himself*” (345).

Reflecting

1. Do I understand that I always stand as a sinner before the Lord and thus stand on level ground?

Learning

The Ten Commandments

AS THE HEAD OF THE HOUSEHOLD SHOULD TEACH THEM IN A SIMPLE WAY TO HIS HOUSEHOLD.

The Second Commandment

You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

“We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks” (*Luther’s Small Catechism*).

Doing

1. Pray for every unbaptized child you know and for the child’s parents, too.
2. Pray for your unchurched loved ones and friends. Invite one or more of them to worship.
3. Commit yourself to the study of God’s Word at St. Matthew’s whether in-person or online.
4. Practice every day saying the second commandment and its explanation. Rehearse it with others in your household or with a Christian friend over the phone. Hear this as God’s friendly commandment to urge you to call upon Him in prayer throughout the day.
5. Set aside time daily, preferably first thing, but when you are able to focus, to hear the Word of God, to reflect upon that Word, and to ask the Holy Spirit to grant you grace to be shaped by and conformed to that Word. Daily readings may be found at www.stmatthewsch.org. If you haven’t previously done so, please ask for a new devotional booklet when you return to corporate worship or when you drive through to receive the Body and Blood of Christ this weekend. Daily lectionary readings are on pp.190-191 in the front of the Lutheran Book of Worship (Year Two, Week of 15 Pentecost).

For Husbands and Wives

Repeat daily: “I (name) take you (name) to be my wedded wife (husband), to have and to hold from this day forward; for better, for worse; for richer, for poorer; in sickness and in health; to love and to cherish until death do us part, according to God’s holy ordinance, and thereto I pledge you my faith.”

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

The family of Dona Peterson (aunt of Karen Ruefle), The family of Rev. Frank Perry, Doris Ullman, Patty Macino, Bishop Mayfield, Mandy Harrington, Lani Beuerman

MEMBERS

Nancy Fauser	Ruth Smith	Jane Dove
Alan Hunsberger	Barbara Keyl	Judy Daniels
Denis Hall	Liz Newbery	Bill Baldwin
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Keith Farmer	Ed Ludacer	Janet Hall
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Pat Mahl	Al Birnstein	Carol Comeskey
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Amie Knauer	Richard Truax	Crosby James Asher
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REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Bob Byrne	Ruthann Getsinger	Virginia Parisek
Elsie Cates	Jim Harshbarger	Doris Prillaman
Frank Fauser	Jane McDougald	
Margaret French	Wayne McDougald	

<u>Operating Fund: August 2020</u>		
	Month	YTD
Revenues	38,035.00	313,314.50
Expenses	<u>32,911.74</u>	<u>304,179.69</u>
Income/ (Loss)	5,123.26	9,134.81

<u>Offering Received: August 31-Sept. 6</u>		
	Week	YTD
Required	10,305.24	390,988.88
Received	<u>8,525.30</u>	<u>321,599.80</u>
Excess/ (Shortfall)	(1,779.94)	(69,389.08)

Weekly Worship Schedule

Saturday - Eucharist, 6 p.m. Sunday - Traditional Eucharist, 8:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.
2nd and 4th Sundays - Contemporary Eucharist, 8:30 a.m. Monday - Evening Prayer and Bible Study, 6 p.m.
Wednesday - Eucharist and Healing Prayer, 12:00 p.m.

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday, September 13 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Contemporary Eucharist
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Eucharist

Monday, September 14

9:00 Counting Team
11:00 Social Ministry
12:00 Conversations
6:00 Evening Prayer

Tuesday, September 15

10:00 Staff Meeting - Rm. 117
10:00 Prayer Group - Library
6:30 Stephen Ministry - Rm. 117

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 Men's Breakfast Group - McCombs
12:00 Healing Eucharist
6:00 Handbells - Nave
6:00 Crossways - McCombs
6:00 Middle School Youth - McSwain
7:00 Confirmation Class - classrooms
7:00 Adult Choir - Nave

Thursday, September 17

9:00 Quilt Ministry - Rm. 117
10:00 Crossways - McCombs

Friday, September 18

Saturday, September 19

9:00 New Member Orientation - McCombs
6:00 Eucharist; New members received

Sunday, September 20 The Feast of St. Matthew

8:30 Traditional Eucharist; New members received
9:45 Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Eucharist; New members received

The Christkindlmarkt and Social Ministry teams would like to thank the following for their donations of diaper pads to Family Promise (WIHN), for our brothers and sisters in need:

- Jim and Karen Burton
- Frank and Marti Felter
- Craig and Beth Hales
- Alan and Beverly Hunsberger
- Fred and Ana Maria Jackson
- Pr. Bob and Lois Kuppler
- Cindy Lindsay
- Saville and Linda Riesz
- Carol M. Roller
- Butch and Karen Ruefle
- Dave and Diane Sundberg
- The Children's Schoolhouse

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covid-19 Update: Please continue to check your emails from Pastor Sam and St. Matthew's, and/or Facebook for updates on all worship services. You may also check the calendar on our website (under the "News" tab) which will be updated as decisions are made. (**If you know of someone who does not have email or Facebook, please help us by passing the word along to them regarding updates and cancellations.*)

Please prayerfully consider making an additional donation payable to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, **memo line "Choir Room"** to help replenish the Contingency Fund.

The Special Congregation Meeting to vote on ELCA disaffiliation and selection of a new Lutheran denomination has been postponed indefinitely. Council will continue to monitor the current situation and announce a plan to conduct the meeting in a safe manor. **As a reminder that in order to qualify to vote** at the Special Congregation Meeting (date TBD) you must be confirmed, have communed, and made a contribution of record in 2019 or 2020. **When giving cash for your contribution make sure your name is on the envelope in order to receive credit.**

CKM Needs:

- **Servant Sign Up Sheets** are in the Commons. Many hands are needed in different areas, and we ask that you please fill out a sheet so we have a complete list of volunteers since we will be monitoring attendance.
- **Artists and Crafters** are asked to let us know as soon as possible if you are participating. Applications are also on the CKM table. Space is limited, and we are giving members first choice to participate before outside vendors.
- **Sponsorships** are critical to our success. The more we can collect before the end of September, the better off we will be. If you are unable to participate in our event, please consider your most generous donation through a sponsorship. All funds go to our building capital program.
- **Face masks** are still available on the table by the first entrance (near the front offices). A suggested donation of \$5 per mask will help fund our CKM seed money.

The new altar flower sign-up chart is posted in the Commons for September 2020-August 2021. Several dates are still open starting in October. If you are unable to make it to church at this time and would like to sign up please contact Donna Capozio (dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org or 791-4582) as soon as possible to ensure you get the date(s) you would like.



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