

St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 11, 2021

8:30 AM



He predestined us for adoption
to himself as sons through
Jesus Christ, according
to the purpose of his will...

Ephesians 1:5

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 worshippers to receive God's gifts from His Hand – the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

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 Liz Newbery in loving memory of her husband, David R. Newbery, and by Rod and Sherry Andrew in loving memory of the birthday week of their daughter, Alison.

WELCOME IN THE NAME OF JESUS! On this 7th Sunday after Pentecost, we welcome back The Rev'd. Dr. David Wendel, Assistant to the Bishop of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). In the portfolio of his pastoral call are dual emphases on Ministry and Ecumenism. Pastor Wendel will be our guest preacher for the three weekend Eucharists and, on Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the McCombs Fellowship Hall, he will make a presentation and answer questions regarding possible congregational affiliation with the NALC. We are in prayer and conversation as a church family about where best to serve faithfully the Lord of the Church and the world for which He gave His life as a ransom. Because as St. Paul teaches in Ephesians 1, we have been adopted as sons of God by our Baptism into the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, we are to pray with Him, "Nevertheless, Father, not my will but Thine be done" and seek the Holy Spirit's guidance through the Word of God.

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

* THE CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
(We are silent for a time of self-examination.)

Pastor: Holy and gracious God,

Congregation: I confess that I have sinned against you. Some of my sin I know -- the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed -- but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may be at peace.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the +Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

* OPENING HYMN

Sweet By and By

1. There's a land that is fair - er than day, and by faith we can see it a -
2. We shall sing on that beau - ti - ful shore the me - lo - di - ous songs of the
3. To our boun - ti - ful Fa - ther a - bove, we will of - fer the trib - ute of

far; for the Fa - ther waits o - ver the way to pre -
blest, and our spir - its shall sor - row no more, not a
praise for the glo - ri - ous gift of His love, and the

pare us a dwell - ing place there. In the sweet by and
sigh for the bless - ing of rest. In the sweet
bless - ings that hal - low our days.

by, we shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore; in the
by and by, by and by,

sweet by and by, we shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore.
in the sweet by and by,

WORDS: Sanford F. Bennett, 1868
MUSIC: Joseph P. Webster, 1868

*** 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: Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. We cannot live without you but with you we shall prevail. 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: Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what he showed me: behold, the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass by them; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the midst of the house of Israel. The land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, "'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, and eat bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Amaziah, "I was no prophet, nor a prophet's son, but I was a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore figs. ¹⁵But the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

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

PSALM 85:8-13

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak,
for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints;
but let them not turn back to folly.

**Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him,
that glory may dwell in our land.**

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.

**Faithfulness springs up from the ground,
and righteousness looks down from the sky.**

Yes, the Lord will give what is good,
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness will go before him*
and make his footsteps a way.**

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: Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

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

*** THE HYMN OF THE DAY**

In Christ There Is No East or West



1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In him shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, then, broth-ers of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;



but one great fel - low - ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
Who serves my Fa - ther as a son is sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

Text: John Oxenham, 1852-1941

Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866-1949

*** 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**

Assisting Minister: Lord, in your mercy.

Congregation: Hear our prayers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*** SHARING THE PEACE**

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

Congregation: And also with you.

THE OFFERING

Listen to Our Hearts
Joyful Noise

Geoff Moore

*** THE OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart, give thanks to the Ho-ly One,
 give thanks be-cause he's giv-en Je-sus Christ, his Son.
 And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
 now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
 rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Text: Henry Smith
 Music: GIVE THANKS, Henry Smith

*** OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: Gracious Father,

Congregation: we know our gifts cannot repay your love. We rather offer them to show our faith in you and Christ your Son. Help us to find good use for all we have that we may rejoice in what you will always give. 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 LORD'S 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

Give Me Jesus

1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
 2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
 4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
 5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,
 in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
 dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
 just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
 oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
 and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.
Refrain
 Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.
 You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: GIVE ME JESUS, African American spiritual

*** THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Assisting Minister: O Lord, we are the bruised reed they said you would not break. By your perfect love offered in this Sacrament, help us grow into a semblance of the glory you foresaw in us when you called us to be yours. 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**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

At this time anyone desiring prayer for healing is invited to approach the altar rail.



1 “Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 “Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 “Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.
4 “I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
I the Lord will smile up - on you, and give you peace.



In my love’s bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son’s sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it’s pow - er filled you, here his ten - der com - fort stilled you.
I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er and Broth - er.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.”
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.”
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.”
Go, my chil - dren, I will keep you, and give you peace.”

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh
Text © 1983 Jaroslav J. Vajda

*** THE DISMISSAL**

POSTLUDE

LESSONS for NEXT WEEK:

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-44

The Word of God: Makes Sons

Praying

“Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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*, 617).

Listening

Ephesians 1:3 “... who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.”

Ambrosiaster [4th century commentator on St. Paul’s epistles]: “For every gift of God’s grace is in Christ. ... God is blessed when he is extolled with due praises, but the way in which God blesses human beings is to impart to them the gift of his grace...” (*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture: Ephesians*, 110).

Ephesians 1:4 “even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world”

St. John Chrysostom [Late 4th–early 5th century Patriarch of Constantinople, Turkey]: “Christ chose us to have faith in him before we came into being, indeed even before the world was founded” (110).

Ephesians 1:4 “... that we should be holy and blameless before him.”

St. John Chrysostom: “The sanctified life is not the effect of our labors or achievements but of God’s love. It is not born of love alone or of our own virtue... this too was the work of the One who called us, even though it is something we can share” (111).

Ephesians 1:5 “he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ....”

Marius Victorinus [4th century African theologian]: “We speak of ourselves as heirs of God the Father and heirs through Christ, being sons through adoption. Christ is his Son, through whom it is brought about that we become sons and fellow heirs with Christ” (112).

Ephesians 1:10 “as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him....”

St. John Chrysostom: “The fullness of time was the Son’s appearing. When, then, God had done all through angels, through prophets and through the law, yet nothing had improved, there was a danger that humanity had come into being for nothing... The fullness of time is that divine wisdom by which, at the moment when all were most likely to perish, they were saved” (115-116).

Ephesians 1:13 “... heard the word of truth... and believed in him, were sealed with the... Holy Spirit,”

St. John Chrysostom: “By this seal God shows great forethought for humanity. He not only sets apart a people and gives them an inheritance but secures it as well. It is just as if someone might stamp his heirs plainly in advance; so God sets us apart to believe and sealed us for the inheritance of future glory” (118).

Reflecting

1. Am I certain that it is all God’s work that I am called His Son in Christ through the Holy Spirit?

Learning

Christian Questions with Their Answers

After confession and instruction in the Ten Commandments, the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, and the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the pastor may ask, or Christians may ask themselves these questions:

Do you believe that you are a sinner?

Yes, I believe it. I am a sinner.

How do you know this?

From the Ten Commandments, which I have not kept.

Are you sorry for your sins?

Yes, I am sorry that I have sinned against God.

What have you deserved from God because of your sins?

His wrath and displeasure, temporal death, and eternal damnation. See Romans 6:21, 23.

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. Discuss with your spouse, your family, or a friend the importance of and great need for self-examination before receiving the Sacrament of the Altar. If you have never considered making a private confession before a pastor, please do so... not for the pastor's sake but for yours.
4. 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 Bible readings may be found at www.stmatthewsch.org. If you haven't previously done so, please pick up a new *Portals of Prayer* devotional booklet this weekend. Daily lectionary readings are on p.183 in the front of the Lutheran Book of Worship (Year One, Week of 7 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 Kathy Brennemen, Rhonda Melton, Gene Gause, Carrie McDonough,
Jo Beth Brinkley, Sean McShane, Howard Beuerman, Pat Lienhart, David Schwartz,
Gretchen Donaldson, Lauren Miller, Joel Peterson*

MEMBERS

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REMEMBER OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS:

Elsie Cates	Margaret French	Jim Harshbarger
Frank Fauser	Ruthann Getsinger	Jane McDougald

<u>Operating Fund: June 2021</u>		
	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Revenues:	36,065.95	227,135.45
Expenses:	<u>40,389.36</u>	<u>230,810.78</u>
Income/ (Loss)	(4,323.41)	(3,675.33)

<u>Offerings Received through July 4</u>	
Projected July receipts:	31,889.00
Received to date:	<u>8,432.00</u>
Expected additional receipts:	23,457.00

<u>Expenses</u>	
Budgeted expenses for July:	40,703.00
Bills paid to date:	<u> --</u>
Bills yet to be paid:	40,703.00

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.

A nursery is provided for all Sunday Services and during the Sunday School hour.

First Time Visitors - Please stop by our *Welcome Center* to sign our guest book and get information about St. Matthew's.

Baby changing tables are available in the two restrooms across from the church offices and in the nursery.

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday, July 11 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Contemporary Eucharist
9:45 Second Sunday Forum w/Pr. Wendel - McCombs
11:00 Traditional Eucharist
12:30 Grief Support Group - Library

Monday, July 12

9:00 Counting Team - Finance Office
12:00 Conversations
6:00 Evening Prayers
7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs
7:00 Harbour Towne Band rehearsal - Choir Room

Tuesday, July 13

10:00 Staff Meeting - Rm. 117
10:00 Prayer Group - Library

Wednesday, July 14

8:30 Men's Breakfast Bible Study - McCombs
12:00 Healing Eucharist

Thursday, July 15

7:00 Midtown AA - McCombs

Friday, July 16

Saturday, July 17

6:00 Eucharist

Sunday, July 18 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 Traditional Eucharist
11:00 Traditional Eucharist

The Special Congregation Meeting to vote on ELCA disaffiliation and selection of a new Lutheran denomination has been postponed indefinitely. Council will announce a date when the meeting can be conducted in a safe manner.

Remember, 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 2020 or 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Sunday Forum on Sunday, today at 9:45 a.m. in McCombs Fellowship Hall. Presentation on the North American Lutheran Church by the Rev'd. Dr. David Wendel, Assistant to the Bishop for Ministry and Ecumenism. Pastor Wendel is our guest preacher that weekend.

For those who may have missed the June 13 Council forum on "Where We Are Regarding Denominational Affiliation", there will be a repeat session offered on Sunday, July 25 at 9:45 a.m. in McCombs Fellowship Hall. Handouts from the June forum are available in the Commons.

Christkindlmarkt has a good start regarding Sponsorships (eight individual and three corporate) but we need more. Let's see if we can beat the 27 and 12 numbers we achieved in 2019. You can pick up a newsletter and Sponsorship form on the CKM table in the Commons. Also read about our *Help a Neighbor* initiative and consider purchasing a "Special Tee".

For those who may have missed the Stephen Ministry information meeting on June 6 and desire more information about the Ministry, please contact Ana Maria Jackson (910-599-5622), Jon Lindsay (770-356-5093), or Terry Miller (910-619-3742). We will be glad to discuss the possibility of you becoming a Stephen Minister, or perhaps you or somebody you know may benefit from a Stephen Ministry caring relationship.

The Church Office is in need of volunteers to answer the phones when Donna Capozio is out of the office. If you would be willing to help out, please contact Donna at 791-4582 or dcapezio@stmatthewsch.org.

Thinking about making an extra special donation to St. Matthew's? Two important needs are to replenish the Contingency Fund or "C-ing the Way Forward". Payments should be made by separate check payable to St. Matthew's and note Contingency Fund or "C-ing the Way Forward" on the memo line.

Finance is in need of Couriers for the next several months. The time commitment is minimal on Monday mornings, and you can even stay in your car by using the drive through lane. Please sign-up on the big board in the Commons.

Second Sunday Forum on Sunday, August 8, at 9:45 a.m. in McCombs Fellowship Hall. Presentation on the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod by the Rev'd. Dr. John Denninger, President of the Southeastern District, LCMS. Pr. Denninger is our guest preacher that weekend.



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