

**Welcome, visitors! Welcome members and friends of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church.
Thank you for joining us in church and on our online service today.**

HOLY COMMUNION is celebrated in our service this morning. +Guests who are baptized Christians, who acknowledge and confess their sinfulness, who confess Jesus Christ as their Savior from sin, and who believe that He is really present in Holy Communion to bring us His forgiveness and life, are welcome to the Lord's Table.

8th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 31, 2022

HOLY COMMUNION - OF THE LAND AND SEASONS

Prelude- "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" – setting, Donald Busarow

WELCOME

(Please rise)

**GATHERING HYMN – ELW ACS 994 THE NIGHT YOU GAVE US, GOD, HAS ENDED
(see attached)**

GREETING

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

Cong – And also with you.

KYRIE – pg. 2-3 “We pray for peace, O Lord....”

HYMN OF PRAISE – pg. 3-4 “O Sing of God’s Great Victory!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

Cong – And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, you give birth to all creation. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cause your word to bring forth new life in us. Awaken our slumbering hearts, and enliven us with a patient and expectant hope; that we may break forth in blossom and stalk, full of the promise of fruit and grain; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Pat Siler, Elder

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ^{2:18}I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to

despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun,²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun?²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 49:1-12

My mouth shall speak of wisdom. (Ps. 49:3)

(Cantor will sing uneven verses; Congregation will sing even-numbered verses)

¹Hear this, | all you peoples;
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,

²**you of high de- | gree and low,
rich and | poor together.**

³My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.

⁴**I will incline my ear | to a proverb
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.**

⁵Why should I be afraid in | evil days,
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,

⁶**the wickedness of those who trust in | their own prowess,
and boast of | their great riches?**

⁷One can never re- | deem another,
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;

⁸**for the ransom of a life | is so great
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**

⁹in order to live forev- | er and ever
and never | see the grave.

¹⁰**For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stu- | pid they perish
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.**

¹¹Their graves shall be their homes forever,
their dwelling places from generation to | generation,
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.

¹²**Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;
they are like the | beasts that perish.**

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:1-11

Pat Siler, Elder

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes and put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly:

fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

(Please rise)

GRADUAL HYMN – pg. 4-5 “O God, Whose Word Well Planted”

Pastor – The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

Cong – Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:13-21

Pastor Kelly Reagan

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' ¹⁸Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 678 GOD, WHOSE GIVING KNOWS NO ENDING

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

Pastor – Merciful God,

Cong – receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Cong – Amen.

May the peace of the Lord be with you!

Cong – And also with you.

PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING – “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY – pg. 7 “Accept, O Lord, the gifts we bring....”

OFFERTORY PRAYER – pg 7-8 “Let us pray. Gracious God.....”

GREAT THANKSGIVING - pg. 8

SANCTUS – pg. 8 “Long, long ago in Jerusalem....”

EUCARISTIC PRAYER – pg. 9

THE LORD'S PRAYER – pg. 9

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD – pg. 10

(Please be seated)

COMMUNION – pg. 10 “**O Lamb of God....”**

COMMUNION HYMN – pg. 10 “We praise You for the life that stirs.....”

(Please rise)

POST-COMMUNION HYMN – pg. 11-12 “**O Lord of the blossoms...”**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER – pg. 12

BENEDICTION - pg. 12

SENDING HYMN – ELW 705 GOD OF GRACE AND GOD OF GLORY

(Please be seated)

Postlude – “Sent Forth By God’s Blessings”

Pastor – Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Cong - Thanks be to God.

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MOWING SIGN-UPS

The sign-up sheet is now on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall for anyone to sign up to mow the lawn at St. Matthew. All help is appreciated. For more information, see Ron Bandelier.

A NOTE FROM THE PREZ CONCERNING UKRAINE

We will continue collecting funds for LCMS-Ukraine Relief until further notice.

Be sure to make your check payable to St. Matthew. On the “For or Memo” line please write Ukraine Relief.

Note: "A check in the amount of \$4,750 has been issued to LCMS-Ukraine Relief. The next check will be issued after the October 2nd Vestry meeting."

Gary Fischer

MEASURE OF LOVE – July 24, 2022

Attendance – 33

Total Deposit - \$1715.00

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SUNDAY

Holy Communion Land & Seasons - 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

July 31, 2022

THURSDAY

Al-Anon – 10:30 a.m.

FRIDAY

AA, Al-Anon – 8:00 p.m.

SATURDAY

SUNDAY – August 7, 2022

ELW Service of the Word pg. 213 – 9:30 a.m.

Dayton Dragons Game – 1:07 p.m.

994 The Night You Gave Us, God, Has Ended

The musical score consists of four staves of music in common time, key signature of one sharp (F#), and bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below each staff.

Staff 1:

1 The night you gave us, God, has end - ed,
 2 We thank you for each glo - rious sun - rise
 3 Bless those who work in hours of dark - ness,
 4 We pray for en - er - gy and pas - sion
 5 We praise you, God, for na - ture's rhy - thms,

Staff 2:

the dark - ness hails the sun's bright rays;
 that paints the earth a gold en hue;
 who serve and toil while oth - ers sleep;
 to live our lives each day for you;
 for dark and day light, stars and sun;

Staff 3:

as shad - ows flee and earth a - wak - ens,
 each day your grace grants new be - gin - nings,
 their lives of car - ing and pro - tect - ing
 may all a - round us sense your pres - ence
 your whole cre - a - tion sings your glo - ry,

Staff 4:

we rise a - gain to sing your a - praise.
 the chance to start a gain your a - new.
 re - flect your love so strong and we deep.
 in all we say and all Ho - ly do.
 O Trin - i - ty, say most Ho - ly One.

Text: Wayne L. Wold, b. 1954
 Music: Clement C. Scholefield, 1839–1904
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God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 678



1 God, whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and end-less store:
 2 Skills and time are ours for press-ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
 3 Tre-a-sure, too, you have en-trust-ed, gain through pow’rs your grace con-ferred;



na-ture’s won-der, Je-sus’ wis-dom, cost-ly cross, grave’s shat-tered door,
 all at peace in health and free-dom, rac-es joined, the church made one.
 ours to use for home and kin-dred, and to spread the gos-pel word.



gift-ed by you, we turn to you, of-f’ring up our-selves in praise;
 Now di-rect our dai-ly la-bor, lest we strive for self a-lone;
 O-pen wide our hands in shar-ing, as we heed Christ’s age-less call,



thank-ful song shall rise for-ev-er, gra-cious do-nor of our days.
 born with tal-ents, make us ser-vants fit to an-swer at your throne.
 heal-ing, teach-ing, and re-claim-ing, serv-ing you by lov-ing all.



Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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Alternate tune: HYMN TO JOY

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 lest we miss your king - dom's goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.