

# *The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

**October 12, 2025**

10:30 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary



*We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**                      *Jesus Loves Even Me*                      *William B. Bradbury, Arranger*

### **\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

*P:* Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**C: Amen.**

*P:* Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*P:* Merciful and loving God,

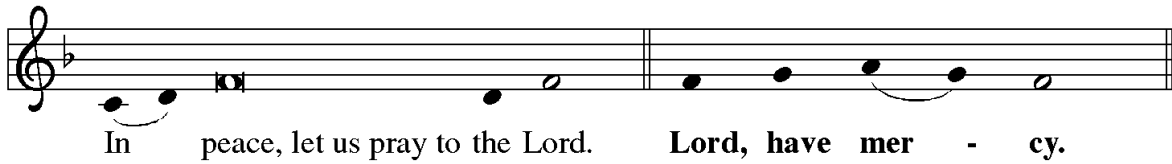
**C: we are your stiff-necked people. We trample on the needy. We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor. Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found. Amen.**

*P:* Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. We who were lost have been found. In the name of ✠ Jesus, your sins are forgiven! **C: Amen.**

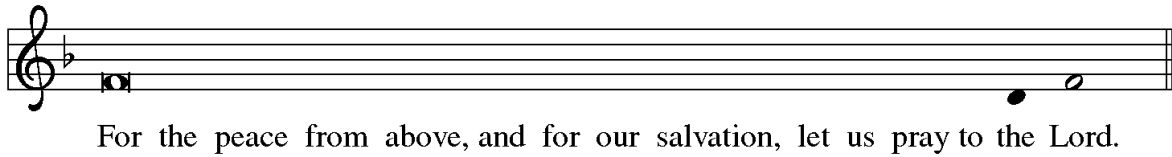
**\*OPENING HYMN**                      *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*                      *ELW # 843*

### **\*GREETING**

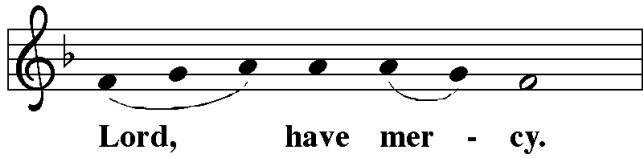
*P:* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**



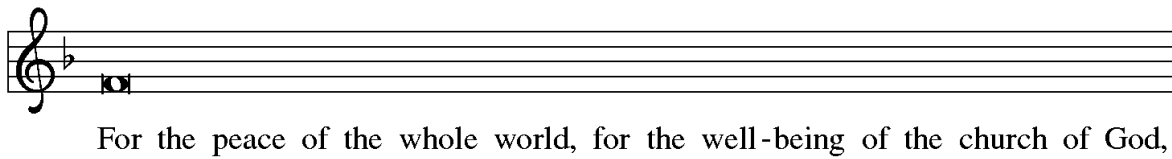
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



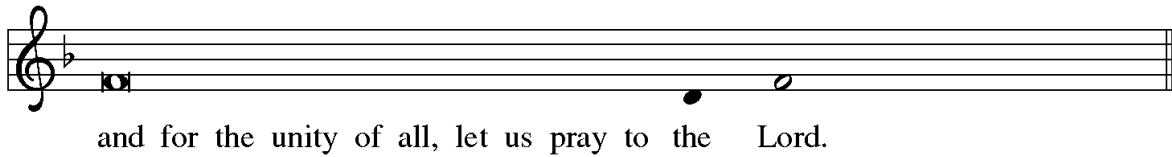
For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



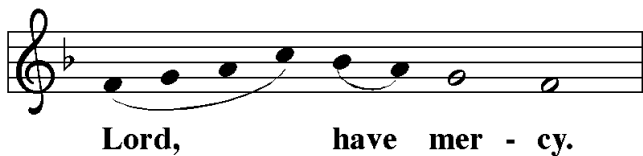
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



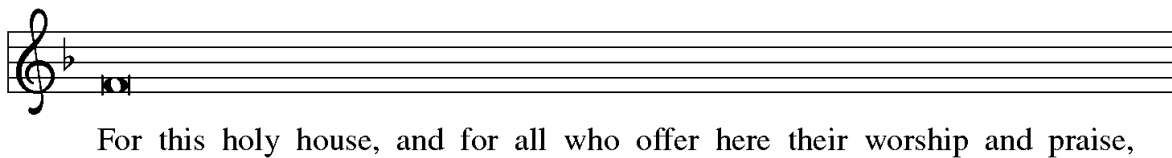
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



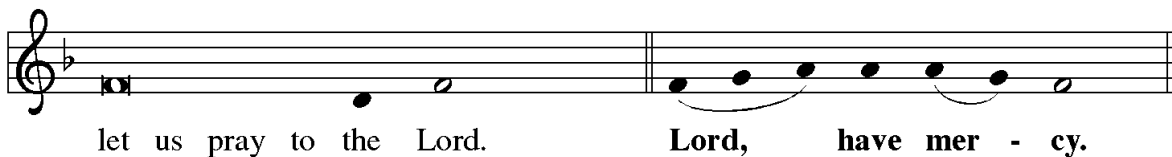
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



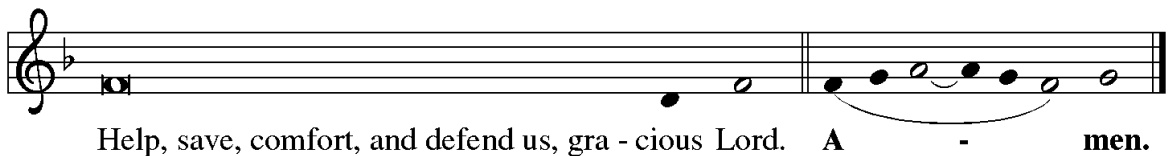
**Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. **A - men.**

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## **\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*P: Let us pray ...* Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c**

<sup>1</sup>Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from a skin disease. <sup>2</sup>Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup>She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his skin disease."

<sup>7</sup>When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his skin disease? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup>But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup>So Naaman came with his horses and chariots and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup>Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored, and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup>But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God and would wave his hand over the spot and cure the skin disease! <sup>12</sup>Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup>But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup>So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15a, b, c</sup>Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

*L: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.*

**PSALM 111 (read responsively)**

<sup>1</sup> Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

<sup>2</sup> **Great are your works, O Lord,  
pondered by all who delight in them.**

<sup>3</sup> Majesty and splendor mark your deeds,  
and your righteousness endures forever.

<sup>4</sup> **You cause your wonders to be remembered;  
you are gracious and full of compassion.**

<sup>5</sup> You give food to those who fear you,  
remembering forever your covenant.

<sup>6</sup> **You have shown your people the power of your works  
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

<sup>7</sup> The works of your hands are faithfulness and justice;  
all of your precepts are sure.

<sup>8</sup> **They stand fast forever and ever,  
because they are done in truth and equity.**

<sup>9</sup> You sent redemption to your people and commanded your covenant forever;  
holy and awesome is your name.

<sup>10</sup> **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all who practice this have a good understanding. God's praise endures  
forever.**

**SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 2:8-15**

<sup>8</sup> Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my  
gospel, <sup>9</sup> for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a  
criminal. But the word of God is not chained. <sup>10</sup> Therefore I endure everything  
for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in  
Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup> The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup> if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

<sup>13</sup> if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

he cannot deny himself.

<sup>14</sup> Remind them of this, and warn them before the Lord that they are to avoid  
wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are  
listening. <sup>15</sup> Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a  
worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

*L:* The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*SI42a*

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*Gospel: Luke 17:11-19**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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

**HOMILY**

*Peggy Steinfurth*

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY**

*I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

*ELW # 860*

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

*P:* Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**C: 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 OF THE CHURCH**

*A:* Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

*A:* Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. . God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

*A:* Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith. Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace, **C: receive our prayer.**

*P:* We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

## **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

*P:* Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

## **\*BENEDICTION**

*P:* The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**\*SENDING SONG**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*ELW # 840*

**\*DISMISSAL**

*P: Go in peace. Do not lose heart. C: Thanks be to God.*

**\*POSTLUDE** .....*Herald of Praise*                      *Robert J. Hughes, Composer*

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Also, please be advised that our parking lot has surveillance cameras and  
that our worship service is video recorded and/or live-streamed on social media.

**Today's Altar Flowers** are placed to the Glory of God in memory of loved ones, especially in memory of my loving husband James on the anniversary of his death given by Linda Negley.

**Serving God and Us**

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Organists – Mary Nelson, DeAnna Cree

Our Missionary Family – Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings

Our Administrative Assistant – Jen Ripka

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orzech

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Assisting Minister – Jim Barley

Our Lector – Linda Smith

Our Usher – Randy McGraw

Our Altar Guild – Jackie Lightner, Tina Harclerode

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

**Fourth Quarter Ventures in Faith to “United Lutheran Seminaries”**

**Prayers are needed for our homebound:** Mary Jane Allision, Fred Brandenburg, Linda Claar, Mary Creps, Gerry Girolami, Betty Helsel, Allen Heltzel, Ann Irvin, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Jean Stonerook, Pat & Robert Winston.

*So we can give special attention to those with pressing needs, names were removed at the end of the month. Please let the office know if a name should be added to the prayer list for an extended period of time.*

**Prayer Concerns:** Baby Campbell, Greta Buchart, Doug Bush, Terry Creek, Julie Dick, Joe Fagnani, Mary Farabaugh, Marilyn Horton, Jamie, Rachel Kensinger, Naomi (Noni) Lehman, Kristen Malloy, Janice Orzcek, John Russell, Dan Sinal, Brandon Smith, Joshua Sollenberger, Kaleb Sollenberger, Jim Stewart, and for our **Missionaries: Robin Abrol, On Eagle's Wings.**

**Away at School:** Max Baker, Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jay Hoenstine, Jeff Hoenstine, Camden Kuster, Lacey Ripka.

**Those Serving in our Armed Forces:** Bradley Buchart, Melody Estep.

**This Week at St. Matthew:**

**814-793-2413: Office Hours**

Pastor Traci is on vacation 10/6–10/14.

In case of emergency call Pastor MJ Irvin-Stellabotte 814-934-9941.

Pastor Traci – Wed. – 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Jen – Mon. – Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

**This Week Events**

**Today –** *18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Window Room  
NO Catechism  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

**Thursday –** *Food Pantry 9:00-11:00 a.m., Allegheny St.*

**Sunday –** *19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*  
Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Window Room  
Catechism  
Worship Service 10:30 a.m.



## Martinsburg Food Pantry



The Food Pantry will be open for food distribution on Thursdays, October 2 and October 16 from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Covenant Church of the Brethren, Curryville, will supply helpers to distribute food in addition to the regular helpers.

**Items most needed for October:** Cereal, Juice, Rice Sides, Fruit, Soup, and Ravioli.

There will be a Food Drive sponsored by the Ministerium at the Martinsburg Fire Hall on Saturday, October 11 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We appreciate your prayers and support!

We are grateful for all the fresh vegetables from Camden Kuster provided from his Eagle Scout garden!

*Many thanks to all members for your donations,  
Linda Smith*

## Community Mending Ministry at St. Matthew

 *Favorite clothing in need of repair?*   
*Give it another chance!*

Bring laundered clothes that need mending to work on yourself or get help from our sewers. Materials, machines, & expertise provided.  
*And we'll have snacks!*

**Wednesday, October 22nd**  
**2PM to 4PM**

**St. Matthew Lutheran Martinsburg Fellowship Hall**  
**115 E Penn Street (Maple Street Parking Lot)**

# Talk-O Tuesday



Fellowship, Food, & Faith Conversation  
Tuesday, October 28th at 6PM  
La Fiesta at the Airport  
RSVP to the office by Noon

Join Pastor Traci & Otto at St. Matthew for

# TRICK OR TREAT

*No Trick or Treaters in your neighborhood?*

*No problem! Dozens of ghosts & goblins*

*trick or treat at church every year.*



6-8PM  
Thursday  
October 30

Throw on a costume &  
join us to give out candy.

Shopping for Trick or Treat?

Grab an extra bag for St. Matthew.

(Please drop off by Wednesday the 29th)



1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;  
2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;  
3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.  
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.  
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,  
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;  
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.



calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.  
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.  
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad  
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,  
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad  
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,  
When I was in trou - ble,

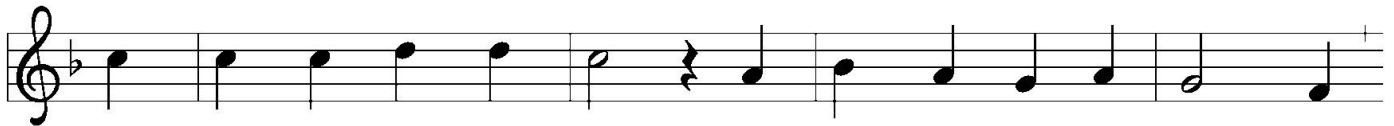


sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

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



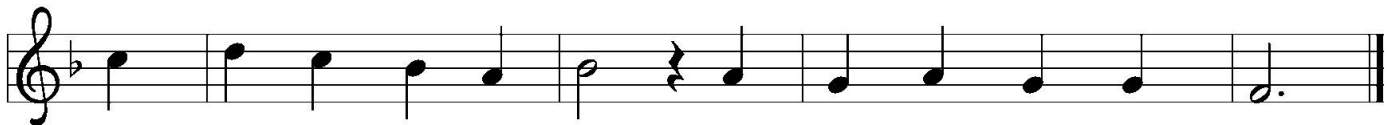
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.