



# ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People  
*With One Voice, Setting 5*  
Sunday, July 28, 2024  
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

## INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Today is the first of five Sundays with gospel readings from John 6, the first four of which focus on Jesus as bread of life. Today Jesus feeds thousands of people with five loaves and two fish. What we have, what we bring to Jesus' table, seems like it is not nearly enough to meet all the needs we see around us. But it is not the adequacy of our supplies or our skills that finally makes the difference: it is the power of Jesus working in the littlest and least to transform this world into the world God desires, a world where all the hungry are satisfied.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The hymn numbers for today's service: #482 #674 #465 #484 #768

## PRELUDE

*(\*Please stand as you are able)*

## \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

## \*GATHERING HYMN | *Come with Joy* (ELW 482)

## \*GREETING

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

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



☉ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☉ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



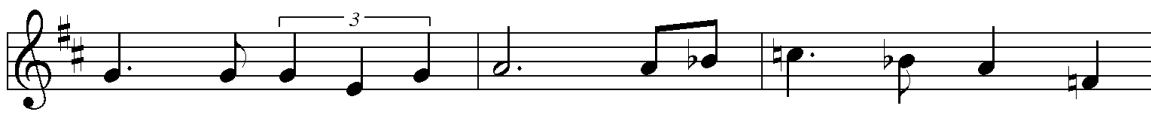
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ 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.

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☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



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



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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;



glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

A: Gracious God, you have placed within the hearts of all your children a longing for your word and a hunger for your truth. Grant that we may know your Son to be the true bread of heaven and share this bread with all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 11:1-15**

*King David takes Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah, then eventually has her husband murdered. The king, who should be at the battle but stays home; a contrast to the loyal and upright Uriah.*

<sup>1</sup> In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. <sup>3</sup> David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." <sup>4</sup> So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. <sup>5</sup> The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant." <sup>6</sup> So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. <sup>7</sup> When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. <sup>8</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. <sup>9</sup> But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. <sup>10</sup> When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" <sup>11</sup> Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing." <sup>12</sup> Then David said to Uriah, "Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, <sup>13</sup> David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house. <sup>14</sup> In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. <sup>15</sup> In the letter he wrote, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die."

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 14**

<sup>1</sup> Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, every deed is vile; there is no one who does any good.

**<sup>2</sup> The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, to see if there is anyone who is wise, who seeks after God.**

<sup>3</sup> They have all proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; there is none who does good; no, not one.

**<sup>4</sup> Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?**

<sup>5</sup> See how they tremble with fear, because God is in the company of the righteous.

**<sup>6</sup> Your aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, but the Lord is their refuge.**

<sup>7</sup> Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice and Israel will be glad.

## SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:14-21

*We have been rooted in the love of Christ, which surpasses all human knowledge.*

<sup>14</sup>For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup>Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, <sup>21</sup>to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

### \*GOSPEL John 6:1-21

The holy gospel according to St. John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In John's gospel, the miracles of Jesus are called "signs," because they reveal the true character of God. They are within the mystery of God and cannot be brought under human control.*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. <sup>2</sup> A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. <sup>3</sup> Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. <sup>4</sup> Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. <sup>5</sup> When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" <sup>6</sup> He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. <sup>7</sup> Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." <sup>8</sup> One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, <sup>9</sup> "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" <sup>10</sup> Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. <sup>11</sup> Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. <sup>12</sup> When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." <sup>13</sup> So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve

baskets. <sup>14</sup> When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world." <sup>15</sup> When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself. <sup>16</sup> When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, <sup>17</sup> got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. <sup>18</sup> The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. <sup>19</sup> When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. <sup>20</sup> But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." <sup>21</sup> Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

PASTOR LESLEY M. RADIUS

**\*HYMN OF THE DAY *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ (ELW 674)***

**\*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**

A: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

*A brief silence*

For each petition: In your mercy, **graciously hear us.**

P. Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

**\*PEACE** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

**\*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)***

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A. Jesus, Bread of Life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

**\*GREAT THANKSGIVING**

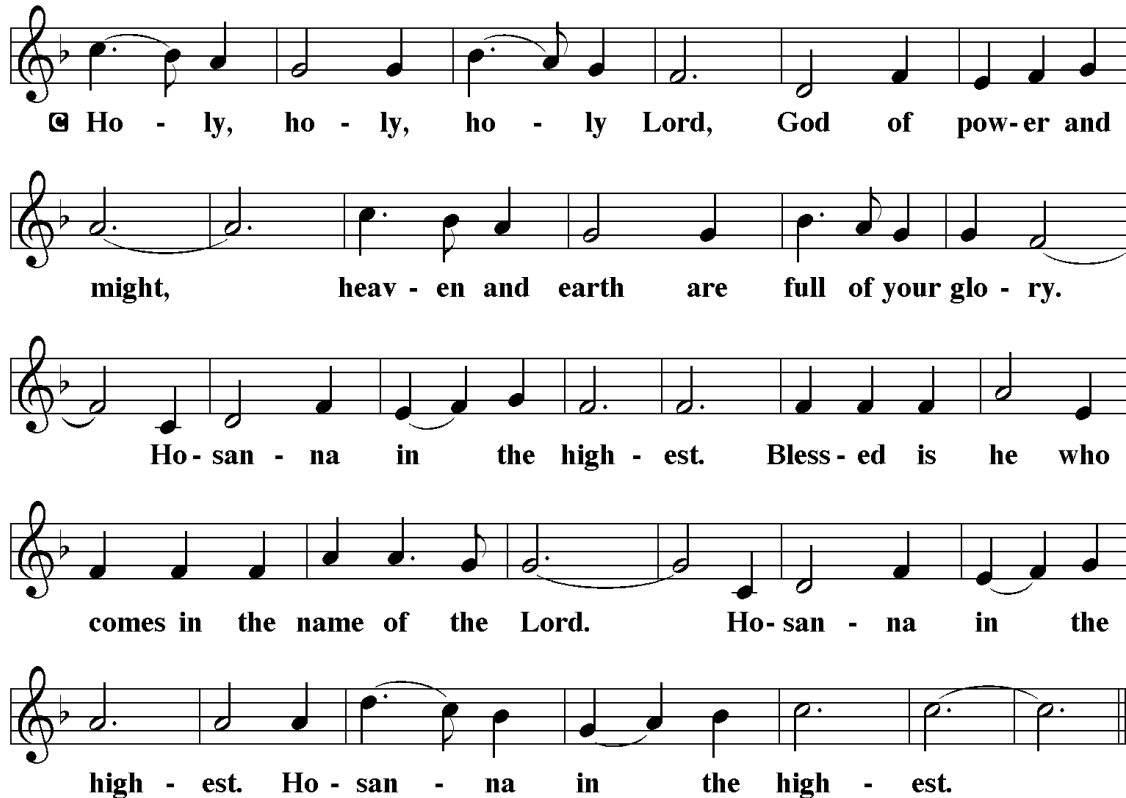
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up our hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en 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.

**\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**\*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.

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**COMMUNION HYMN *You Satisfy the Hungry Heart* (ELW 484)**

**\*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING HYMN *Lead Me, Guide Me* (ELW 768)**

**\*DISMISSAL** Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

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### Serving in Worship

#### Today, July 28th

**Presiding Minister:** Pastor Lesley Radius  
**Assisting Minister:** Adam Frame  
**Music Director:** Adam Frame  
**Organist/Pianist:** John Wolf  
**Lector:** Bruce Anderson  
**Chancel Care:** Marcia Boggs  
**Ushers:** Peyton Frame  
**Videographer:** Jacob Martella  
**Counters:** F. Youngblood & M. Boggs

#### Next Sunday, August 4th

Vicar Trent Ormsbee-Hale  
Charlie Schmidt  
Adam Frame  
John Wolf  
Cindy Kohn  
TBD  
F. Youngblood & Adam Frame  
Jeff Manthei  
F. Youngblood & Lisa Reed

*We welcome all today and are thankful you have chosen to participate in this service as you are able. We pray you are blessed by what you experience. If you have any spiritual needs or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Lesley at [pastor@stmatthews-elca.org](mailto:pastor@stmatthews-elca.org) or call 817-292-1338. This service includes communion; if you are worshipping online, please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available to participate in the Eucharist.*

### THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

#### Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>

9:15 am St. Matthew's Adult Sunday School  
9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher  
11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's

#### Tuesday July 30<sup>th</sup>

3:00 pm Bill Anderson Memorial Art Camp

#### Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>

3:00 pm Bill Anderson Memorial Art Camp

#### Thursday August 1<sup>st</sup>

3:00 pm Bill Anderson Memorial Art Camp  
5:00 pm Lite Supper and Worship

#### Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

9:15 am Adult Sunday School  
9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher  
11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's



**Gospel Alive** We are now collecting school supplies for the students of our community partner Woodway Elementary. Collections will continue until Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate everyone bringing in a few items if you are able. These supplies help supplement when original supplies wear out, they are also used for new students who enter during the school year. Thank you in advance for doing God's work with your hands.

**Academy 4** Don't forget to sign up to be a mentor for the Academy 4 program that will begin at Woodway Elementary this Fall. You can visit [www.academy4.org](http://www.academy4.org) to register or contact Kelly Riddle. If you cannot volunteer, you can still help by spreading the word on this program to friends and neighbors. Volunteer sign up is open to the entire community.

**Sign up to be an usher at worship.** Please sign up on the board in the narthex to usher, including greeting our visitors and offering hospitality to all who come to worship. Thank you for being a part of this vital work.

<p><b><u>We Pray For:</u></b></p> <p><b>St. Matthew's Homebound</b> <b>Pattie Brunnert</b> <b>David Wester</b> <b>Mike and Sandy Dinger</b> Aunt &amp; Uncle of Cindy Kohn <b>Caleb Roberts</b> Friend of Ferrol Miller &amp; The Gustafsons</p>	<p><b><u>We Pray For:</u></b></p> <p><b>Thara Bonebreak</b> Aunt of Anne Moroneso <b>Annie Breakspear</b> Daughter-in-law of Pauline Christensen <b>Hayden June</b> Friend of Ferrol Miller &amp; The Gustafsons <b>Becky Jacobs</b> Daughter of Lauren Anderson <b>Brenda McCloskey</b> Mary Nedde's In-Law</p>
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#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**(More details to follow, but please reserve these dates in your calendars now!)**

**July 30<sup>th</sup>-Aug 1<sup>st</sup>** Bill Anderson Memorial Art Camp 3-5 pm

**August 3<sup>rd</sup>** Fellowship Breakfast Dixie House Cafe Hulen 8:30 a.m.

**August 10<sup>th</sup>** Women's Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**- Legacy Presentation and Luncheon

#### ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT

**Living in Christ through faith. Living for neighbor through love.**

***We are Reconciling in Christ, welcoming to all!***

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## I Come with Joy



1 I come with joy, a child of God, for - giv - en, loved, and  
2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to find, as all are  
3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share, each proud di - vi - sion  
4 The Spir - it of the ris - en Christ, un - seen, but ev - er  
5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound by all that God has



free, the life of Je - sus to re - call in  
fed, the new com - mu - ni - ty of love in  
ends. The love that made us, makes us one, and  
near, is in such friend - ship bet - ter known, a -  
done, we'll go with joy, to give the world the



love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.  
Christ's com - mu - nion bread, in Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
strang - ers now are friends, and strang - ers now are friends.  
live a - mong us here, a - live a - mong us here.  
love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.

## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

*Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

## As the Grains of Wheat

*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

*Refrain*

may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
 all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

## You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

### *Gift of Finest Wheat*

*Refrain*

You sat - is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat.

Come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.

1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice;  
 2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude  
 3 Is not the cup we bless and share the blood of Christ out-poured?  
 4 The mys - t'ry of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
 5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,

*Refrain*

so when you call your fam-'ly, Lord, we fol - low and re - joice.  
 that you should count us wor - thy, Lord, to share this heav'n - ly food.  
 Do not one cup, one loaf, de - clare our one - ness in the Lord?  
 whom all the world can - not con - tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
 to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.