

Pentecost Four
Sunday July 3, 2022



Declare what God has done!



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* *Indicates please stand as you are able.*

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

PRELUDE *More Love, More Power*

by Jude Del Hierro

***Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed your path

but have chosen our own way.

Instead of putting others before ourselves,

we long to take the best seats at the table.

When met by those in need,

we have too often passed by on the other side.

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves

and free us to love our neighbors.

Amen.

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins

but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

Amen.

GATHERING

***GATHERING HYMN** *We All Are One in Mission*

ELW #576

***GREETING**

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

People: *And also with you.*

***Kyrie**

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***Hymn of Praise**

Glory to God..... **p.139**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters
us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on
our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world,
through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: *Amen.*

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,
all you who love her;
rejoice with her in joy,
all you who mourn over her—

¹¹that you may nurse and be satisfied
from her consoling breast;
that you may drink deeply with delight
from her glorious bosom.

¹²For thus says the LORD:
I will extend prosperity to her like a river,
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,
and dandled on her knees.

¹³As a mother comforts her child,
so I will comfort you;
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

¹⁴You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;
and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his
servants,
and his indignation is against his enemies.

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.
People: ***Thanks be to God.***

Psalm: Psalm 66:1-9

Spoken in Unison

- ¹Be joyful in God, all you lands;
be joyful, all the earth.
²Sing the glory of God's name;
sing the glory of God's praise.
³Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
Because of your great strength your enemies cringe
before you.
⁴All the earth bows down before you,
sings to you, sings out your name."
⁵Come now and see the works of God,
how awesome are God's deeds toward all people.
⁶God turned the sea into dry land, so that they went
through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in God.
⁷Ruling forever in might, God keeps watch over the nations;
let no rebels exalt themselves.
⁸Bless our God, you peoples;
let the sound of praise be heard.
⁹Our God has kept us among the living
and has not allowed our feet to slip.

Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16

¹My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. ³For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. ⁴All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. ⁵For all must carry their own loads. ⁶Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. ⁷Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. ⁸If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. ⁹So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. ¹⁰So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith. ¹¹See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own

hand! ¹²It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. ¹⁴May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Reader: Word of God; Word of Life.
People: *Thanks be to God*

***Gospel Acclamation**

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke
People: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'"

¹⁶"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

SERMON

***HYMN OF THE DAY** *To Be Your Presence*

ELW #546

***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 OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Between each petition the following is said:

Asst. Min.: God, of grace,
People: ***Hear our prayer.***

Asst. Min.: God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

People: *Amen.*

SPECIAL MUSIC

Go Light Your World

by Chris Rice

PREPARING THE TABLE

***OFFERING PRAYER**

God of abundance:
you have set before us a plentiful harvest.
As we feast on your goodness,
strengthen us to labor in your field,
and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,
in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

***The Great Thanksgiving**

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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 our thanks and praise.*

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

***Sanctus**

p. 144b

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Acclamation:**

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Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Spoken in Unison

*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**

In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy.
Come to the banquet.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

***TABLE BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Life-giving God,
through this meal you have bandaged our wounds
and fed us with your mercy.
Now send us forth to live for others,
both friend and stranger,
that all may come to know your love.
This we pray in the name of Jesus.

Amen.

***BENEDICTION**

The God of peace,
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you, comfort you,
and show you the path of life
this day and always.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

ELW #547

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE *Equip Your Church to Spread the Light*
by George Gilbert Stocks





**St. Matthew Lutheran Church
Statement of Welcome, Affirmation
and Full Participation**



Welcome to St Matthew, the little church with a big heart.
We are a Reconciling in Christ (Open and Affirming)
congregation, so when we say "all are welcome",
we really mean it.

We strive to live that out in our actions as well as our words. We
publicly and humbly commit to do what it takes to truly be a
sanctuary filled with warmth, love, understanding, safety,
respect and care for all who enter here.

*(Please see our Full Statement of Welcome, Affirmation and Full
Participation on our website: www.stmatthewelc.com. Copies of the
Full Statement are also available in the Education and
Resources Stand in the Fellowship Hall.)*

At-Home Monthly Prayer List

Judy Birunas, Jack Bitzer,
Nancy Bitzer, Deb Bosch, Carole Castline,
Mildred Collins, Richard Kirchoff,
Nancy Kline, Linda Martin,
Judy Miller, Kay Nolt, George Resh,
Jean Schweers and Jack Underkoffler



JULY BIRTHDAYS!

7/3	Peg Sampson
7/8	Mary Miller
7/9	Brenda Ritterpusch
7/15	Donna Kilgore
7/16	Jack Bitzer
7/21	Jeff Auer
7/21	Arlene Volk
7/24	Kay Gontner

The Congregation

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Altar Care for July:

Anna Neal/Barb Elsen

Assisting Minister:

Barb Elsen

Greeter:

Carol Rothweiler

Usher:

Brenda Stauffer

Reader:

Linda Tice

Counters:

Linda Tice & Carol Rothweiler

7/2 Saturday
5:00pm Worship

7/10 Sunday
10:00am Worship

7/3 Sunday
10:00am Worship

**Events scheduled for outside groups that use our facility. You are welcome to attend or sign up for all other events on the calendar.*

7/5 Tuesday
12:00pm Better Bones
St. Matthew

**Scripture Readings—
July 9-10, 2022**

7/6 Wednesday
12:00pm Bible Study
6:30pm M.T. Democratic
Committee*

**Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37**

7/9 Saturday
5:00pm Worship