

Pentecost 13
Sunday + Aug 19, 2018



***Bread of Life:
Eternal Life***



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Sunday - August 19, 2018 - 10:00 AM

* Indicates please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"I Am the Bread of Life"*

Suzzane Toolan/Ron Schmoltze

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

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GATHERING

***GATHERING HYMN:**

"You Servants of God"

ELW #825

***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** p.138

***Hymn of Praise** p. 139

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Pastor: Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.

She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.

She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!"

To those without sense she says, "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 34: 9-14

Spoken in Unison

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
The lions are in want and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the LORD.
Who among you takes pleasure in life
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God***Gospel Acclamation** Alleluia, Lord to..... p. 142a

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John

People: Glory to You O Lord**Gospel: John 6:51-58**

[Jesus said,] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like

that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to You, O Christ

Sermon

Pastor Brenda Ritterpusch

***Hymn of the Day:** *"By Your Hand You Feed Your People"*

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Apostles Creed

Spoken in Unison

*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.: Lord, in your mercy. **People: Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

People: And also with you.

MEAL

Gathering of Gifts and Preparing of the Table

Offertory Music: *"More Love to Thee, O Christ"*

Mark Hayes/William H. Doane

***Offering Response:** *"Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring"*
ELW #691

***Offertory Prayer**

Asst. Min.: *Let us pray.*

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

***The Great Thanksgiving** p. 144a

***Sanctus** *(Holy, holy, holy...)* p. 144b

***Eucharistic Prayer**

***Acclamation:** p. 145

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**

Pastor: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

People: ***Thanks be to God.***

SHARING OF THE SACRAMENT

Please follow the direction of the ushers as you approach the communion rail. You may take a small glass for the reception of wine, or you may drink or intinct from the common chalice. If you prefer not to partake of the Sacrament today, you may cross your arms and receive a blessing. We offer gluten-free wafers, please ask the pastor as you approach the rail.

The following hymns will be sung by the congregation as time permits:

"Come and Fill Our Hearts" (Sing 2X) **ELW #528**

***TABLE BLESSING**

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

People: Amen.

***PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Asst. Min.: *Let us pray.*

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great love.
Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for your reign of justice,
may we thirst for your way of peace,
for you are Lord forevermore.

People: Amen.

***BENEDICTION:**

Pastor: May God, whose power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,
grant you the gifts of faith and hope.

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

People Amen.

***SENDING HYMN: "Let All Things Now Living" ELW #881**

Asst. Min.: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

People: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE: "Sonata " Thomas Arne, 1710-1778**

We Remember in Our Prayers

*Ruth Ebersole, Bill Conrad, Mildred Collins, Paul & Betty
Sheaffer, Mary Burkhardt, Jane Brandt,
Bob Sampson, Carolyn Sampson, Jo Zwally, Theodore
Feldmann, Lois Sheaffer, Richard Johnson, Jean
Schweers, and Ned Dixon.*

Special thanks to Rev. David and Brenda Ritterpusch for preaching and presiding at this weekend's services, and for providing emergency pastoral care to the St. Matthew family.

Nancy Maurer Retirement Celebration

***Nancy Maurer has announced her retirement, effective September 1.
Come honor Nancy's 39 years of service here at St. Matthew:
Saturday, September 22
4-6pm***

COMMUNITY MEAL

***Third Monday of the month, 5pm, at Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg.
Prep work on Monday morning at St. Matthew at 9am.
Contact Barb Elsen if you would like to be a part of this vital ministry.***

Reminder: The Blue Vase in the narthex is for joyful Noise (pink slip) suggestions.

***Coloring with Mildred Collins
Community Room at Evergreen Estates
1300 E. King St, Lancaster
Wednesday, Aug. 29 from 12 to 2pm***

Art Song Recital- August 25, 2PM

Given by baritone Gregory Feldmann and pianist Justin Streletz. The recital is here at St. Matthew and is free to the public. The program will offer songs by Brahms, Fauré, Rodgers and Hammerstein. Light reception to follow.

Game Day

Starts again September 8 at 2PM in the fellowship hall. Bring your favorite board games. See Janet Baker for details.



BROWN BAG & BIBLE—
Wednesdays at 12 noon
in Fellowship Hall.



**The July/August/ September edition of
Christ in Our Home
daily devotional is available in the foyer.**

**Hey! Check
us out and...**



QUILTING WORKSHOP

It's Quilting Workshop time again! Third Saturdays, from 1 to 4pm in Fellowship Hall. Next one will be September 15th. No experience necessary. There is a job for everyone. Ask Sheila Charles for details.

St. Matthew Seniors

We are still on hiatus for the month of August. Join us on September 4th at 11:45 at the church for a visit to the café, The Baker's Table, located at Urban Place at 480 New Holland Avenue.

Also, plan to join us on October 9th at Bird-in-Hand Restaurant for a lunch buffet and show, "The Home Game". Tickets are \$54. Please make checks payable to Kay Gontner. Look for both sign-up sheets in the foyer.



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS!

**Aug 12 - Nancy Bitzer
Aug 15 - Linda Martin
Aug 21 - Jan Bentz
Aug 24 - Mary Burkhardt
Aug 24 - George Resh**



**AUGUST ANNIVERSARY
8/01 Jen Piersol & Barb Emmerich**

Plate Offerings

Our 2018 "plate offering" money (loose cash, without designation) will be given to Ileje Lutheran Church, our sister congregation, in Tanzania.

BOOK CLUB NEWS

Our next book selection is Tom Hank's book of short stories, "Uncommon Type". Since this is our first foray into short story reading, we may want 2 meetings to discuss the 17 tales. Steve Martin says, "It turns out that Tom Hanks is also a wise and hilarious writer with an endlessly surprising mind."

We will be reading the first 10 stories through page 222-for August. I hope you will be intrigued and will join us August 28 from 1 to 3 pm.

Arlene Volk



Today's Chancel Flowers are given by Linda and Jodi McIntyre in memory of John F. McIntyre.

You are invited each Sunday after worship for light refreshment & a bit of conversation in Fellowship Hall.

Faith & Fellowship



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Please email to John and Arlene Volk
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WEEKLY BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Please email to Ray Shaub
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Social Ministry News

During August and September we will be focusing on supplies and monetary donations for LWR personal care kits. Please see the display in the foyer for taking tabs to purchase requested items.

SATURDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Dinner at a local restaurant after the 5pm worship service on the first Saturday of the month.

**Pastor Fero's vacation is from August 17-22.
He will be returning to work Thursday, the
23rd.**

**Please call the church office if there is a
pastoral care need.**

**Thank you to the Ritterpusches for
providing pastoral care. Thank you to John
Volk for taking church office calls.**

Judy Miller has recently moved!

Here is her new address:

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Council Member in Charge:	Peggy Atkins
Altar Care for August:	Kay Gontner & Barb Elsen
Greeter:	Peggy Atkins
Ushers:	John & Arlene Volk
Reader:	Arlene Volk
Assisting Minister:	Barb Emmerich
Counter(s)	Linda Tice & Barb Elsen
Presiding:	Rev. David Ritterpusch
Preaching:	Rev. Brenda Ritterpusch

8/19 Sunday
Pentecost 13
 10:00 am Worship Service
 11:30 am Evangelism Mtg.

8/20 Monday
 5:00 pm Community Meal

8/21 Tuesday
 8:30 am *Bridge Buddies**

8/22 Wednesday
 12:00 pm Brown Bag & Bible

8/25 Saturday
 2:00 pm Art Song Recital
 (See announcement)
 5:00 pm Worship Service

8/26 Sunday Pentecost 14
 10:00am Worship Service

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

Scripture Readings
August 26th

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18
Psalm 34:15-22
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69