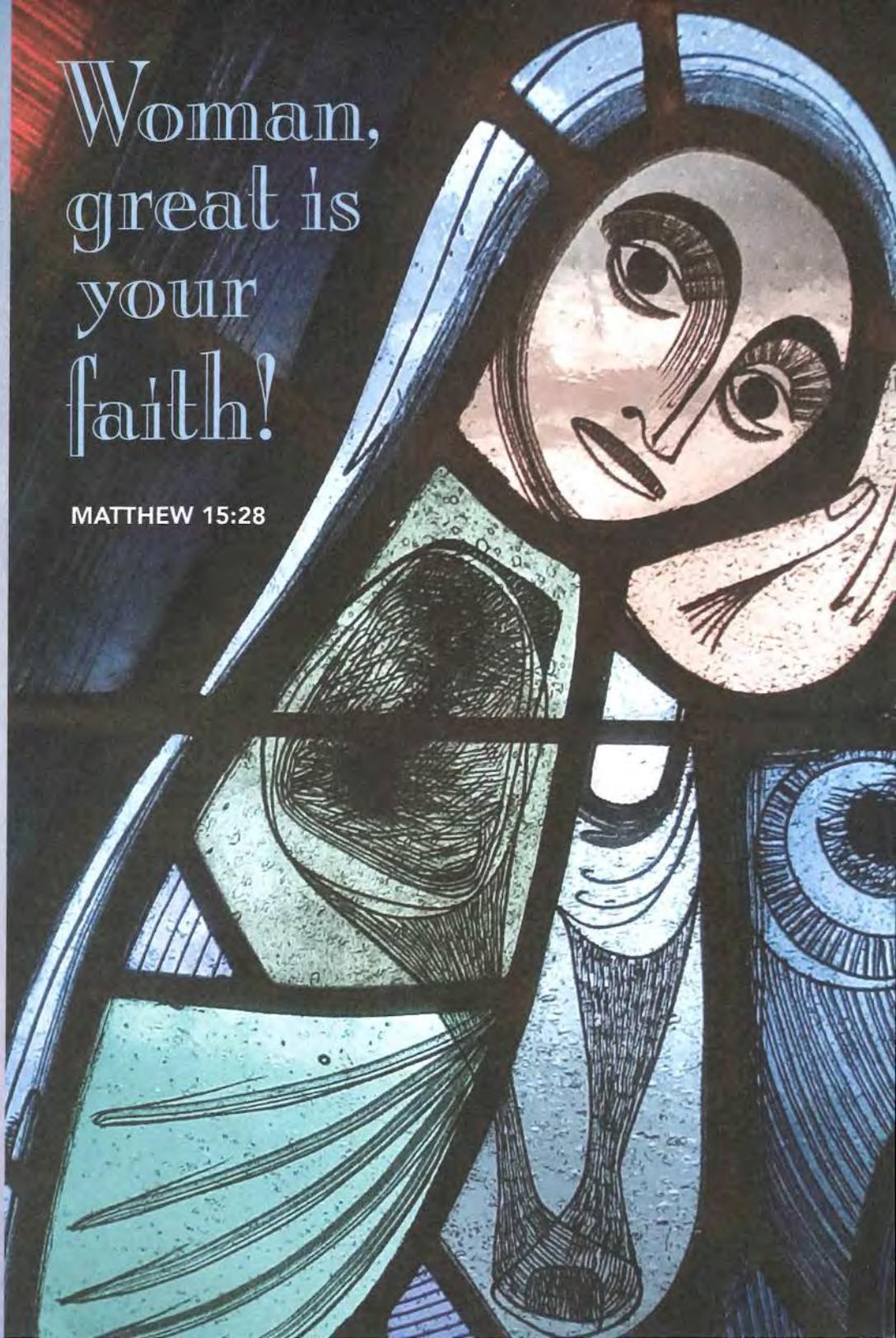


Woman,
great is
your
faith!

MATTHEW 15:28



ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
Church Office: 717-637-7101
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 16, 2020
9:00 a.m.



WELCOME! ARE YOU NEW? We are a group of people gathered together to make a difference. We seek to make a difference in ourselves, in our neighborhoods, and in our world. We are thankful that you are here today. Check out our website at www.stmattlutheran.org, where you can find out more about us and get connected into our community. **If you would like a call from one of the pastors, give a pastor or a parking attendant your name and phone number and a pastor will contact you, or call the church office, 717-637-7101, and leave a message for Pastor Kathy or Pastor David.**

WE LOVE having children in worship. Jesus said “let the little children come to me ... for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” We will have children’s sermons on occasion through the summer.



Please tear off and put in the offering basket as you leave:

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Names of everyone attending 08 16 20:

Would you like to be added to our email list? Please list your name and email address:

Please list any prayer concerns you would like lifted up by the staff:

We hope you find these outdoor worship services meaningful. If you are concerned about your car battery, you can bring a battery operated radio and use that in your car. It will save your car battery! But also know, we have people on the premises with battery cables should the need arise.

If you leave your vehicle for any reason, please be considerate of others and wear a mask. Thank you!

+ Celebrating God's Love - Serving in Jesus' Name +

GATHERING MUSIC

Everybody Praise Him
(Andrew Monath, Soloist)

Reeves

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, whose steadfast love is everlasting, whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Pastor: Reconciling God,

**All: we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.**

We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts.

We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.

We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.

**We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin
in thought, word, and deed.**

**By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;**

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Pastor: Beloved of God,

by the radical abundance of divine mercy

we have peace with God through + Christ Jesus,

through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.

Our sins are forgiven.

Let us live now in hope.

For hope does not disappoint,

because God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

OPENING HYMN*Healer of Our Every Ill* – No. 612

Refrain

Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,
 give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.

1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter.

Refrain

peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.

APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

All: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you.
 Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy,
 that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our
 Savior and Lord.

All: Amen.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 *The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save. Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.*

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.
 Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 15:21-28 *Jesus' teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.*

Pastor: The gospel of our Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Mark Vitalis Hoffman

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Thought By Now
(Andrew Monath, Soloist)

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TEXT:

I thought by now that the seasons would have changed,
that the clouds would bring some rain,
and that life would grow again.
I thought by now that this wound would be a scar,
we'd be farther than we are,
and not so prone to fall.
I thought by now Your mercy would run out,
that this mountain would be moved,
this valley understood and worked out for my good.
I thought by now that this lesson would be learned,
that You'd speak a holy word and take away this hurt.
I thought by now Your mercy would run out on me.
But surely You have borne our griefs and carried every sorrow.
Surely, surely You are near to those who can't face their tomorrow.
Surely, surely, surely You are holding me.
I thought by now that I'd be stronger in my faith,
that I'd learn to show more grace,
that I'd always seek Your face.
I thought by now that this war in me would end,
and that peace would reign again.
I thought by now Your mercy would run out.
But surely, surely You have borne our griefs and carried every sorrow.
Surely, surely You are near to those who can't face their tomorrow.
Surely, surely You are holding me.
I thought by now You'd have given up on me,
You'd be weary of my needs, but surely you are holding me.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed

Assisting Minister: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: 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

Each petition concludes, "*Lord, in your mercy,*" and the congregation responds, "*hear our prayer.*"

PEACE

Assisting Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: And also with you.

*(The congregation is invited to greet one another in your own cars
with the words "Peace be with you.")*

You may also honk your horn to greet others!

THE MEAL

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD’S PRAYER

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

All: 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: Christ has prepared this feast. Receive this bread and wine with hope and joy. **Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Pastor: Let us pray. Living God, you have greeted us in our brokenness and nourished us with the body of Christ, broken for us. Risen to new life with you, send us now to bear your healing love into the wounded world, in the name of our risen Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

No. 886



Oh, for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er’s praise,
Look un - to him, your sav - ior own O fal-len hu - man race!



the glo - ries of my God and king, the tri-umphs of his grace!
Look and be saved through faith alone, be justified by grace!

DISMISSAL

Assisting Minister: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

All: Thanks be to God.

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Our warm thanks to all those assisting in our worship services this morning:

MusicianAndrew Monath, Soloist

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Tim Peck, Barb Rupp, Tom Shultz, Linda Wheeler

Worship Assistants Joan Belt, Ardis Kunde, Carolyn Markle, Gail Mummert

THE ALTAR FLOWERS have been given to the glory of God and in loving memory of George Kasic who passed away August 20, 2015, by his wife Linda; and in loving memory of Samuel and Venetia Mavros by their daughter Diane Hoffman-Neail; and in loving memory of Paul E. Spears by his wife Josephine and family; and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Blettner by their niece and family.

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RECOMMENDED SCRIPTURE READINGS for the week of August 16 - 23:

Sunday: Matthew 15:21-28

Thursday: 1 Corinthians 6:1-11

Monday: Acts 15:1-21

Friday: 2 Corinthians 10:12-18

Tuesday: Romans 11:13-29

Saturday: Matthew 16:5-12

Wednesday: Matthew 8:1-13

BUDGET WORKSHEETS have been emailed to each of the committee chairs. If you, as committee chair, have not received your budget worksheet, please email me at treasurer@stmattlutheran.org and I will get it to you. All budget worksheets are due back no later than Wednesday, August 26 either to the church office or at the above listed email. Thank you!

Karyn George, Treasurer

PRAYER TIME WITH THE PASTORS - Thursday, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.

All are welcome to join Pastor Kathy, Pastor David or Pastor Faye for a Zoom conversation and prayers. For the link, please call the church office, 717-637-7101, or email us at info@stmattlutheran.org with your name and we will email you the link.

DAILY DEVOTIONS OFFERED: The ministerial staff of St. Matthew is offering a daily devotion everyday via the phone line. All you have to do is call the church office at 717-637-7101. If it is after hours (between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.) simply follow the prompts to listen (Press 3 for the daily devotion.) If you call during office hours, tell the secretary you want to hear the daily devotion and they will connect you. It's as simple as that!



YOUTH in the 7th through 12th grade are moving to their school year schedule of meeting on the first and third Sunday of each month. Watch your REMIND texts for details about Sunday, August 16, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please e-mail youth@stmattlutheran.org to be added to the text/e-mail lists.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL had a wonderful week learning to CLICK (Children Live in Christ's Kingdom). Each evening had a Bible story, puppet show, crafts, games and of course, a snack. Thanks to all our families and our VBS leaders who made it such a great time together!

However, VBS is not over! If you were unable to attend last week, you can still CLICK! We have put together bags of the crafts and activities we did at VBS and soon videos of the Bible stories and puppet shows will be on YouTube. We will send out the link for the videos to anyone who would like to see them. Please call or e-mail the church office at 717-637-7101 or info@stmattlutheran.org with your name, e-mail address and number of children with your request. You will be able to pick up a bag of materials at the church office or during our 9:00 a.m. Drive in Worship. There are also CLICK T-shirts for kids and adults while supplies last. All will be available after August 17.

OUR BOOK STUDY on "Understanding and Dismantling Racism" by Joseph Barndt continues through August 26. We meet Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. New participants are welcome. Please send your name, e-mail address and a request to join our Book Study via Zoom to info@stmattlutheran.org or call the church office. Due to added security, the Zoom link will no longer be posted on our website nor Facebook page. If you are already a participant, you do not have to resend your request. Thank you!

OUR DRIVE-IN WORSHIP is planned to continue through the summer at 9:00 a.m. We have cancelled our indoor services at this time due to the changes in state safety regulations and to be compliant with the Bishop's orders. If it is raining, we will cancel the Drive-In Worship service. A determination will be made by 7:00 a.m. and cancellation will be posted on this page, our website, on WHTM Channel 27 and on our office telephone system.

CYBER WOMEN will be via Zoom on Monday, August 17, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Cyber Women will discuss the August articles in the on-line magazine, "Café." This may be found at www.boldcafe.org. Our Zoom links are no longer posted on our website nor Facebook for security reasons, so if you wish to attend, please e-mail the church office at info@stmattlutheran.org or call the church office. Please include your name, e-mail address and your request to join Cyber Women. If you have already sent your request for last month, you do not need to resend it. Thank you!



Be a part of a lifesaving cause. Give Blood.

Monday, August 24,
12:00 – 5:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Our next blood drive is coming up soon! Please go online today to make your appointment to donate.

COVID-19 Precautions: The American Red Cross is taking extra measures to protect the health and safety of donors and staff. Staff and donors will have their temperatures taken, masks will be required, and the donation room will be set up to maintain social distancing.

COVID-19 Antibody Test: The Red Cross will also be testing each blood donation for the presence of the COVID-19 antibodies. Donors will be able to access their results about two weeks after the blood drive via the Red Cross mobile app or by calling the Red Cross. This antibody test will give donors valuable insight into whether they may have been exposed to the virus. A positive result indicates that an individual may have had previous exposure to the virus that causes COVID-19 and their body has developed specific antibodies to the virus. At this time, it is unknown if the antibodies that result from a COVID-19 infection will provide someone with immunity from a future coronavirus infection.

To make an appointment or learn more about the blood donation process, please visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Eligibility questions? If you have specific questions about your medications, health conditions, travel history and your eligibility to donate blood, you may call the Red Cross Donor Center at 1-866-236-3276.

- Social Ministry Committee, Barb Thomas, Blood Drive Coordinator, 717-586-7047



THE LWR MISSION QUILT PROJECT is growing and thriving at St. Matthew through the dedication of the committee members generously donating their time and talent to produce the much needed quilts being distributed around the world. We are blessed with not only the support of committee members and the St. Matthew congregation but also support from friends and other community sources. The donation of fabric, thread and funds is what allows us to be able to continue with this worthwhile project.

Thank you to everyone involved for your past and continued support which allows St. Matthew to be a participant in the success of the LWR Mission Quilt Program!

Our quilts will be used to help replace the LWR quilts that were destroyed in the explosion in Beirut, Lebanon. As winter approaches, these quilts will truly make a difference for those in need.

If you have any questions regarding the program, contact Carol Smeltzer – email smeltzer.carol@comcast.net or phone 717-451-7337.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,

to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of
prayer for all peoples.

⁸Thus says the Lord God,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

Psalms 67

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

[[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20.

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