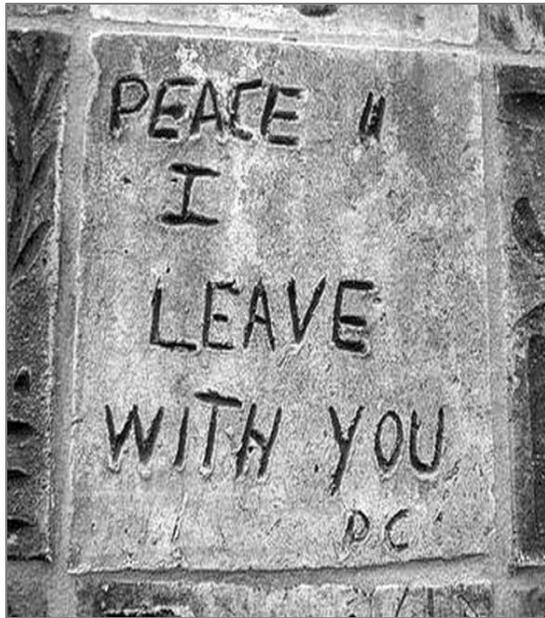


ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People



May 22, 2022
Sixth Sunday of Easter

EUCCHARISTIC WORSHIP
May 22, 2022 11:00 AM

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 817-292-1338 or pastor@stmatthews-elca.org. This service includes communion; if you are worshiping online, please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available to participate in the Eucharist.

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.

P. In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **C. Amen.**

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P. Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing.

You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;

You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.

Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever.

You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through.

In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.

You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation.

Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more.

Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.

Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.

To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN 366 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done"

VICTORY



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



- 1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
- 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
- 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
- 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
- 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun.	Al - le - lu - ia!
has dis-persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst.	Al - le - lu - ia!
from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head!	Al - le - lu - ia!
por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell.	Al - le - lu - ia!
ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you.	Al - le - lu - ia!

After the final stanza



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: *Symphonia Sirenum*, Köln, 1695; tr. Francis Pott, 1832-1909
Music: VICTORY, Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, 1525-1594; arr. William H. Monk, 1823-1889

GREETING

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

KYRIE Refrain sung by the congregation; verses sung by the cantor.

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.

Cantor:

1. For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)**
2. That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)**
3. For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)**
4. For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, **let us pray to the Lord. (Refrain)**

CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Sung by all)

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be

peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and

Refrain

hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

vic-t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -

le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and

join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the

Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A. Let us pray: **C. Bountiful God, you gather your people into your kingdom, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: Acts 16:9-15

A vision compels Paul to move his ministry into Greece. There he meets Lydia, an important person in the business community, whose heart has been opened by God to receive the gospel. Her conversion and baptism provide the motivation for the founding of the church at Philippi.

A reading from Acts, chapter 16:

⁹During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

¹¹We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. ¹³On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and

we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 67 *Read responsively, beginning with the Lector.*

¹May God be merciful to us and bless us; may the light of God's face shine upon us.

²**Let your way be known upon earth, your saving health among all nations.**

³Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁴**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations on earth.**

⁵Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

⁶**The earth has brought forth its increase; God, our own God, has blessed us.**

⁷May God give us blessing, and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe.

Refrain: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy. (*Psalm 67:4*)

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:5

John's vision of a new Jerusalem coming out of heaven provides continuity with God's past actions. Yet in this new city, God's presence replaces the temple, and the glory of God and the Lamb supplants sun and moon.

A reading from Revelation:

¹⁰And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

²²I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. ²⁵Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. ²⁶People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

^{22:1}Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ²through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; ⁴they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

Word of God, word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Hymn 172 "Halle, Halle Hallelujah" Caribbean Traditional

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

GOSPEL READING: John 14:23-29

As Jesus talks of returning to the Father, he promises to send the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach Jesus' followers and remind them of all that Jesus taught. Even more, those in whom God makes a home will experience a peace that overcomes fear.

The holy gospel according to St. John, the 14th chapter.

C. Glory to you, O Lord.

²³Jesus answered Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

²⁵"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. ²⁸You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

The gospel of the Lord.

C. Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

SERMON

Pastor Lesley Radius

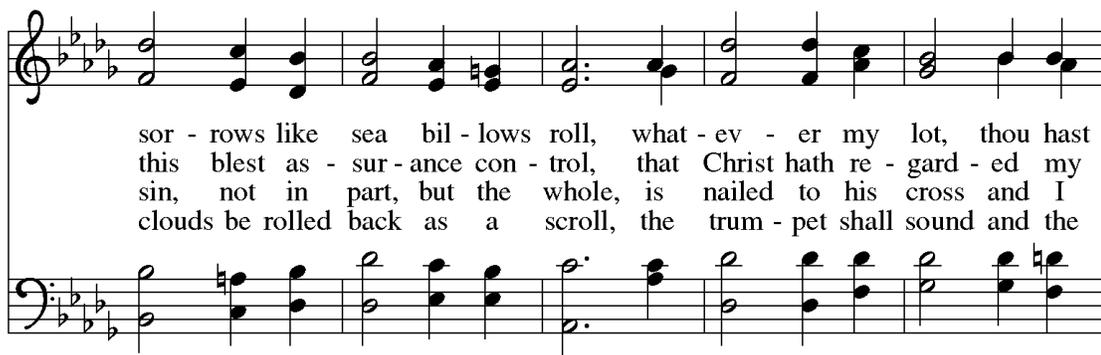
Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY 785 "When Peace like a River"

VILLE DU HAVRE



1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my
4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my
sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain



It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul,

Text: Horatio G. Spafford, 1828–1888
Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip P. Bliss, 1838–1876

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A. Set free from captivity to sin and death, we pray to the God of resurrection for the church, people in need, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of life, open your church to the unexpected ways your Spirit is at work. Guide bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders in their visioning, partnership, and planning. Surround us with your holy creativity. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, give abundant harvest for farmers, laborers, and gardeners who are beginning their growing season. May their work bring forth the goodness of creation to feed all living things. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, shine your light of wisdom and peace among nations. When those in power seek to assert dominance over others, confound their ways and make them give way to your humble authority. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, bring hurting people your compassion and healing (*especially . . .*). Bring them wholeness and peace. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, uphold the ministries and organizations in our community who assist people experiencing homelessness, a lack of food, or frustration in finding employment. May these ministries accomplish your will through their work. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered out loud or in our hearts.

God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of life, bring together your people to remember our baptism and to welcome others into the communion of saints. Gather us with those who have died when we meet together at your river of life. God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P. In your mercy, O God, respond to these prayers, and renew us by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

BLESSING OF GRADUATES

PEACE

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. **C. Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

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

P. Lift up your hearts. **C. We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

PREFACE

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you . . . and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Please be seated.

COMMUNION HYMN 495 "We Who Once Were Dead"

MIDDEN IN DE DOOD



- 1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus
2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us
3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him
4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver - flow - ing when he breaks the bread.
strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.
we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.
then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

- 5 Jesus, you were dead,
but you rose and, living,
made yourself our bread,
in your goodness giving
life though we were dead.
- 6 This is your design;
in this meal we meet you.
Be our bread and wine,
Jesus, we entreat you.
This shall be our sign.

Text: Muus Jacobse, 1909–1972; tr. composite
Music: MIDDEN IN DE DOOD, Rik Veelenturf, b. 1936
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After all have communed, please stand as you are able.

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace.

C. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Let us pray. We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name. **C. Amen.**

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN ELW 763 "My Life Flows On in Endless Song"

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING



1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav - ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

THE SENDING

A. Alleluia! Christ is risen. **C. Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**
A. Go in peace. Tell what God has done. **C. We will! Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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SERVING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP

Presiding Minister:	Rev. Lesley Radius	Assisting Minister:	Steve Weis
Lector:	Bruce Anderson	Organist/Pianist:	John Wolf
Chancel Care:	Jeri Manske	Cantor:	Adam Frame
Ushers:	K. Dunker, J. Kammer	Videographer:	Jacob Martella

The altar flowers today were given by Rose-Marie Schweitzer in memory of her parents Harold and Katherine Gustafson.

<p><u>We Pray For:</u></p> <p>Craig Bridges T. J. Bridges Annasophia Reese Barbara Reid Tommy and Diane Higgs Marj Rudolph</p>	<p>Becky Jacobs – Daughter of Lauren Anderson Carol Luebbehusen - Former member of St. Matthew's Norma Morrow - Mother of Cindy Kammer Susan Ruggirello - Sister of Mike Oklat Gauge Smith - Acquaintance of Renee Hill Various friends of Mike & Jane Oklat</p>
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THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAY, May 22

- 8:15 am** Book of Common Prayer worship with communion led by St. Christopher
- 9:30 am** Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher
Sunday School for St. Matthew's
- 10:15 am** St. Matthew's Reception for Graduates
- 11:00 am** Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's
Sunday School for St. Christopher
- 12:00 pm** VBS Planning Meeting
- 4:00 pm** Art Show and Reception with presentation of two arts-related scholarships

MONDAY, May 23

- 12:00 pm** Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm** St. Matthew's Council Meeting on Zoom

TUESDAY, May 24

- 3:30 pm** Ready, Set, Go! Center
- 7:00 pm** Handbell Choir

WEDNESDAY, May 25

- 7:00 pm** Choir rehearsal

SUNDAY, May 29

- 8:15 am** Service of the Word with communion led by St. Matthew's
- 9:30 am** Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher
Sunday School for St. Matthew's
- 11:00 am** Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's
Sunday School for St. Christopher

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Evening of Song Hymn Festival, scheduled for the afternoon of May 22 has been postponed to next season's Wedgwood Arts Series. However, please come at 4:00 pm, as noted above, for an Art Show by Katrina Buchanan and the presentation of two arts-related scholarships.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVANTHOOD OPPORTUNITIES Council elections will take place at our **Congregation Meeting on June 12 after the 11:00 worship service.** Please prayerfully consider being a part of one of St. Matthew's Commissions; especially needed are Commission Directors for Stewardship and Youth. Check out the sign-up board in the narthex.

JUNE 8 – WINE IN THE WAREHOUSE Ever wondered how a large food bank operates? The Tarrant Area Food Bank offers tours of its facilities every 2nd Wednesday of the month. **Come join us on Wednesday, June 8 at the Food Bank** for a glass of wine and a tour. Space is limited – sign up on the poster in the Narthex. **You can meet at church at 5:00 pm to carpool or meet us at the Food Bank at 5:30 pm.** See the poster for their address.

ReNEW – THE GREEN VBS JUNE 13-17, 9:00 am to Noon Our joint VBS (St. Matthew's and St. Christopher) is asking for volunteers – you are invited to join us as we grow in faith, have fun, and change the world as we care for creation! For pre-school to entering 6th Grade. The registration link is on St. Matthew's facebook page or you can copy this address into your browser: vbspro.events/p/5ae90d **Please sign up in the entryway/narthex to volunteer!**

GOSPEL ALIVE FOR MAY Catholic Charities is collecting Wal-Mart gift cards for those affected in Texas by the recent wildfires. During May, please bring your gift cards in an envelope, marked Catholic Charities, and place them in Sunday's offering plate or bring them to the church office.

NURSERY CARE AND ACTIVITY BAGS At St. Matthew's, children of all ages are welcome in worship. If parents prefer, nursery care is provided for infants through age 4 during the 11:00 am service. Activity bags and children's bulletins are available in the narthex for children age 5 and older to take into worship. Please return the bags after worship.

NOTICE OF ST. MATTHEW'S CONGREGATION MEETING
Sunday, June 12, 2022 at 12:15 pm
There will be a potluck meal (details to come), voting
on Council members and welcoming of new members.

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT

Living in Christ through faith. Living for neighbor through love.
We are Reconciled in Christ. All are welcome!

CHURCH STAFF

Lesley M. Radius, Pastor
Adam Frame, Director of Music Ministries
John Wolf, Organist/Pianist
Shirley Johnson, Director of the Sounds of Exaltation Handbell Choir
Kelly Riddle, Office Assistant and Ready, Set, Go! Center Site Coordinator
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