



Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Church  
of  
St. Matthew

*A friendly  
household of faith*

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**361 years of  
Gospel Ministry**

A congregation of  
The Lutheran Church –  
Missouri Synod.

The Rev. Peter A.D. Deebrah  
Pastor



**My yoke  
is easy  
My burden  
is light**

Matthew 11:30

July 5, 2026

Sixth Sunday *after*  
PENTECOST

**W**elcome to a Divine Liturgy of Word and Sacrament. In our worship we gather in the Lord's presence at his invitation and in the company of the whole Church in heaven and on earth. We hear Him speak to us as he freely bestows the abundance of his grace. In response, we repent of our sins and offer up to Him our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and dedicate our lives to serving Him. To this we say, "Amen!"



## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

*Stand*

*All may make the sign of the cross ✠ in remembrance of their baptism, as the minister begins.*

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

**C Amen.**

**P** Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C who made heaven and earth.**

**P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

**C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

**P** Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

**P** Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.



**C Amen.**

## Hymn: LBW401 Before You, Lord, We Bow

- 1 Before you, Lord, we bow,  
our God who reigns above  
and rules the world below,  
boundless in pow'r and love.  
Our thanks we bring  
in joy and praise,  
our hearts we raise  
to you, our king!
- 2 The nation you have blest  
may well your love declare,  
from foes and fears at rest,  
protected by your care.  
For this bright day,  
for this fair land--  
gifts of your hand--  
our thanks we pay.
- 3 May ev'ry mountain height, each vale and forest green,  
shine in your word's pure light, and its rich fruits be seen!  
May ev'ry tongue be tuned to praise  
and join to raise a grateful song.
- 4 Earth, hear your maker's voice; your great redeemer own;  
believe, obey, rejoice, and worship him alone.  
Cast down your pride, your sin deplore,  
and bow before the Crucified.
- 5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our native land  
from all its rending tombs send forth a glorious band,  
a countless throng, with joy to sing  
to heav'n's high king salvation's song!

Text: Francis S. Key, 1779-1843, alt.

## The GREETING

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

## Kyrie - Lord. Have mercy (LSB 942)

**P** Kyrie! God, Father in heav'n above,  
You abound in gracious love, You are the maker  
and preserver of all things. Lord, Have mercy **C** **Lord, have mercy**

**P** Kyrie! O Christ, our king,  
Salvation for all You came to bring.  
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Our mediator at  
the heav'nly throne: Hear our cry and grant  
our supplication. Christ, Have mercy **C** **Christ, have mercy**

**P** Kyrie! O God the Holy Ghost,  
Guard our faith, the gift we need the most,  
And bless our life's journey, That we may leave  
this sinful world with gladness. Lord, Have mercy **C** **Lord, have mercy**

Adapted: German version, Ordnung der ceremonien, 1537/38, Naumburg; tr. W. Gustave Polack, 1890-1950, alt.; Latin, 9th cent.  
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## HYMN OF PRAISE - Gloria in Excelsis

**P** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.  
**C** **Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.**  
**Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:**  
**we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.**  
**Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.**  
**Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n above;**  
**Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.**  
**For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

Text: Martin A. Seltz, b. 1951, based on "Gloria in excelsis Deo" © 1998 Augsburg Fortress

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

**P** Let us pray...Gracious God, our heavenly Father, Your mercy attends us all  
our days. Be our strength and support amid the wearisome changes of this  
world, and at life's end grant us Your promised rest and the full joys of Your  
salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns  
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

- **THE READINGS** - Hear the word of the LORD. (*Jeremiah 2:4*)

### A reading from Zechariah the Prophet

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse  
from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and  
he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be  
from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

<sup>11</sup> As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,  
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

<sup>12</sup> Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;  
today I declare that I will restore to you double. *Zechariah 9:9-12*

**A** The Word of the Lord.      **C** Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 145:8-14 (*congregation sings verses in bold text*)

The Lord is gracious and full <sup>l</sup> of compassion,  
slow to anger and abounding in <sup>l</sup> steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> **Lord, you are <sup>l</sup> good to all,  
and your compassion is over <sup>l</sup> all your works.**

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall praise <sup>l</sup> you, O Lord,  
and your faithful <sup>l</sup> ones shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> **They shall tell of the glory <sup>l</sup> of your kingdom  
and speak <sup>l</sup> of your power,**

<sup>12</sup> that all people may know <sup>l</sup> of your power  
and the glorious splendor <sup>l</sup> of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> **Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your dominion endures through- <sup>l</sup> out all ages.**

**You, Lord, are faithful in all your words, and loving in <sup>l</sup> all your works.**

<sup>14</sup> The Lord upholds all <sup>l</sup> those who fall  
and lifts up those who <sup>l</sup> are bowed down..

### A reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Romans.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> But in fact it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that the good does not dwell within me, that is, in my flesh. For the desire to do the good lies close at hand, but not the ability. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I

want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it but sin that dwells within me.

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that, when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched person that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? <sup>25a</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! *Romans 7:15-25a*

**A** The Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*all stand and sing...*)

**C** Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

**C** Glory to You, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] <sup>16</sup> “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

<sup>18</sup> “For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; <sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

<sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.” *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

**SERMON**

## Hymn: 699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    "Come unto Me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
    Thy head upon My breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
    So weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place,  
    And He has made me glad.
  
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    "Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one,  
    Stoop down and drink and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
    Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
    And now I live in Him.
  
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
    "I am this dark world's light.  
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise  
    And all thy day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
    In Him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk  
    Till trav'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–89, alt.

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## Affirmation of Faith - Apostles' Creed (*stand*)

☞ I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven and sits at the right  
hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence  
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. (\* catholic = universal)

## Prayer of the Church

*After each petition, the following is said:* Lord, in your mercy. ☞ Hear our prayer



WE PRAY for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs, including—  
**Edna & Bob Waller, Delomi & Sarjue Persaud, Johnny Ramroop, Ruth Zerner, Violet Monson, Brenda Carmichael, Zonia & Resa Bucknor, Agnes D'Ornellas, Eunice Lyte, Carmen D'Ornellas, Sheila Motie, Jackie Wheeler, Joyce Deebrah, Dorothy Weener, Jeanette Mota, Dolly Singh, Khamlita D'Ornellas, Narda Seoprasad, Kirsten Sandblom, Pastor George Ramsudh, Ruth Cameron, Rushell Singh, Suresh Paul, Iris Cheddie, Sandra Campbell, Alecia Clark, Milo Noven, Pastor Dave & Sue Dietsche, Pastor Vic Rapp, Pastor Ken Schnepf, Deo Bhagwatprasad, Ismael Ulloah, Patrick Fredricks, Eleanor Drepaul, Pastor David Gerber, Pastor Jean Cenat, Casilda & James Meade, Pauline Strong, Jen Santos, Kenneth & Natasha Ragnauth, Megan Latchman, Jhoann Fuentes, Elisa Santiago, William Seepaul, Ronald Bakker, Jennie Schaefer Goldberg, Alan & Martha Schaefer, Annette & Twila Evanson, Rudolph Kissoon, Chandramah & Raymond Yarally**

## The PEACE is shared at this time.

☞ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

☞ And also with you

**The OFFERING** is received. **The OFFERTORY** is sung as the gifts are presented.

**LSB 781 We Give Thee But Thine Own** sts. 1–2, 4, 6

- 1 We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;  
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
- 2 May we Thy bounties thus As stewards true receive  
And gladly, as Thou blessest us, To Thee our firstfruits give!
- 4 To comfort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,  
To tend the lone and fatherless Is angels' work below.
- 6 And we believe Thy Word, Though dim our faith may be:  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord, We do it unto Thee. Text: William W. How, 1823–97

**The GREAT THANKSGIVING.**

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilling Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying...

**G** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Sabaoth adored; Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name. Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord. Truly blest ✠ is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

## Jesus' Words of Institution of His Holy Supper

**P** Hear us, Abba Father, as we pray the words our Lord Jesus has taught us...

**C** **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.**

**C** **Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant...**

**P** Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are they who are invited to the Supper of the Lamb.

**C** **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

### *Distribution*

### Post Communion Canticle

**C** **Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy. With shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**P** Let us pray... Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with spiritual food, the body and blood of Christ. All who come to you will not hunger, all who believe in you will not thirst. Empowered by this sacrament, send us back into the world to do the work you have given us to do: to share the gospel and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

### **Benediction**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace. **C** **Amen.**

### *Sit*

### **Announcements**

## Hymn: Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

- 1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;  
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;  
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:  
his truth is marching on.

### *Refrain*

Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!  
His truth is marching on.

- 2 He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;  
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.  
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!  
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

- 3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,  
while God is marching on. *Refrain*

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910

*All sit for a moment of reflection.*

**P** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

Worship  
Servants }  
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**Officiating Minister:** Rev. Peter Deebrah, Pastor

**Organist:** Roger Clinton



OUR CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

We are the **Evangelical Lutheran Church of St. Matthew**, America's oldest Lutheran congregation (Chartered Dec 6, 1664) - a friendly household of faith. This congregation's mission is to share the Good News of God. In the name of Jesus, we bid you a warm welcome. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew. Please speak with the Pastor or one of our members concerning membership. First time visitors, please sign our guest book.

## Announcements

- **Glad that you have worshipped** today in joining with the angels and archangels, and the whole company of heaven around the glorious throne of God.
- **Divine Worship:** Sundays at 1:30 PM  
In-person and on Zoom (**Meeting ID: 821 423 1875**)  
+ Why do we gather for worship? To celebrate the goodness of the Lord in thanksgiving. We are reminded: "Let us not neglect our meeting together, as is the habit of some, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of [Christ's] return is drawing near." Hebrews 10:25
- **Your offering is an important and integral part of worship**, given with joy and in thanksgiving to God. We return to the Lord a portion of what He has first given us out of His Fatherly love. Your Offerings, in and out of season, support of the ministry of the congregation.
- **Visit our church website** [www.stmatthewnyc.org](http://www.stmatthewnyc.org)
- **You may give your Offering electronically by either of the following ways:**
  - use **DONATE** menu tab on the St. Matthew website - [www.stmatthewnyc.org](http://www.stmatthewnyc.org)
  - use **Zelle** and enter St. Matthew email: [stmatthewnyc@aol.com](mailto:stmatthewnyc@aol.com)
- Daily Bible reading and devotions on the internet, visit [www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp](http://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions.asp)
- **LET'S READ THE BIBLE TOGETHER.** We are reading the New Testament (27 books) and the Psalms (150 chapters).

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