

FIRST READING. Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’ When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: ‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’ You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

GOSPEL. John 6:25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.



Sunday, October 9, 2022

“In response to God’s love, St. Matthew’s is a faith community welcoming all to grow in faith, to worship Christ and to reach out to everyone.”

Welcome!

We hope our worship will be a blessing to you. Our Lord’s Supper is being celebrated today. Everyone is welcome to receive this Holy Sacrament.

We strongly recommend that everyone wears a mask.

Thanksgiving

The beautiful harvest display adorning the sanctuary emphasizes our appreciation to God for His blessings bestowed on us each and every day. Let us remember to give Him thanks on a daily basis.

As you enter worship today, **you are invited to contribute to our “Thankfulness Poster Board.”** Pastor Bart will incorporate our ideas into the Prayers of Intercession. We hope this visual reminder will encourage us all and serve as inspiration in our personal prayers as well.

If you missed last week’s sermon, it is available on our website.

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Psalm 100 - Tune: 883 All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Old Hundredth)
**All people that on earth do well,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.**

Reader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

**Serve him with mirth, his praise forth tell;
Come now before him and rejoice.**

Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his.

**We are his people, we his care,
Our souls and all our mortals frame.**

We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**What lasting honors shall we rear
To our Almighty Maker's name?**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, and bless his name.

**We'll crowd his gates with thankful songs,
High as the heav'ns our voices raise.**

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures to all generations.

**And earth with all its thousand tongues
Shall fill his courts with sounding praise.**

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- Oct 16

We welcome Rev. Adam Snook to lead a shared service at St. Matthew’s with our friends from First Lutheran, followed by lunch.
- Oct 30

Reformation Sunday
- Nov 5

2:00 pm - Niagara Ministry Area Leadership Team presents a **Table Talk** with Bishop Michael Pryse and Jennifer Hoover (Eastern Synod Ministry Director) to consider “What Does the Church of Tomorrow Look Like?”; hosted by First Lutheran, 688 Elm St. in Port Colborne
- Nov 6

Daylight Savings Time end, turn clocks back 1 hour
- Nov 6

All Saints’ Day

After nearly two and a half years, **Pickleball has now resumed on Tuesday and Friday mornings at 9:30!** We are limiting the number of players who attend each day. Please contact the church office or Margaret Kleinsmith if you would like to play. There may still be some openings available for Tuesday.

All types of food donations are welcome at Open Arms Mission.
OAM Donation focus for October: Cereal

Margaret Funk, a long-time member of St. Matthew’s, passed away on Monday, October 2, 2022. May God’s love console her children Jim and Linda; the Funk, Stirling and Laskaris families; and family and friends as they mourn the loss of a loved one. May she rest in everlasting peace. Funeral arrangements will be announced.



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