

**St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**November 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

**8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services**

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

(11:00) Temple Talk

Stephen Ministry

## Gathering

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Call to Worship

- A** This is the day that the Lord has made.
- C** **Let us rejoice and be glad!**
- A** We come to worship you today.
- C** **We come to sing, pray, and listen.**
- A** Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.
- C** **Worship the LORD with gladness; come with joyful songs.**

Gathering Song

**ELW #695 As Saints of Old**

Litany for "A *Widow's Mite*" Sunday

- A** As a widow's hands once mixed flour with oil, O God, preparing a meal for your holy prophet;
- C** **as a widow's hands once reached through her pocket digging up her only coins; so stir up our hearts, the hearts of your people, the hearts of your children.**
- A** Move us, O God, to feed the world's hungry, hungry in body, hungry in Spirit.
- C** **Stir up our hearts, O God, to serve.**
- A** God, you have given us so many gifts in this life.
- C** **May our gifts always bring glory to you.**

Apostolic Greeting

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Hymn of Praise

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Prayer of the Day

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## Word

*(Please be seated)*

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

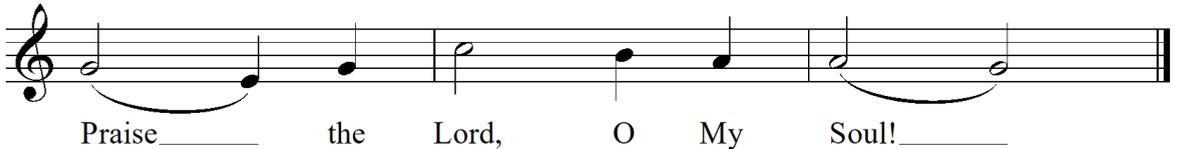
*This chapter begins the story of Elijah. God sends a drought on Israel because of the sins of King Ahab. This passage depicts God's saving acts not only on behalf of Elijah, but also on behalf of those who are associated with the prophet, even a foreigner; the widow of Zarephath.*

- A** Word of God, Word of Life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 146

Refrain



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- L** Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
- C** **I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**
- L** Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.
- C** **When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**  
*[Sing REFRAIN]*
- L** Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- C** **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;**
- L** who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The Lord sets the prisoners free;

- C**     **the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.**
- L**     The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- C**     **The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!**  
*[Sing REFRAIN]*

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

*The letter to the Hebrews describes Christ as a high priest who offers himself as a sacrifice for our sin. Christ does not die again and again each year. He died once, is alive with God, and will reveal himself on the last day.*

- A**     Word of God, Word of Life.
- C**     **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Gospel Acclamation

**ELW #512 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil**

Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44

- P**     The holy Gospel according to Mark, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C**     **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After engaging in a series of public arguments with religious leaders in the temple, Jesus contrasts the proud and evil ways of those leaders with the sacrificial humility and poverty of the widow.*

- P**     The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.
- C**     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

Children's Sermon

Pastor Christopher Manke

Sermon

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*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**ELW #679 For the Fruit of All Creation**

*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)*

*(Please be seated)*

Baptisms

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**Brennan Dean McCarthy**

**Tate William Meyer**

*(Please stand as you are able)*  
The Apostles' Creed

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*(Please be seated)*

Congregation's Welcome to the Baptized

- ☐** **Brennan** (8:30), **Tate**, (11:00) **we receive you as our own, and as God's own child. We promise to pray for you, care for you and speak God's Word to you. We promise to support your parents as they set about the holy task of raising you up in Christ. Welcome to God's Family!**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Prayers of Intercession

- ☐** With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

Call to Prayer

**ELW #752 Lord Listen to your Children Praying**

- ☐** ...We pray to the Lord.  
**☑** **Lord, hear our prayer.**

- ☐** Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**☑** **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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## *Thanksgiving*

*(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

8:30 *Take my Life, That I May Be* by J. Aaron McDermid  
Senior Choir

Canticle of Thanksgiving

**ELW page 219; Salvation Belongs to our God**

Offertory Prayer

- ☐** Let us pray. You dug down, O God, dug down deep to give us every blessing, life and love and the forgiveness of sins. Help us to dig down deep, O God, as a widow once did in Jerusalem's temple. May we, too, offer everything we have. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**☑** **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## *Sending*

*(Please be seated)*

*We ask all those who are Veterans to please stand at this time*

### A Litany for Veterans

**A** On this day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces

*(Pause for silent reflection)*

**A** Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

**C** **We give thanks for our soldiers' courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.**

**A** Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served.

**C** **Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.**

**A** Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

**C** **We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.**

**A** We pray, Gracious God, that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

**C** **We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world.**

**Amen.**

Today's Highlights

*For more information on the church's activities, please pick up the bulletin announcements from the Welcome Center, ask an usher or go to our website at [www.StMattsLutheran.org](http://www.StMattsLutheran.org).*

(8:30) Temple Talk

Stephen Ministry

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Blessing

**P** People of God, you have been called to be Disciples of Christ. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

Sending Song

**ELW #678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending**

Dismissal

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Postlude

*Your presence has blessed our worship service. May you be strengthened by the strong word of God expressed through music and worship today. The peace of the Lord be with you as you go.*