

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

June 11th, 2023

9:30 Service

Second Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction for the Day: Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Let us to rejoice in it and be glad!

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

Extol God, all you peoples!

Call to Worship

#643 We Are All One in Christ

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who greets us in this and every season, whose word never fails, whose promise is sure.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of our neighbors.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have hurt our community. We have squandered your blessings. We have hoarded your bounty. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Righteous God,

we confess that we have sinned. We have failed to be honest. We have lacked the courage to speak. We have spoken falsely. In the name of Jesus, forgive us and grant us your mercy.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God is a cup of cold water when we thirst. God offers boundless grace when we fail.

Claim the gift of God's mercy: you are freed and forgiven in the name of ✠ Jesus Christ.

Amen.

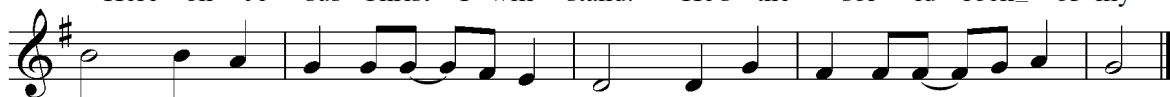
Gathering Song

Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

Refrain



Kwa - ke Ye - se na - si - ma - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la -
Here on Je - sus Christ I will stand. He's the sol - id rock of my



ma. ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma, ndi - ye mwam - ba ni sa - la - ma
life. He's the sol - id rock of my life. He's the sol - id rock of my life.



1. There's no oth - er place I can hide 'til the storm that rag - es sub - sides. My voice
2. It is not the work of my hands that has washed a - way all my sins. I'm re -
3. When my days on this earth are done, and I stand at God's ho - ly throne, my heart



cries to God from the flood, and I'm saved be - cause of his blood.
deemed, and all of my days, Je - sus Christ will be my heart's praise.
will not have an - y fear: in Christ's right - eous - ness I am here.

Refrain

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Opening Litany

Pain and illness are felt by many, O Lord, and we turn to you for relief.

Have mercy on us, and heal us of our hurts.

We have lost ourselves in doubt and confusion, and have failed to trust in you at all times.

Have mercy on us, O Lord, and renew our trust in you.

We would have no place to turn if you were not here for us.

We thank you for your mercy, and we thank you for your care. Now help us to show mercy to others, as you have cared for us.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading

Hosea 5:15-6:6

Because the people have trusted in military powers and not God, God decides to withdraw from the scene until Israel acknowledges its guilt and seeks God's face. The response of the people does not acknowledge this guilt and is as fickle as fog or dew burned away quickly by the sun. God desires loyalty rather than words or meaningless deeds.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 50:7-15

Call upon me in the day of trouble, says your God. (Ps. 50:15)

Let us read responsively from Psalm 50.

“Listen, my people, and I will speak: Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God,
your God.

**I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your burnt offerings are always
before me.**

I will not accept a calf from your stalls, nor goats from your pens;

for all the wild animals of the forest are mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know every bird of the mountains, and the creatures of the fields are mine.

**If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the whole world is mine and all that is in
it.**

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, or drink the blood of goats?

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High.

Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall honor me.

Second Reading

Romans 4:13-25

Paul presents Abraham as a living model of right relationships. For Abraham and for us, a right relationship with God involves trusting that God's promises will be fulfilled because God makes the dead alive and calls into existence what otherwise does not exist.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

page 171, Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia.____ Lord, to whom____ shall we go?____ You have

the words____ of e - ter - nal life.____ Al - le - lu - ia.

Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Jesus demonstrates God's mercy and power, accepting the unacceptable and curing the incurable. Even the dead receive new life.

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#617 We Come to You for Healing, Lord

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)

Profession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's abundant mercy, let us offer our prayers for a world in need.

...God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer us, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Mission Trip Commissioning

We are baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and each of us is given gifts to use for the good of all. You have been given many gifts to build up the body of Christ. Jesus sets for us an example of service, acting with compassion to heal, feed, and serve others; telling his disciples that he came not to be served but to serve, and He asks us to follow that example. In the gospel of Matthew:

Jesus tells us to go and make disciples of all nations.

In the gospel of Luke:

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to be with us.

In the gospel of John:

Jesus tells us, “As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.”

Do you recognize your mission of being sent forth by God to use your gifts to serve others?

Team: We do.

Do you accept your mission as a commission from God to go and act on God’s behalf?
And do you accept the responsibility of representing this congregation in doing the work of God in the world?

Team: We do.

Will you work to demonstrate Christ’s teachings by acting in love, patience, and humility, by opening your hearts and minds to the experiences of others, turning strangers into friends and friends into brothers and sisters?

Team: We will.

Do you commit yourselves to serving faithfully on this trip in ways that bring honor and glory to God? Will you serve with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, treasuring your experiences as opportunities to learn and to grow?

Team: We will.

Do you, the congregation of St. Matthew’s, support these people as they seek to extend our Christian love and concern to others?

We do!

Will you continue to support them with your prayers during their trip?

We will!

Let us pray. Guiding and loving God, empower these people to be your hands and feet. Help them to glorify you by serving others. By their actions and words, make them witnesses of your great love and your passion. Protect them, teach them, and support them as they journey to becoming the people you want them to be. Fill them with the Holy Spirit and enable them to do their tasks faithfully and joyfully.

Go into the World! Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

Musical Offering

I Will Sing of Thy Great Mercies – Felix Mendelssohn
– Jan Johnson, Soloist

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Response

#183 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Offertory Prayer

God of field and forest, sea and sky, you are the giver of all good things. Sustain us with these gifts of your creation, and multiply your graciousness in us, that the world may be fed with your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Communion Healing Liturgy

Healing was central to the ministry of Jesus. It was a sign of God's kingdom, bringing renewal and wholeness of life to those who turned to God in their need. Jesus sent out his disciples with the commission to 'proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal' (Luke 9:2).

Call to Healing

Let us pray, great God our healer, by your power, the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. As we gather in his name,

look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.

Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness,

and light to illuminate our darkness.

Assure us of your power to heal us and restore us.

Amen.

Blessing of Oil and Ministers of Healing

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.**

Invitation to Anointing for Healing and Communion

Friends, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness.

There is a place and enough for all.

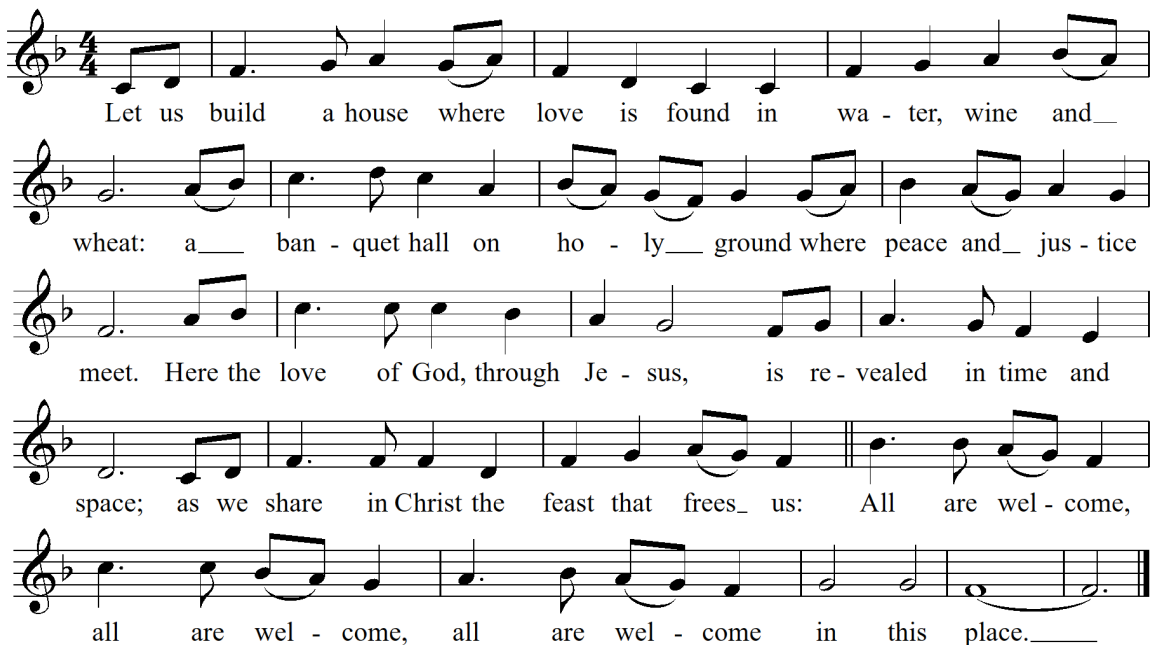
The gifts of God for the people of God.

If you wish a healing blessing, you may come forward to the healing station, kneel as you are able, and receive a blessing. Then proceed back to your pew or on to receive Communion.

Please be seated.

Call to Communion

All Are Welcome [Stanza 3]



Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where peace and jus - tice
meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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Communion Hymn

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken

1. Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i - le - an shore.
 2. Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et room one night.
 3. Loaves were bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we gath - er here.
 4. By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share

Je - sus, Bread of life from heav - en was their food for - ev - er - more.
 In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 bread for which the mil-lions hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your wine of life out - poured,
 Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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Please stand as you are able.

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

You have had mercy on us, O Christ. You have raised us up from death to life. Now,
 having nourished us at your table and filled us with mercy, make us a merciful
 people. We bless you now and evermore. **Amen.**

Sending

Sending of Communion

O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless all
 those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our sisters and
 brothers who are sick, homebound, or imprisoned. May the all the givers and the
 receivers be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the
 Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

With God's help we will.

The blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever.

Sending Song

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines

1. Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good - ness shines on me,
 2. World with - out end, _____ 7/ with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, _____ whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, _____ 7/ with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, _____ whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, _____ 7/ with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
 now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

I will return again to my place
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek
my face.
In their distress they will beg my favor:
^{6:1}“Come, let us return to the LORD;
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.
²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
³Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;
he will come to us like the showers,
like the spring rains that water the earth.”
⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

Psalms 50:7-15

SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when

he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” ²³Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” ¹²But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

¹⁸While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” ¹⁹And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. ²⁰Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, ²¹for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” ²²Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. ²³When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, ²⁴he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. ²⁶And the report of this spread throughout that district.

Next Sunday’s Readings: Exodus 19:2-8a; Psalm 100; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23].

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