

# **St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church**

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023

9:30 Service

## *Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Introduction for the Day:** God does not promise that the path of the disciple will be easy. Jeremiah feels the pain of rejection from those who do not want to hear what he has to say. Jesus declares that his words may bring stark division. Even so, we need not be afraid for God accounts for each hair on our heads. Though we may experience rejection, frustration, division, and death, God's grace and love make us a new creation each day. Marked with the cross and filled with holy food, we are sent from worship to witness to Christ in the world.

### *Gathering*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Ann Williams

*Please stand as you are able.*

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad!**

Praise the Lord, all you nations.

**Extol God, all you peoples!**

## Call to Worship

## Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord

*This traditional Hebrew song of praise and thanks comes to us from Israel.*

English Come and sing the praise of the Lord, sing hal - le -  
 Hebrew Ha - l' - lu' - hu, ha - l' - lu - hu b' - zil - z' -

lu - jah! Come and sing the praise of the  
 le sha - ma. Ha - l' - lu - hu, ha - l' - lu -

Lord, sing hal - le - lu - jah!  
 hu b' - zil - z' - le t'ru - a.

Let all that lives, all that has breath, sing the praise of  
 Kol ha - n'sha - ma t' - ha - lel ja, ha - l' - lu -

God, hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that lives,  
 ja, ha - l' - lu - ja. Kol ha - n'sha - ma

all that has breath, sing the praise of God.  
 t' - ha - lel ja, ha - l' - lu - ja.

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## 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 promised to serve you faithfully, but we have  
 broken that promise. 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.*

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

**Amen.**

Gathering Song

**#796 How Firm a Foundation**

Opening Litany

We fold our hands and whisper a prayer.

**But Christ asks us to do more.**

Christ wants us to proclaim our faith in word and deed.

**Turn our whispers into proclamations.**

In the darkness of this world, Christ wants us to shine with his light.

**Help us to proclaim that you are the Light, O Lord.**

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.**

## Hymn of Praise

## A New Way Has Opened – Gloria be to God

*This Cuban song speaks of light coming into the world for justice and peace. The refrain offers us a version of the Gloria.*

1. Un ca - mi - no se a-bre ha - cia la luz a - nun - cia vi - da y  
 1. A new way has o - pened toward the light an - nounc - ing life and  
 2. Vis - tas shine with har - mo - ny and faith, a - bun - dance ov - er

sue - ña li - ber - tad, ges - tan - do un tiem - po de jus - ti - cia y paz,  
 dreams of li - ber - ty, and birth - ing times of jus - tice and of peace,  
 flow - ing lies a - head sus - tained by strength in the com - mu - ni - ty.

1. un pue - blo u - ni - do ce - le - bran - do va. 1. Des - te - llos so - mos de tu luz.  
 when God's own peo - ple feast in un - i - ty. 2. We are the spar - kles of your light.

¡Glo - ria en lo al - to a Dios y en la tie - rra vi - da nue - va y paz!  
 Glo - ry be to God on high and on earth new life and last - ing peace!

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## Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

### First Reading

Jeremiah 20:7-13

*Jeremiah accuses God of forcing him into a ministry that brings him only contempt and persecution. Yet Jeremiah is confident that God will be a strong protector against his enemies and commits his life into God's hands.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

Psalm 69:7-10 (11-15) 16-18

*Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind. (Ps. 69:16)*

Let us sing and read responsively from Psalm 69.

*The organ will intone the refrain, then the congregation is asked to sing.*



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Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach, and shame has covered my face.

**I have become a stranger to my own kindred, an alien to my mother's children.**

Zeal for your house has eaten me up; the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**I humbled myself with fasting, but that was turned to my reproach. [Refrain]**

Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; in your great compassion, turn to me.

**Hide not your face from your servant; be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

Draw near to me and redeem me; because of my enemies deliver me. [Refrain]

### Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

*In baptism we were incorporated into the reality of Christ's death and resurrection. We have been made new in Christ through his death and resurrection to live freed from sin.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**#512 Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil**

Gospel

Matthew 10:24-39

*Jesus warns his disciples that their ministry in his name will meet with opposition. However, he assures them that they need not fear for the truth will come to light. Life is found in Christ.*

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

*Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

**#798 Will You Come and Follow Me**

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

## *Service of Holy Baptism for Kannon Hintz*

*Please follow along in your Hymnals on Page 227.*

*Please be seated.*

Presentation

*Please stand as you are able.*

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning . . .

. . . in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Baptism

Baptismal Response

**#212 You Belong to Christ**

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia.

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Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.**

*Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.*

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.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

*Meal*

Musical Offering

*How Beautiful* – Twila Paris, Mary Thomae, Soloist

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory Response

**#185 Create in Me A Clean Heart, O God**

Offertory Prayer

You have freed us, O gracious God, freed us to serve. Accept these tokens of our love for you and lead us to lives of service. Make us fearless servants. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Words of Institution

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 Communion**

All people are called to Christ's table.  
**There is a place and enough for all.**  
The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Please be seated.*

**Call to Communion**

**In This Feast of Love – Tässä pöydässä**

1. Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, \_\_\_\_\_ täs - sä pöy - däs -  
1. In this feast of love, \_\_\_\_\_ in this feast of  
2. In this bread and wine, \_\_\_\_\_ in this bread and

sä \_\_\_\_\_ syn - ti - sil - le it - se - si -  
love, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, you share your blood and your  
wine, \_\_\_\_\_ you have prom - ised, Lord, to be

an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa! \_\_\_\_\_  
bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
with us, Lamb of God div - ine. \_\_\_\_\_

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**Communion Hymn**

**#477 I Received the Living God**

*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**

Filled with your body, O Christ, filled with your blood, there is no room in us for fear.  
Empower us by this gift of life. Empower us to serve you. Make us faithful to the  
end. You are the Lord forevermore. **Amen.**

## Sending

### Blessing

Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; help the suffering; honor all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Send us out, O Lord, with eyes that can see opportunities for service.**

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

**Amen.**

### 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: Jeremiah 20:7-13**

O LORD, you have enticed me,  
and I was enticed;  
you have overpowered me,  
and you have prevailed.  
I have become a laughingstock all day long;  
everyone mocks me.  
<sup>8</sup>For whenever I speak, I must cry out,  
I must shout, "Violence and destruction!"  
For the word of the LORD has become for me  
a reproach and derision all day long.  
<sup>9</sup>If I say, "I will not mention him,  
or speak any more in his name,"  
then within me there is something  
like a burning fire  
shut up in my bones;  
I am weary with holding it in,  
and I cannot.  
<sup>10</sup>For I hear many whispering:  
"Terror is all around!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All my close friends  
are watching for me to stumble.  
"Perhaps he can be enticed,  
and we can prevail against him,  
and take our revenge on him."  
<sup>11</sup>But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior;  
therefore my persecutors will stumble,  
and they will not prevail.  
They will be greatly shamed,  
for they will not succeed.  
Their eternal dishonor  
will never be forgotten.  
<sup>12</sup>O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous,  
you see the heart and the mind;  
let me see your retribution upon them,  
for to you I have committed my cause.  
<sup>13</sup>Sing to the LORD;  
praise the LORD!  
For he has delivered the life of the needy  
from the hands of evildoers.

**Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18**

**SECOND READING: Romans 6:1b-11**

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 10:24-39**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup>it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

<sup>26</sup>"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup>What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup>Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup>Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup>And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup>So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>32</sup>"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

<sup>34</sup>"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

<sup>35</sup>For I have come to set a man  
against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

<sup>36</sup>and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

<sup>37</sup>Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup>and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup>Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42.

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