

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023

9:30 Service

## *Fifth Sunday After Pentecost*

**Introduction for the Day:** The welcome of baptism is for all God's children. This baptismal gift sets us free from the power of sin and death. In today's gospel, Christ promises that the disciple who gives a cup of cold water to the little ones serves Christ himself. From worship we are sent on our baptismal mission: to serve the little ones of this world and to be a sign of God's merciful welcome.

### *Gathering*

Prelude

*Adagio in Bb* – Tomaso Albinoni

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karen Natterstad

*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

**#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.**

In the open hands of the needy Jesus comes among us. Do we truly welcome him? 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

**#641 All Are Welcome**

Opening Litany

Too often, we close the door on those who are different from us.

**Help us, with open arms, to welcome all those you love.**

Too often, we close the door on those who are sick or injured or hard to handle.

**Help us to welcome all those who need our care.**

So often, we close the door on those who are speaking the truth about our lives.

**Help us to welcome those who are sharing your word to 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 direct our lives by your grace, and your words of justice and mercy reshape the world. Mold us into a people who welcome your word and serve one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

*Word*

First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

*Through a symbolic action Jeremiah insisted that Judah and all the surrounding nations should submit to the king of Babylon (Jer. 27). Hananiah contradicted the word of Jeremiah, who in reply insisted that Hananiah's rosy prediction should not be believed until it came true. God confirmed the word of Jeremiah and sentenced the false prophet Hananiah to death (vv. 16-17).*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

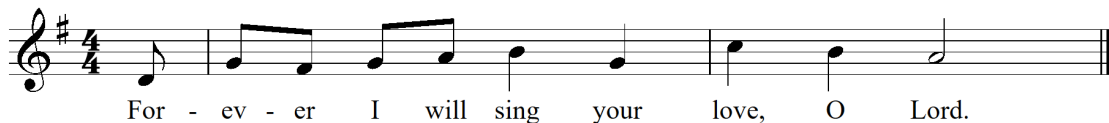
Psalm

Psalm 89:1-4. 15-18

*Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing. (Ps. 89:1)*

Let us sing and read responsively from Psalm 89.

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



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Your love, O LORD, forever will I sing; from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

**For I am persuaded that your steadfast love is established forever; you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.**

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn an oath to David my servant:  
**‘I will establish your line forever, and preserve your throne for all generations.’ ” [Refrain]**

Happy are the people who know the festal shout! They walk, O LORD, in the light of your presence.

**They rejoice daily in your name; they are jubilant in your righteousness.**

For you are the glory of their strength, and by your favor our might is exalted.

**Truly, our shield belongs to the LORD; our king to the Holy One of Israel. [Refrain]**

Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

*Sin is an enslaving power which motivates us to live self-serving, disobedient lives. Sin’s final payoff is death. We, however, have been set free from sin’s slavery to live obediently under God’s grace, whose end is the free gift of eternal life.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation

**p. 216 Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?**

## Gospel

## Matthew 10:40-42

*When Jesus sends his disciples out as missionaries, he warns them of persecution and hardships they will face. He also promises to reward any who aid his followers and support their ministry.*

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

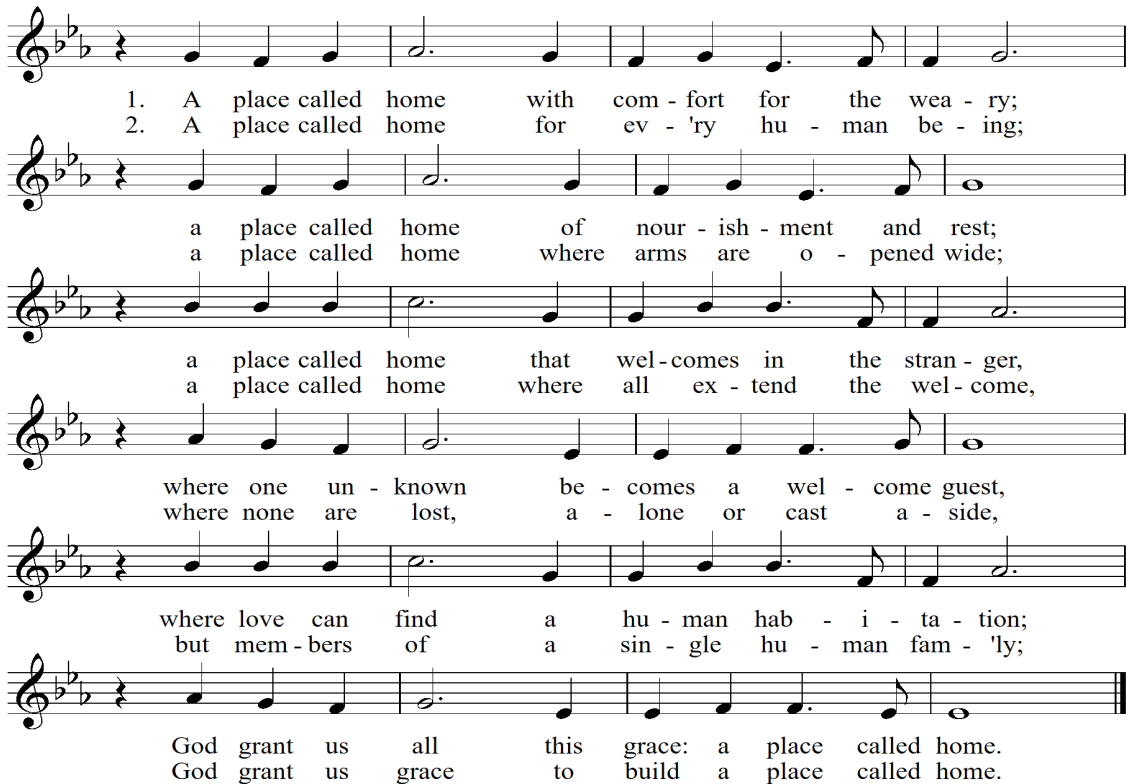
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## Hymn of the Day

**A Place Called Home**

*(Prayer Cards, which can be found in the pew racks, will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*



1. A place called home with com - fort for the wea - ry;  
 2. A place called home for ev - 'ry hu - man be - ing;  
 a place called home of nour - ish - ment and rest;  
 a place called home where arms are o - pened wide;  
 a place called home that wel - comes in the stran - ger,  
 a place called home where all ex - tend the wel - come,  
 where one un - known be - comes a wel - come guest,  
 where none are lost, a - lone or cast a - side,  
 where love can find of a hu - man hab - i - ta - tion;  
 but mem - bers of a sin - gle hu - man fam - 'ly;  
 God grant us all this grace: a place called home.  
 God grant us grace to build a place called home.

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

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

**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.**

**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.**

*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

*Lonesome Valley* - John Malloy, Soloist & Guitar

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory Response

**#181 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

## 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.*

*Fruit juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Juice is in the center of the communion tray.*

## Call to Communion

## As the Grains of Wheat

The musical notation is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes.

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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## Communion Hymn

## Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta-ble's  
set and a place is wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1. I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com - mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for  
2. God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the ban - quet of jus - tice and  
3. May we build such a place a - mong us where all peo - ple are e - qual in

me. With a spring in my step I'm walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
good where the har - vest will not be hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
love. God has called us to work to - geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

*to Refrain*

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, Misa popular salvadoreña; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956. Music: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955. Tune: Vamos Todos al Banquete, 99 98 Refrain. Copyright © Text © 1988, 1996 GIA Publications, Inc. Podcast/Streamed/Reprinted with permission under One License A-703603. All rights reserved.

*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

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table.

Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is  
our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Sending

Litany for the Fourth of July Holiday

God of all nations, on this national holiday weekend,  
**we praise you for creating this world and this land in which we live.**  
 God of all nations, we remember all your bountiful and generous gifts,  
**we praise you for providing all that we need to support this body and life.**  
 God of all nations, on this national holiday weekend,  
**we ask for your gracious guidance for our nation and our world.**

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

### #891 God Bless Our Native Land

1. God bless our na - tive land; firm may it ev - er stand through storm and  
 2. So shall our prayers a - rise to God a - bove the skies, on whom we  
 night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of wind and wave,  
 wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, guard - ing with watch - ful eye,  
 do thou\_\_ our\_\_ coun - try save by\_\_ thy great might.  
 to thee\_\_ a - loud we cry; God\_\_ save the state!

Text: Charles T. Brooks, 1812-1883; John S. Dwight, 1813-1893. Music: Thesaurus Musicus, London, 1744. Tune: America/National Anthem, 664 6664.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*Doppel Fuge über "America"* – John Knowles Paine  
 [1839-1906]



# **FIRST READING: Jeremiah 28:5-9**

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the LORD; <sup>6</sup>and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the LORD do so; may the LORD fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the LORD, and all the exiles. <sup>7</sup>But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. <sup>8</sup>The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. <sup>9</sup>As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the LORD has truly sent the prophet."

## **Psalms 89:1-4, 15-18**

# **SECOND READING: Romans 6:12-23**

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. <sup>13</sup>No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. <sup>14</sup>For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

<sup>15</sup>What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! <sup>16</sup>Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin,

which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? <sup>17</sup>But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, <sup>18</sup>and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. <sup>19</sup>I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

<sup>20</sup>When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. <sup>21</sup>So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. <sup>22</sup>But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. <sup>23</sup>For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# **GOSPEL: Matthew 10:40-42**

[Jesus said to the twelve:] "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."