

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

August 26th, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

Call to Worship

(Please stand as you are able)

My Lord, What a Morning – Annette Olson

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P “I am the Bread of Life,” says Jesus Christ. “Whoever eats of this bread will never die.”

C **If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

P Prepare to be invited to the banquet of the Lord. Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned against you in our thinking, in our speaking, and in our doing. We take your mercy for granted, and expect your loving kindness. We hunger and thirst for righteousness. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins, that we may follow where you lead, and fill us with perfect goodness, that we may live as your Spirit directs us, filled with all the fullness of God.**

P The Bread of Life was given for the life of the world. In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake our sins are forgiven. Whoever comes to him will never hunger; whoever believes in him will never thirst.

C **Lord, give us this bread always! Amen.**

Gathering Song

#858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Litany for “*The Words of Eternal Life*” Sunday

- A** O Christ, the Word Made Flesh,
C **the words that you share with us give us life.**
A O Christ, our shelter from the storms of life,
C **the words you share with us inspire us to serve you more and more.**
A O Christ, the giver of all,
C **the words you share with us are the Good News of salvation from sin.**
A O Christ, the Word Made Flesh,
C **the words you share with us will last eternally.**

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Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

In the Near East, covenant means “agreement” or “alliance.” It describes relationships and is the primary word used to characterize the relationship between God and Israel. By delivering Israel, God has already begun the relationship. Joshua calls upon the people to respond.

Second Reading Ephesians 6:10-20

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

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Gospel Acclamation **#512 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil**

Gospel Reading John 6:56-69

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about how odd this sounds. Simon Peter asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

Gospel Response

- P** The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.
C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

Sermon Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#638 Blessed Assurance

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)

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Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

- P** Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world and the church, and all people in need.
- P** ...We pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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Meal

(Please be seated)

Offering

Vocalise by S. Rachmaninoff – Meghan Murphy, Violin

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory

#181 Let the Vineyards

Offertory Prayer

- A** Let us pray. We speak with your children, Israel, O God, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods." Accept our offerings. Accept our bold confession, "We also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." Bless our service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C** **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

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Proper Preface

- P** Always and everywhere you are worthy of thanks and praise, Almighty, all-providing God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, the true Bread of Life, come down from heaven that we might eat and not die, but be raised on the last day and share forever in the feast to come. And so, with all who bear your name on earth and all who praise your name on high, we join our voices in the everlasting hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

- P** Jesus said, "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry,
- C** **And whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."**
- P** Come for the table has been prepared for us.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

#494 For the Bread Which You Have Broken

(Please stand as you are able)

Post-Communion Response

- P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now just received, strengthen you and keep you in his love and grace.

C Amen.

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray. You have the words of eternal life, O Christ. You are the Word of eternal life. Having feasted on your goodness, guide us to lives of service, and at last to eternal life. We bless you now and evermore.

C Amen.

Sending

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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.

Temple Talk

Outreach for Hope Bike Ride, September 8th
Rosie Haas and Sandy Forbes

(Please stand as you are able)

Benediction

- P** 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.

C With God's help we will.

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

C Amen.

Sending Song

#717 Let Justice Flow Like Streams

Dismissal

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Call to Worship

O God Beyond All Praising arr. by Rodney Abriol
Joanne Ziarek, Karen Haglund, Michael Kruse,
John Stolte

(Please stand as you are able)

- 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 before the Lord with joyful songs.**

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Thanksgiving

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Offering *Vocalise* by S. Rachmaninoff – Meghan Murphy, Violin

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Canticle of Thanksgiving **#186 Create in Me a Clean Heart**

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Lord's Prayer page 221 (Contemporary Version)

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.

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