

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213
August 4th, 2019

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Service

Prelude (10:15) *Puer Natus Est* by Guy de Lioncourt
Fred Heim, Tenor Saxophone
A Child has been born for us

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

“Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord; “for I am God, and there is no other.”

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

Today we are confronted with the foolishness and sinfulness of greed. Let us therefore make confession of our sins, that we may receive the good gifts our heavenly Creator desires to give us. Most merciful God,

We confess that we have sinned against you; in our thinking, in our speaking, and in our doing. Our minds are set on earthly things. We consume without awareness for the impact of our decisions. Our self-indulgent appetites and ways exploit the vulnerable and misplace our trust away from you. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins and call us by your Holy Spirit to the new life you ordained for us, to the glory of your holy name.

Jesus Christ was given to die for us, for in him we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith. In the name of Jesus †, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Song

#655 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Opening Litany for the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

The riches of the world rest in money and wealth, fame and prestige.

The riches of God's kingdom lie in goodness and compassion, life and salvation.

Therefore, seek not treasures on earth,

But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven.

Turn your faces away from worldly blessings

that lead to greed and evil desires.

Look to the blessings of heaven

that bring everlasting honor and delight.

God will fully satisfy every need of yours,

according to the glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

The teacher of wisdom who wrote Ecclesiastes sees that working for mere accumulation of wealth turns life into an empty game, a "vanity of vanities." Nevertheless, he asserts in the next verse, it is good to find enjoyment in one's work because such enjoyment is a gift from God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Psalm 49:1-12

Everyone take heed. All the world, listen.

High and low, rich and poor alike.

I have the wisdom you need to hear. I see to the heart of things.

I tune my ear to the truth and set my insight to music.

Why should I be afraid in bad times when enemies surround me?

Enemies disdainful in their power, arrogant in their wealth.

We cannot save ourselves, cannot set things right with God.

The price is too high, well beyond our means.

There is no escaping death, no avoiding the grave.

Look, even the wisest die. Fools and idiots perish with them, and others claim their wealth.

The grave is the only home where they settle for good, even if their land still bears their name.

No matter how great, no one sees the truth: we die like beasts.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's life in Christ.

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

Luke 12:13-21

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

Gospel Response

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Christopher Manke

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
(Prayer cards will be collected during the hymn)

Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need,
and all God's creation.

...We pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the
power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each
other. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Meal

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering

(8:30) *If with All Your Hearts* by Felix Mendelssohn
Mirina Thompson, Soloist

(10:15) *Clémens Rector* by Guy de Lioncourt
Fred Heim, Tenor Saxophone

Merciful ruler, eternal Father, immense one, have mercy.

And hearken to our voices, blessed Lord.

Our star-bearing heaven, in Thy compassion have mercy on us.

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory Response

As the Grains of Wheat



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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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, we bring our offerings before you this day, thankful that you have provided us with a mission and a purpose even as you provide us with every good thing. We bless you now and evermore. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving page 180

Sanctus page 181

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer page 182 (Traditional Version)

Invitation to Communion

Jesus said: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

page 183, Lamb of God

Communion Anthem

10:15 *Pascha Nostrum* by Guy de Lioncourt

Fred Heim, Tenor Saxophone

*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil,
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.*

Communion Hymn

#469 By Your Hand You Feed Your People

(Please stand as you are able)

Post-Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now just received,
strengthen you and keep you in God's love and grace.

Amen.

Post Communion Cantic

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thank-ful hearts and__ voi - ces raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the__ Lord re - joice and__ bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thank - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you have fed us with rich food, your body, given for us. You have offered us rich drink, your blood, shed for us. Now help us to multiply these generous gifts, by living lives of mercy and by sharing the wealth you have given us. You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.

Sending

(Please be seated)

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.

(Please stand as you are able)

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.

Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

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.