

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213
August 5th, 2018
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Services

Prelude
Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

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.

(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 accept 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 your 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

#522 As We Gather at Your Table

Litany for “*Bread of Heaven*” Sunday

- P** Christ, the Bread of Life, feed your people with the nourishment they need.
C **Fill us with your goodness and grace.**
P Bless the work that takes place in food pantries and homeless shelters, where the poor and needy are given what they need.
C **May these places offer help and hope.**
P Bless the work of farmers who plant the seeds and harvest the crops for the people of this land.
C **May the crops be healthy and the harvest plentiful.**
P Bless the work of world mission projects established to help deliver food stuffs to countries in need.
C **May our contributions address the roots of hunger and sustain global nourishment.**
P Bless our celebrations of Holy Communion and the sharing of your Word.
C **May your Body and Blood satisfy our souls and may your Good News gratify our minds.**

Apostolic Greeting page 175

Hymn of Praise **#167 Now the Feast and Celebration**

Prayer of the Day page 178

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

A food crisis becomes a faith crisis for the Israelites in the wilderness. The hungry people forget God’s saving work in the exodus, and they wish for the food they had in Egypt. Nevertheless, God miraculously meets their need, with manna for bread and quail for meat.

Psalm

Psalm 78:23-29 (Read Responsively)

- P** So God commanded the clouds above and opened the doors of heaven.
C **Raining down manna upon them to eat and giving them grain from heaven.**
P So mortals ate the bread of angels; God provided for them food enough.
C **The LORD caused the east wind to blow in the heavens and powerfully led out the south wind.**
- P** Raining down flesh upon them like dust and flying birds, like the same of the seas.
C **Letting them fall in the midst of the camp and round about the dwellings.**
P So the people ate and were well filled.
C **For God gave them what they craved.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Christians share fundamental unity and diversity. Our unity consists in the one body, one Spirit, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God. Our diversity is expressed in various forms of ministry, whose goal is equipping the saints and building up Christ's one body.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Taste and See

Al - le - lu - ia! Taste and see just how good the Lord can be:
 "For your hun - ger shall be o'er; come to me and thirst no more!"
 Al - le - lu - ia! Rich - ly fed on this true, life - giv - ing Bread,
 Lord, to whom else can we go? You have words of life, we know.

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Gospel

John 6:24-35

Many of the five thousand people Jesus fed in the wilderness continued to follow him throughout the countryside. Jesus challenged them to consider the real nature of their quest.

Gospel Response

P The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

G **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)

Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

P Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world, the church, and all people in need.

P ...We pray to the Lord.

G **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.

G **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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Meal

(Please be seated)

Offering

Give Me Jesus arr. by Mark Patterson

Mary Thomae & Caroline Steinbock

with Mitchell Weinberg-Kinsey, Saxophone

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory

#181 Let the Vineyards

Offertory Prayer

- A** Let us pray. You have fulfilled your promise throughout the generations; *“I am going to rain bread from heaven for you.”* Accept our gifts. With them we acknowledge that all our bread is heaven-sent. 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

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

#474 Bread of Life from Heaven

(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 came down from heaven, O Christ, the true bread, heaven-sent. Nourish us with this rich gift, the gift of yourself. Guide us as we share your goodness. We bless you now and evermore.
- C **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)

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.**

Closing Hymn

#546 To Be Your Presence

Dismissal

- A Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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.