

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

**8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services**

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

## Gathering

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Confession and Forgiveness

☐ Blessed be the Holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

☑ **Amen.**

☐ Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

☑ **Source of all life, we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

☐ God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering Song

**ELW #835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High!**  
(Stanzas 1-4)

Apostolic Greeting

Hymn of Praise

**ELW p. 140, This is the Feast of Victory for Our God**

Prayer of the Day

☐ Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

## *Word*

*(Please be seated)*

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

*Genesis 2 stresses that people are not meant to live in isolation but in relationship. Out of love for humanity, God creates them male and female, to provide companionship for each other and to become with each other “one flesh.” The Hebrew words used here are ish (man) and ishshah (woman).*

**A** Word of God, Word of Life.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 8 (From *The Psalter*)

Read Responsively

**P** O LORD, Our God, the whole world tells the greatness of your name;

**G** **Your glory reaches beyond the stars.**

**P** Even the babble of infants declares your strength; you power to halt the enemy and avenger.

**G** **I see your handiwork in the heavens: the moon and the stars you set into place.**

**P** What is humankind that you remember them? The human race, that you care for them?

**G** **You treat them like gods—dressing them in glory and splendor; you give them charge of the earth.**

**P** Laying all at their feet—cattle and sheep, wild beasts, birds of the sky, fish of the sea, every swimming creature.

**G** **O LORD our God, the whole world tells the greatness of your name.**

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12

*Quoting from the psalms, this passage from Hebrews emphasizes that Jesus, the one through whom God created everything and who sits at God’s right hand, is also the one who experienced human suffering and death in order to blaze the path of salvation for us.*

**A** Word of God, Word of Life.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Gospel Acclamation

**ELW p. 142, Alleluia**

Gospel Reading

Mark 10:2-16

**P** The Gospel according to Mark, the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**G** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus announced and enacted in history the new reality of God's surprising activity. These two stories demonstrate this new reality: Women and children are accepted and valued, not dismissed as inferior to adult men.*

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**#603 God, When Human Bonds Are Broken**

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

Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of the hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

☐ Longing for God's will to be fulfilled among us we pray persistently for the church, the world, and all people in need.

☐ ...We pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

☐ Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, Our Savior and Lord.

☑ **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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## Meal

*(Please be seated)*

Offering

(8:30)

*Brethren, We Have Met to Worship*

Arr. by Mark Hayes, Senior Choir; Accompanied by  
Larry Wheelock and Julia Murphy

(11:00)

*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness*, Johannes Brahms;  
Larry Wheelock

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offertory Hymn

**#182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Offertory Prayer

☐ God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

☑ **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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## Invitation to Communion

**P** Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.

**G** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

## Communion Distribution

Lamb of God

**ELW p. 146, Lamb of God**

Communion Anthem

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People*, Senior Choir

Hymn

**#656 Blest Be the Tie That Binds**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Post-Communion Response

**P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's love and grace.

**G** **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**G** **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](http://www.StMattsLutheran.org).*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Benediction

**P** May God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, ☩Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

## Sending Song

**#595 Jesus Loves Me!**

## Dismissal

**P** Go in Peace. Sound the good news.

**G** **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.*