

**St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

**8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Services**

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

*Gathering*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

**Call to Worship**

**#643 We Are All One in Christ**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad!**

We come to worship you today.

**We come to sing, pray, and listen.**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Gathering Song

**#771 God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens**

Opening Litany for the 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

God came to Abraham to give him a promise that would change his life forever:

**“I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky.”**

Now that promise is made real in us, O God.

**The blessings you shower upon your children are as countless as the sands on the seashore.**

By the Holy Spirit's power, we are enabled to live out our faith.

**We look forward to the day when we will shine like stars in the kingdom of light.**

Apostolic Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

**page 213, Glory to God**

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

*(Please be seated)*

## First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise and through this faith, he is considered righteous.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 33:12-22

**Read Responsively**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people chosen for inheritance.

**From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all;**

from the dwelling place, God watches all who live on earth-

**God who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.**

No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

**A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.**

But the eyes of the LORD are on those who have fear, on those whose hope is in God's unfailing love,

**to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.**

We wait in hope for the LORD; our help and our shield.

**In God our hearts rejoice, for we trust in the holy name. May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.**

## Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God need in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

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 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

Gospel Response

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

(8:30) Children's Sermon

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

Sermon

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*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**#765 Lord of All Hopefulness**

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

Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover if 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.**

*Thanksgiving*

**Note for the 7:30 services:** Offerings may be placed in the plate at the entrance of the church as you enter or exit. Thank you.

Musical Offering (10:15) *We Are Singing for the Lord is Our Light*  
arr. by Hal Hopson, Summer Choir

Offertory **#185 Create in Me a Clean Heart**

Thanksgiving for the Word page 220

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.**

## 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)*

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.**

Sending Song **#538 The Lord Now Sends us Forth**

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.*