

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

July 14th, 2019

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Mission Trip Service – Love for God and Neighbor

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Opening Song

#643 We Are All One in Christ

Mission Trip Introduction

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

There are different gifts, but the same Spirit that gives them. There are different ways of serving God, but the same Lord is served.

Each one of us is given gifts by the Spirit to use for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually we are members of that body.

Gathering Song

#659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Opening Litany for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Let us rejoice in it and be glad!

The Good Samaritan stopped when others only passed by.

May we care for those we see in need.

The Good Samaritan was moved with pity when he saw the man who was robbed and beaten.

May we be filled with compassion for those who are hurting.

The Good Samaritan bandaged the man's wounds and put oil and wine on them.

May we bring healing and relief to others.

The Good Samaritan showed the man mercy.

May we show mercy to all.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Bring hope to people and places that know devastation in the calm after *the storm*. Bring comfort to those who grieve the loss of loved ones and property.

Let your love be known through those who work to bring order in the chaos.

Help all of us to shoulder the burden of suffering, and make us bearers of the hope that can be found in you. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Mission Trip Reflections

Christy Smith, Carson Kirtley

Word

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Moses calls the people to renew the covenant God made with their ancestors. Through this covenant God gives life and asks obedience. God's word is brought near to the people, so that they may remain true to the covenant.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

25:1-10 – Read Responsively

In you, LORD my God, I put my trust.

I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good.

Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in his ways.

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

The letter to the Colossians was written to warn its readers of various false teachings. The first part of the letter is an expression of thanks for the faith, hope, and love that mark this community. It concludes with a prayer for continued growth in understanding.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

#721 Goodness Is Stronger Than Evil

Gospel

Luke 10:25-27

Jesus is challenged to explain what is involved in obeying the greatest commandment. Jesus tells a parable rich in surprises: those expected to show pity display hard hearts while the lowly give and receive unexpected and lavish mercy.

Gospel Response

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Mission Trip Reflections

Grant Fendos, Jayden Flower

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the hymn)

Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray. Rejoicing in the good news of God come near, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all God's creation.

...We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Into your hands, O God of compassion, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your great mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sharing of Peace

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

(Please be seated)

Offering

Mission Trip Slide Show

Reflection

Gretchen Haugse

(Please stand as you are able)

Mission Trip Litany

Lord of Compassion, we pray for all those whose lives have been changed forever by Hurricane Harvey.

Have Mercy, O Lord.

Give them your strength to meet the days ahead.

Give them hope for restoration and rebuilding.

Be with all who continue to offer assistance;

May they be your hands and heart on earth.

As you have made water a sign of your kingdom, and of cleansing and rebirth.

Grant your people vision to see new life on the other side of disaster.

Make us mindful of the need for environmental policies that protect the lands and seas

you have created so that all that all the children of God may live in security and peace. In your name we pray.

Help us, O Lord, to be your hands in the world. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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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.

(Please stand as you are able)

Benediction

Every one of us is called today to prepare the way of the Lord for the people we meet.

Every one of us is called today to point out the presence of Jesus the Lord, by the way we live his gospel.

Send us out, O God, as peacemakers and as prophets, for we are witnesses of your kingdom's joy. We have experienced your promised salvation. Send us into this world so all may know your saving grace.

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

Amen.

Sending Song

#546 To Be Your Presence

Dismissal

God 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.