

**St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213  
**June 2, 2019**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services**

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

*Gathering*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

When we were baptized, we died and were buried with Christ.

**We were baptized so that we might have a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father.**

Therefore, let us confess our sins to God so that we may access the tree of life and drink forever of the water of life in the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

*(Silence is kept for meditation and self-examination)*

Almighty and all-merciful God,

**We are dead in trespasses and sin; we have no power to rise. We have brought sorrow and darkness where you once said, "Let there be light." We have offended you and others and are sorry for our offenses. We have no power to rise.**

But Christ is risen.

**Risen indeed!**

Since we have been united with him in a death like his,

**we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. For his sake, we implore you: forgive our sins, so that we may receive, and share, the precious peace our Lord has promised. Let us be raised with Christ.**

"Thus, it is written, that the Messiah had to suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be proclaimed in his name."

That Word is now proclaimed to you. Your sins are forgiven.

**We have seen the Lord! Alleluia!**

Gathering Song

**#392 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**

## Opening Litany for the Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Lord is risen!

**He is risen indeed!**

Christ Jesus, you have united us through your life, death, and resurrection.

**Unite us as one as your people here on earth.**

Christ Jesus, you united people of all nations and walks of life in one common goal: to follow you.

**Unite us as one as we work together to follow you now.**

Christ Jesus, your crucifixion caused people to unite themselves around your cross.

**Unite us in our commitment to remember all that you did for us on the cross.**

As your united people, Lord,

**may we grow stronger and stronger day by day.**

## Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Hymn of Praise

**page 140, This is the Feast**

## Prayer of the Day

Word

*(Please be seated)*

## First Reading

Acts 16:16-34

*The owners of a young woman who used her powers to tell fortunes threw Paul and Silas into jail for "healing" her and, consequently ruining their business. In prison, Paul and Silas bring the good news of the gospel to the jailer and his family.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

*The ascended Christ, hidden from our sight, promises to come again. We eagerly pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," with all who respond to this invitation.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

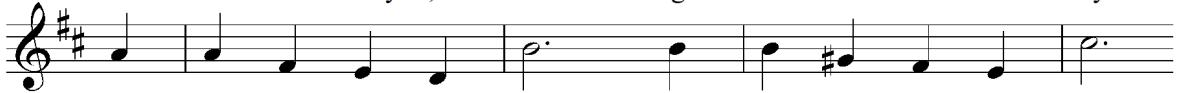
Gospel Acclamation

**Christ From the Dead is Raised**

1. Christ from the dead is raised! The reign of death is o'er!  
 2. As - cend - ed now on high, Christ speaks his pro - mise true:



With Al - le - lu - ias now be — praised The Lord for - ev - er - more!  
 “I will be with you, ev - er — nigh: I will re - turn to you!”



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Gospel

John 17:20-26

The holy gospel according to John, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus prays that the life of his followers will be characterized by an intimate unity of identity with God. To be so identified with God means also to share in God's mission: to proclaim the word that will bring others into this same unity.*

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

**Praise to you, O Christ.***(Please be seated)*

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**#655 Son of God, Eternal Savior***(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)*

The Nicene Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

### Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

...We pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*(8:30) (Please be seated)*

## *Welcoming of New Members*

### Calling Forward our New Members

#### Welcoming our New Members

We are here this morning to welcome these new members into the community which is St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. We are not a building, but the gathered family of God. We are siblings in Christ, given this new identity through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection. Today we welcome you as members of this family in the larger body of Christ.

And so we ask, do you desire to join the membership of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church? If so please answer: "We do."

Let us pray. Gracious God, as you called James and John, Simon and Andrew to fish for people, so you have called us to serve you with our own talents and resources. We thank you for bringing to us these new members. You have told us that wherever two or more are gathered in your name, there you are with them. Help us, we pray, to see and feel that presence and that others may come to know you through their interactions with us.

**Amen.**

As active followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to spread the Good News. We encourage you to accept that call through your involvement in the church.

**We welcome you as siblings in Christ and thank God for this unique opportunity to serve God and one another. May the God to whom we belong equip us for every good work that we do together in Christ's name.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled." The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Meal*

*(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

(8:30) *More Love to Thee* by Timothy Shaw, Senior Choir

(11:00) Annaliese Heim

## Offertory

**Christ the Lord Is Risen Today**

1. Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day; Al - le - lu - ia!  
2. Chris-tians, on this ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!



Chris-tians, has - ten on your way; Al - le - lu - ia!  
all your grate - ful hom - age pay; Al - le - lu - ia!



of - fer praise with love re - plete, Al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ the Lord is ris'n on high; Al - le - lu - ia!



at the pas - chal vic - tim's feet. Al - le - lu - ia!  
now he lives, no more to die. Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Text: attr. Wipo of Burgundy, d. c. 1050; trans. Jane E. Leeson, 1807-1882, alt. Tune: Llanfair 77 77 & Alleluias.  
Music Robert Williams, 1781-1821.

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Risen, ascended Lord, as you prayed in the upper room with your disciples, help us to pray. Accept these gifts as our prayer, our song of praise, and unite us, as you are united with the Father and the Spirit, with the unity of love, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer page 145 (Traditional Version)

Invitation to Communion  
*(Please be seated)*

(11:00) First Communion We welcome **Eliot Kendall** and her family as she takes Communion for the first time today.

Lamb of God **page 146, Lamb of God**

(8:30) Communion Anthem *A Communion Invitation* by Craig Courtney  
Senior Choir

Communion Hymn **#496 One Bread, One Body**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Post-Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in God's light and grace.  
**Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Lord Jesus, we are hungry, and so we come to your table. We are thirsty, and so we drink of your blood. Thus refreshed, we look toward the day when we will eat from the tree of life, and drink from the stream of life's water. 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, [www.StMattsLutheran.org](http://www.StMattsLutheran.org)*

*(We ask all the Graduating Seniors to stand)*

(11:00) Graduation Recognition

O Spirit of God, bless the lives of these graduates with your gifts.

**May their futures be filled with your goodness and grace.**

O Spirit of wisdom and understanding, we thank you for equipping these graduates to study and to learn.

**May they continue to grow in all wisdom and understanding.**

O Spirit of counsel and might, we thank you for listening to the prayers of these graduates and empowering them to pursue their goals.

**May they continue to be strengthened and encouraged by you.**

O Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, we thank you for expanding the minds of these graduates and drawing them closer to you.

**May they continue to remain faithful to you by following your will.**

O Spirit of joy in God's presence always, we thank you for this happy time in the lives of these graduates.

**May they always be gladdened by your presence and your peace.**

(11:00) Graduate Blessing

Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon those who have completed another year of learning and growth. Give them courage, patience, and vision as they go their way; and strengthen us all in our vocation of witness to the world and service to others, for the sake of your whole creation and to the glory of your holy name both now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Blessing

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. Almighty God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer – The Father, Son and Holy Spirit ✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

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.*