

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI
June 30th, 2019

Third 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

#822 Oh, Sing to the Lord

Opening Litany for the Third Sunday after Pentecost

Almighty God, we have heard your call;

a call given to Elijah and to Elisha, to James and to John, to Peter and to Paul.

Christ daily calls us to be his followers. But how often do we decide to follow our own desires instead?

Help us to say, "Here am I. Send me," O Lord.

Christ calls us to use the gifts he gives us to his glory. But how often do we discount our abilities, abuse these gifts or ignore them altogether?

Help us to say, "Here am I. Send me," O Lord.

Christ calls us to be his disciples right here and now. But how often do we put God's work off or say we are not ready yet?

Help us to say, "Here am I. Send me, send me NOW," O Lord.

Apostolic Greeting

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

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

In the story preceding today's reading, the prophet Elijah flees for his life to the security of God's mountain. There the Lord reveals to Elijah that there are still other faithful people in Israel and commissions him to anoint new leaders, including his own successor, Elisha.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 16

Read Responsively

Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, "You are my LORD; apart from you I have no good thing."

As for the saints who are in the land, they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those who run after other gods will increase. I will not pour out their libation offerings nor take up their names on my lips.

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely, I have a delightful inheritance.

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

I have set the LORD always before me. Because the LORD is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore, my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure, because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your holy one see decay.

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

For Paul, the freedom Christ gives is not permission to do whatever we want. It is the invitation to be what we could not be otherwise. The power and guidance of Christ's Holy Spirit produce a different kind of life, one marked by the fruit of this Holy Spirit.

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 9:51-62

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus is unwavering in his commitment to his mission in Jerusalem and will not be swayed by pettiness. In a series of striking cases in point, he calls his disciples to a similar single-mindedness.

Gospel Response

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

#798 Will You Come and Follow Me

(Prayer cards will be collected during the Hymn)

The Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

Filled by the Spirit, let us join the whole people of God in Christ Jesus in praying for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

...We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Into your loving hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abundant mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Stephen Leader Commissioning

As Christians who are part of the priesthood of all believers, all of us are called to offer ourselves in thanksgiving for what God has done and continues to do for us in Jesus Christ. Today we recognize and support an individual who has been called and trained to lead the Stephen Ministry in our congregation.

Carl Johnson, you have been trained at a Stephen Series Leader's Training Course and have been asked to serve as a Stephen Leader at St. Matthew's, guiding our congregation in this ministry of equipping and caring. We acknowledge your gifts, calling and training and entrust you with these responsibilities:

- To build awareness of Stephen Ministry.
- To encourage the commitment of this congregation to Stephen Ministry at every opportunity.
- To prayerfully discern with potential Stephen Ministers their calling to this ministry, and to provide training and support to Stephen Ministers throughout their time of service.
- To carefully and prayerfully assign trained care givers to care receivers.
- To support these confidential caring relationships of care giver and care receiver and offer regular opportunity for continuing growth in the skills and practice of caring ministry.

Will you assume this ministry in the confidence that comes from God?

Carl Johnson: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you nurture the skills you have learned and use them in service to others-to offer support, encouragement and caring?

Carl Johnson: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Members of St. Matthew's, will you open your hearts to the ministry of this Stephen Leader and pray for him as a servant of Christ? If so, answer: Yes, with the help of God.

Yes, with the help of God.

Let us pray. Gracious God, You have gifted and empowered Carl Johnson for the task of serving as a Stephen Leader. Grant him joy in his service and a spirit of bold faith in you, that his ministry may stir us to greater caring and more fruitful service. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of this ministry, so that your name may be glorified, your people live in peace and your good and gracious will be done, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Carl, may God fill you with the Holy Spirit and guide, bless and keep you so that you may be faithful in the ministry to which you have been called, gifted, trained and sent.

Amen.

(Please stand as you are able)

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.

Meal

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering 8:30
 10:15

Just a Closer Walk with Thee - arr. by Jack Schrader
 Summer Choir

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory Response

page 219; Salvation Belongs to Our God

Thanksgiving for the Word

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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.

(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

#849 Yours, Lord, Is the Glory

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news.

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.