

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

October 6th, 2019

*Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

## *Gathering*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Call to Worship

**How Hard to Be So Kind** [based on Luke 17:5-10]



1. How hard to be so kind, to blot sin from our mind.  
2. As ser - vants who o - bey, who serve You night and day,



In - crease our faith! Faith as a mus - tard seed, O Lord is  
So may we live. Count not our works as gain, but through Christ's



what we need; so that Your will we heed un - til our death.  
love ob - tain a faith that will re - main, such faith, Lord, give.

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Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

“Turn to me and be saved,” says the Lord. “For I am God and there is no other.”

**If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Today we consider the faith which God has given us, and what we do with it.  
 Recognizing our need for God's mercy, let us confess our sin, and seek  
 reconciliation with God and each other.

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

God of justice and compassion,

**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have not been faithful stewards of your creation. We have failed to share the bounty of your harvest with the poor and needy. Forgive our sin, increase our faith, strengthen us in service, and bring us to everlasting life.**

Our gracious God has given us the faith we need to live in this world, to resist temptation, and to live with God eternally. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Gathering Song

**#522 As We Gather at Your Table**

Opening Litany for the 20th Sunday after Pentecost

You have brought us to faith, O Lord,

**You have given us the strength to witness to others so that they, too, might believe.**

You have instilled in us the ability to love as you love and to care as you care for us.

**We thank you for the power of faith at work in people's lives.**

Now may our faith continue to grow

**by your grace in this place and wherever we may be.**

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.**

## Kyrie

Cantor

1. In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

2. For the reign of God, and for peace through out the world, for the  
3. For your peo ple here who have come to give you praise, for the

Lord, have mer - cy. \_\_\_\_\_

u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

4. Help, save, and de - fend us, \_\_\_\_\_ O God. \_\_\_\_\_

Lord, have mer - cy. \_\_\_\_\_ A - men.

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## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## Word

*(Please be seated)*

First Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the wicked will perish, but the righteous will live by faith.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

*This message written from Paul to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Gospel Acclamation

**If God Is For Us**

If God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?  
 God is our sal - va - tion. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Gospel

Luke 17:5-10

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 17th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

## Gospel Response

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight**

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



1. We walk by faith and not by sight; with gra-cious words draw near,
2. We may not touch your hands and side, nor fol-low where you trod;
3. Help then, O Lord, our un-be-lief; and may our faith a-bound
4. That, when our life of faith is done, in realms of clear-er light



O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke: "My\_\_ peace be with you here."  
 but in your prom-ise we re-joice, and\_\_ cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 to call on you when you are near and\_\_ seek where you are found:  
 we may be-hold you as you are, with\_\_ full and end-less sight.

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Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of 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.**

*Meal*

*(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering (8:30) *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* arr. by Daniel Kallman  
Senior Choir; Matthew Thorne, Piano

(11:00) *Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal* arr. by Cathy Moglebust  
Bells Angels

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offertory Response **#183 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord**

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving page 180

## Proper Preface

Loving and gracious God who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you. We bless you for our world. The diversity of our planet amazes us from the prairies and pampas of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia, from the majestic mountains of the Americas, Europe to the vast outback of Australia. We give you thanks for the multiplicity of humanity with our complexity of color and culture yet called into oneness-of-being through Christ's gift of Communion. With many tongues united around the world today, yet with one voice, we honor you singing:

Sanctus **page 181, Holy, Holy, Holy**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer page 182 (Traditional Version)

Invitation to Communion for Worldwide Communion Sunday

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast.

**We gather to share Word and sacrament.**

Where shall we serve our God?

**In this community and throughout every land.**

How shall we serve our God?

**By working toward justice where there is oppression, by sharing love where there is hatred.**

Why shall we serve our God?

**Because the Spirit calls us to enact our faith.**

Come, all are invited, and all are welcome.

Call to Communion

All Are Welcome [Stanza 3]

Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 wheat: a\_\_ ban - quet hall on ho - ly\_\_ ground where peace and\_\_ jus - tice  
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and  
 space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees\_ us: All are wel - come,  
 all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.\_\_\_\_

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*(Please be seated)*

Communion Anthem

(8:30) *All Who Hungry, Gather Gladly* – Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

**#484 Gift of Finest Wheat**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Post-Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now just received, strengthen you and keep you in God's love and grace.

**Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. We thank you O God, for refreshing us at your holy table. By faith, Lord Jesus, we have tasted your Kingdom's food. We thank you for our brothers and sisters in this community and around the world. May we always be reminded to see the world through Christ's eyes, and to work for a time when all may share together at your table.

**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

People of God, you have been called to be Disciples of Christ. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love God and serve your neighbor.

**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.*