

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213
September 1st, 2019

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Services

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

“Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that in due time you may be exalted.” Almighty and Everlasting God, you are a God rich in forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have not followed you in all that we say and do, that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We confess our broken relationships, our weak discipleship, and our basic insecurities. Renew us with your Spirit; give us strength of faith and courage to be disciples of faith, hope and love.

“I will never leave you or forsake you,” says the one who is the same yesterday and today and forever, Jesus Christ. God is gracious and merciful and proclaims to you this day, “Your sins are forgiven.” Live as redeemed and forgiven people in the Light of God’s grace.

Amen.

Gathering Song

#532 Gather Us In

Opening Litany for the 12th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus the Son beckons the poor and the crippled; the blind and the lame.

Visit your church where it is poor, that it might reflect the wonder of love.

Renew your people where they are crippled, that your power may be made perfect in weakness.

Empower your children where they are blind, that they may know you truly.

Uphold your saints where they are lame, that they may find friends gracious in support and strength.

Make your church a place of hospitality, a place that entertains angels unawares.

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

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7

The book of Proverbs is known as wisdom literature. It gave direction to Israel's leaders and people for the conduct of daily life. Today's reading is about humility.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

Read Responsively

Praise the LORD. Blessed are those who fear the LORD, who find great delight in his commands.

Their children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.

Even in darkness light dawns for the upright, for those who are gracious and compassionate and righteous.

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice.

Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.

They will have no fear of bad news; their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the LORD.

Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear; in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.

They have scattered abroad their gifts to the poor, their righteousness endures forever; their horn will be lifted high in honor.

The wicked will see and be vexed, they will gnash their teeth and waste away; the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

The conclusion of the letter to the Hebrews contains many suggestions for the conduct of life, all of which are shaped by God's love toward us in Jesus Christ.

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 14:1, 7-14

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus observes guests jockeying for position at the table. He uses the opportunity to teach his hearers to choose humility rather than self-exaltation. Jesus also makes an appeal for hosts to mimic God's gracious hospitality to the poor and the broken.

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

#522 As We Gather at Your Table

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)

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

Ancient Words by Lynn DeShazo; Mary Thomae, Soloist

Offertory Response

As the Grains of Wheat

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
 gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
 all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. We bring our gifts before you, humbly we present our offerings. Accept these gifts and multiply them. Make them to do your will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

page 173 (Traditional Version)

Invitation to Communion

Jesus said: "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled."

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

(Please be seated)

(Please stand as you are able)

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.

Communion Hymn

#523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Post-Communion Response

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

Amen.

Post Communion Canticle

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thank-ful hearts and_ voi - ces raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the__ Lord re - joice and__ bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with

shouts of thank - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you humbled yourself and were exalted. And so we gather at your table, humbly accepting the lower place. Yet you have lifted us to the heights through your grace. Continue to teach us by your example to walk humbly and to lift the lowly to places of honor. 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 at www.StMattsLutheran.org.

(Please stand as you are able)

Litany for Labor Day Weekend

Through God's Word, we are equipped for every good work.

Equip us in our work to spread the Gospel.

By God's power, we are enabled to carry out our tasks.

Empower us to complete the tasks set before us in the week ahead.

By God's grace, we are given gifts and talents.

Help us to use our gifts and talents to your glory.

By God's might it is possible for us to achieve far more than we could ever imagine.
Keep us aware of your hand at work in our lives and in our world.

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

God, Bless the Work Your People Do



1. God, bless the work your peo - ple do through - out each work - ing day,
2. For all who have no res - pite, God, from la - bor with - out ease,
3. We pray for those who can - not work, or seek for work in vain,
4. Grant un - to each a day de - signed for wor - ship, joy and rest;



The con - tri - bu - tions that they make, the ta - lents they dis - play.
 For those for whom their work is filled with dan - ger or di - sease.
 Great God, we pray your mer - cy shall en - cour - age them, a - gain!
 A Sab - bath time of ho - li - ness, in which they may be blessed.



God, bless the work your peo - ple do, with minds and hands and hearts,
 For all who la - bor with - out gain; or have no rest this day;
 We pray for those whose work is hard, on bo - dy, spir - it, soul,
 As you a - chieved cre - a - tion's work, then rest - ed from your task,



To ben - e - fit the com - mon good, the sci - en - ces and arts.
 For all who la - bor with - out hope, O God, we humb - ly pray.
 The un - der - paid, un - der - em - ployed, who fill a vi - tal role.
 God bless the work your peo - ple do, and call it good, we ask!

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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.