

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

September 8th, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Please welcome Mr. Larry Wheelock who is sharing his talents with us this morning at the organ and piano.

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the sorrowful find comfort.

Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired.

Gathering Song

#858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Litany for the 13th Sunday after Pentecost

A disciple of Christ means being willing to follow Jesus.

Being a disciple of Christ means being blessed by God to accomplish great things.

And being a disciple of Christ

means being strengthened by the Spirit day after day.

Come, let us learn that being a disciple of Christ

means being surrounded by the love of God both now and evermore.

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

Direct us, O Lord God, in all our doings with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name; and finally, by your mercy, bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Moses speaks to the Israelites, who are about to enter the land promised to their ancestors, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. In this passage, he lays out the stark choice before them: choose life by loving and obeying the Lord; or choose death by following other gods.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

While Paul was in prison, he was aided by a runaway slave named Onesimus. The slave's master, Philemon, was a Christian friend of Paul. Paul told Onesimus to return to his master and encouraged Philemon to receive Onesimus back as a Christian brother.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

#509 God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

Gospel

Luke 14:25-33

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus speaks frankly about the fearsome costs of discipleship. Those who follow him should know from the outset that completing the course of discipleship will finally mean renouncing all other allegiances.

Gospel Response

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Christopher Manke

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#685 Take My Life that I May Be

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)

Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover if 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.

Thanksgiving

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering 8:30 *Will You Come and Follow Me* by Tom Trenney
Senior Choir

*The congregation is invited to follow along with the verses of this anthem by turning to
ELW #798, and then to join in on Verse 5 when indicated by the director.*

11:00 Larry Wheelock

Offertory Response **#884 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**

Thanksgiving for the Word page 220

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.**

(8:30) Installation of Christian Education Teachers and Leaders

(8:30) Christian Education Hymn

We Thank You, God, for Teachers

1. We thank you, God, for_ teach - ers who help us learn your Way, who
2. We thank you, God, for_ child - ren and old - er peo - ple, too, who
3. We thank you, God, for_ church - es that wel - come one and all, that



show by their_ ex - am - ple how we can serve and pray, who
 va - lue times of_ learn - ing and want to grow in you, who
 nur - ture ev - 'ry_ per - son in an - swer to Christ's call. So



find great joy in_ wor - ship, who lis - ten with_ con - cern; for
 seek your pre - cious king - dom and wis - dom from_ a - bove; for
 fill us with your_ Spir - it, and give us life_ a - new, that



in their lov - ing_ wit - ness, they help us want to learn.
 wise ones of_ all_ a - ges still seek to learn your love.
 we may help_ each_ oth - er live faith - ful - ly in you.

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(8:30) Sunday School Rally Event

*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

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.

(11:00) Sending Song

#722 O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

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.