

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

September 15th, 2019

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service

Please welcome 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 despairing find consolation and the yearning be inspired.

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Amen.

Word

(Please be seated)

Second Grade Bible Distribution

Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them: read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, which you have given us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Receive this Bible. Hear God's word with us. Learn and tell its stories. Discover its mysteries. Honor its commandments. Rejoice in its good news. May God's life-giving word inspire you and make you wise. Amen.

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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

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Baptisms

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Eloise Lou Mochel**Ainsley Rae Neve***(Please stand as you are able)*

The Apostles' Creed

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(Please be seated)

Congregation's Welcome to the Baptized

**Eloise and Ainsley, we receive you as our own, and as God's own children. We
promise to pray for you, care for you and speak God's Word to you. We promise to
support your parents as they set about the holy task of raising you up in Christ.
Welcome to God's Family!**

(Please stand as you are able)

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.

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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.

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Thanksgiving

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering

The Ninety and Nine by Craig Courtney – Senior Choir

There were ninety and nine that safely lay in the shelter of the fold,
But one was out on the hills away, far off from the gates of gold.
Away on the mountains wild and bare, away from the tender Shepherd's care.

“Lord, Thou hast here Thy ninety and nine; are they not enough for Thee?”
But the Shepherd made an answer: “This of Mine has wandered away from Me,
And although the road be rough and steep, I go to the desert to find My sheep.”

But none of the ransomed ever knew how deep were the waters crossed;
Nor how dark was the night that the Lord passed thru ere He found His sheep that was lost.
Out in the desert He heard its cry – sick and helpless and ready to die.

“Lord, whence are those blood drops all the way that mark out the mountain's track?”
“They were shed for one who had gone astray ere the Shepherd could bring them back.”
“Lord, whence are Thy hands so rent and torn?” “They're pierced tonight by many a thorn.”

But all thru the mountains, thunder-riv'n, and up from the rocky steep,
There arose a glad cry to the gate of heav'n, “Rejoice! I have found My sheep!”
And the angels echoed around the throne, “Rejoice, for the Lord brings back His own!”

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And although the road be rough and steep, the Shepherd will find His sheep.

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory Response

#884 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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

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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.

Sending Song

#550 On What Has Now Been Sown

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.

A Healing Liturgy will be held after this service in the Sanctuary.

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Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

(Silence for meditation and self-examination)

Almighty and 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.

Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. For his sake, and in his name, I declare to you the full forgiveness of all your sins. Rejoice! The lost has been restored!

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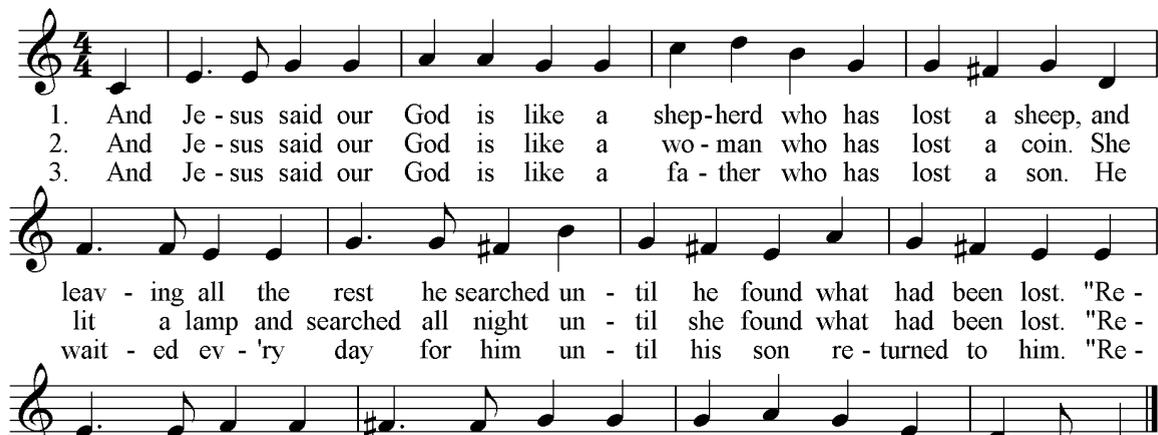
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Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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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!

Call to Communion

#481 Come to the Table

Communion Hymn

#484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

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. Lord Jesus Christ, you have saved us, lost and alone, and have called us to eat at your table. Give us gracious hearts, that we might invite many to join us, here and in your heavenly courts above. You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.

Sending

Sending of Communion

Let us pray. O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with our siblings who are sick, homebound, or imprisoned. May they be sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that satisfies all hunger, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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