

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

September 16th, 2018

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Invocation

☩ Blessed be the ☩ holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

☩ **Amen.**

Gathering Song

#399 O Holy Spirit, Root of Life

Apostolic Greeting

Hymn of Praise

page 213, **Glory to God**

Prayer of the Day

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The image of the servant of the Lord is one of the notable motifs in the book of Isaiah. Today's reading describes the mission of the servant, whom early Christians associated with Jesus. Like Jesus, the servant does not strike back at his detractors, but trusts in God's steadfast love.

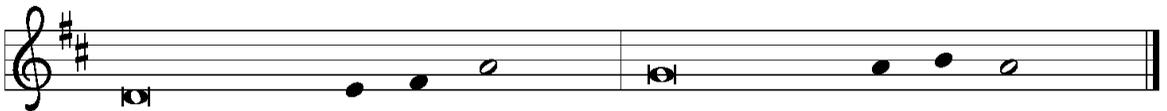
☩ Word of God, Word of Life.

☩ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 116:1-9 (Sung Responsively)

*Organ plays through the first time. Pastor Ann will sing the leader part. Congregation will sing lines in **bold** print.*



☩ I love the LORD, who has | heard my voice, and listened to my | supplication,

☩ **for the LORD has given | ear to me whenev- | er I called.**

☩ The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave | came upon me; I
came to | grief and sorrow.

- C** Then I called upon the name | of the LORD: “O LORD, I pray you, | save my life.”
- L** Gracious is the | LORD and righteous; our God is full | of compassion.
- C** The LORD watches o- | ver the innocent; I was brought low, | and God saved me.
- L** Turn again to your rest, | O my soul for the LORD has dealt | well with you.
- C** For you have rescued my | life from death, my eyes from tears, and my | feet from stumbling.
- L** I will walk in the presence | of the LORD in the land | of the living.
- L** Let us pray. Gracious God, your goodness surpasses everything else. Uphold us day after day, and teach us night after night, that we may follow in the path of life and be filled with resurrection joy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** Amen.

Second Reading

James 3:1-12

This text uses various images to illustrate how damaging and hurtful the way we speak to and about others can be. Not only are we to control our speech, but what we say and how we say it are to reflect our faith.

- A** Word of God, Word of Life.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Distribution and Blessing of Bibles for Second Graders

- A** 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. Amen.
- C** 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.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

#509 God’s Word Is Our Great Heritage

Gospel Reading

Mark 8:27-38

- P** The Gospel according to Mark, the 8th chapter.
- C** Glory to you, O Lord.
- This story provides the turning point in Mark’s gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.*
- P** The Gospel of the Lord. **C** Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#803 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)

Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of the hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

#180 The Spirit Intercedes for Us

(At the conclusion of each petition, we respond by singing the refrain)

P Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

P . . . We pray to the Lord.

C **(Sung Response) The Spirit intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words to express. Oh, oh.**

P Into your wide embrace, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your boundless mercy through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

C **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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Thanksgiving

(Please be seated)

Offering

Who Do People Say that I am? by Craig Courtney
Senior Choir

The congregation is invited to sing verses two and four of the hymn with the choir as written below:



8 Thou art the king of mer-cy and of grace, Reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-'ry
Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness, No harsh-ness hast thou, and no bit-ter-

13 place; So come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
ness; O grant to us the grace we find in thee,

Shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
That we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.

(Please stand as you are able)

Canticle of Thanksgiving

#206 Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise

Thanksgiving for the Word

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The 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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Today's Highlights

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Benediction

P May God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song

#783 Praise and Thanks and Adoration

Dismissal

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Postlude

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☛ **Amen.**

☞ Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

(Silence for Reflection and Self-examination)

☞ Source of all life,

☛ **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving it outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

☞ God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, ☩ God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Gathering Song

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Hymn of Praise

#167 Now the Feast and Celebration

Prayer of the Day

☞ O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

☛ **Amen.**

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C **Amen.**

*Meal**(Please be seated)*

Offering

Rob McWilliam

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory Hymn

#465 As the Grains of Wheat

Offertory Prayer

- P** God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.
- C** **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

#191 Holy, Holy, Holy

Eucharistic Prayer

- P** God of all wisdom and truth, we give you thanks for the joy of your creation and praise for the grace of your liberating love. You gathered the twelve tribes of Israel, spoke your Word to Elijah and the prophets; and your Son Jesus called and gathered twelve disciples, and walked in the way of the Cross knowing betrayal, and denial, and pain, and death. In his broken body we see the extent of your love for us and the depths of our rejection upon you.

Words of Institution

- P** O God, send your Spirit upon all gathered here at your table, that this meal might be an outpouring of your love and a healing of our rejection. Be close to those who have been denied, draw near to all who dwell in hostility and discord, that all might know your way of life and truth and peace, and unite us through your Spirit as we pray.

The Lord's Prayer

page 182 (Traditional Version)

Invitation to Communion

- P Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread, and make us one with you.
C **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

#195 Lamb of God

Communion Hymn

#798 Will You Come and Follow Me

(Please stand as you are able)

Post-Communion Response

- P May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's love and grace.
C **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

- A Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.
C **Amen.**

Sending of Communion Prayer

- P Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.
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