

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213
September 2nd, 2018
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Services

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

- P** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** The Lord our God is near whenever we call.
- C** **Let us therefore give heed to the Word.**
- P** With true and honest hearts, let us confess our sins to the Lord.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

- P** O God, the Giver of every good and perfect gift,
- C** **we confess that we have sinned against you in our thinking, in our speaking, and in our doing. We take your mercy for granted, and expect your loving kindness. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins that we may follow where you lead, and fill us with perfect goodness, that we may live as your Spirit directs us, filled with all the fullness of God.**
- P** The will of God is your redemption. The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord. In his name and for his sake, I declare to you the full forgiveness of all your sins. Honor him with your lips and your hearts.
- C** **We will be doers of God's Word! Amen.**

Gathering Song

#845 Voices Raised to You

Litany for “*With Unwashed Hands*” Sunday

- A** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a steadfast spirit within me.**
A Our hearts harbor sin and fear of those who are different from ourselves.
C **Wash the evil and fear from our hearts, O Lord.**
A Our hearts are jealous and angry of others.
C **Wash these jealous feelings and angry thoughts from our hearts, O Lord.**
A With hearts that are cleansed, the people of God are free to perform the work of the Church.
C **May we be refreshed and ready to serve you wholeheartedly, O Lord.**
A With hearts that are cleansed,
C **we worship the Lord.**

Apostolic Greeting

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Prayer of the Day

- A** Gracious God, throughout the ages you transform sickness into health and death into life. Open us to the power of your presence, and make us a people ready to proclaim your promises to the whole world, through Jesus Christ, our healer and Lord.
C **Amen.**

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

The Israelites believed the law was a divine gift that provided guidelines for living out the covenant. Moses commands the people to obey the law and neither add nor subtract from it. The Israelites are also to teach the law to their children and their children's children.

Second Reading

James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially caring for those least able to care for themselves.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

#512 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

Gospel Response

P The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Christopher Manke

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

As a Chalice Cast of Gold

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)



1. As a___ Chal - ice cast of gold, burn - ished, bright and brimmed with wine,
2. Save me___ from the sooth - ing sin of the emp - ty cul - tic deed
3. When I___ bend up - on my knees, clasp my hands or bow my head,
4. When I___ dance or chant your praise, when I sing a song or hymn,



make me___ Lord, as fit to hold grace and truth and love di - vine.
 and the___ pi - ous, bab - bling din of the claimed but un - lived creed.
 let my___ spo - ken, pub - lic pleas be dir - ect - ly, sim - ply said,
 when I___ preach your lov - ing ways, let my heart add its A - men.



Let my praise and wor - ship start with the cleans - ing of my heart.
 Let my ac - tions, Lord, ex - press What my tongue and lips pro - fess.
 free of tan - gled words that mask what my soul would plain - ly ask.
 Let each cher - ished, out - ward rite thus re - flect your in - ward light.

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Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of the hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

P Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world and the church, and all people in need.

P ...We pray to the Lord.

G **Lord, hear our prayer.**

P By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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Meal

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering

Mr. Matthew Thorne

(Please stand as you are able)

Canticle of Thanksgiving

#884 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray. Teach us, O God, not to be hidebound “teaching human precepts as doctrines.” Motivate us by a love for you the selfsame love that offers these gifts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

G **Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord’s Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

#481 Come to the Table

Communion Hymn

#469 By Your Hand You Feed Your People

(Please stand as you are able)

Post-Communion Response

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

G **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, reconstruct our hearts through this meal's healing power. Fashion new hearts within us. Then we will be humbled to follow your example, both here, and in heaven's halls. You are the Lord forevermore.
- C 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

- P** Through God's Word, we are equipped for every good work.
- C Equip us in our work to spread the Gospel.**
- P** By God's power, we are enabled to carry out our tasks.
- C Empower us to complete the tasks set before us in the week ahead.**
- P** By God's grace, we are given gifts and talents.
- C Help us to use our gifts and talents to your glory.**
- P** By God's might it is possible for us to achieve far more than we could ever imagine.
- C Keep us aware of your hand at work in our lives and in our world.**

Benediction

- P** Go out into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold to what is good; return no one evil for evil; help the suffering; honor all; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- C With God's help we will.**
- P** The blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you forever.
- C 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

- A** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
- C** 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.