

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

August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Services

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Youth Mission Trip Sharing

## *Gathering*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Call to Worship

**#523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet**

(we will not repeat the refrain)

**Refrain:** *Let us go now to the banquet, to the feast of the universe. The table's set and a place is waiting; come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.*

*1. I will rise in the early morning; the community's waiting for me. With a spring in my step I'm walking with my friends and my family. **Refrain***

*2. God invites all the poor and hungry to the banquet of justice and good where the harvest will not be hoarded so that no one will lack for food.*

**Refrain**

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Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad!**

There are different gifts, but the same Spirit that gives them. There are different ways of serving God, but the same Lord is served.

**Each one of us is given gifts by the Spirit to use for the common good. Together we are the body of Christ, and individually we are members of that body.**

## Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

We are called to show mercy, according to the will of our merciful God. We confess our human nature before God and one another.

**God of grace 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. The faith and hope which you have given us have not produced the fruit of love. We pass by on the other side. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins and call us by your Holy Spirit to the new life you ordained for us, to the glory of your holy name.**

As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. This is now proclaimed to you; your sins are forgiven.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Song

**#659 Will You Let Me Be Your Servant** [Stanzas 1-4]

1. *Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.*
2. *We are pilgrims on a journey, we are travelers on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.*
3. *I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.*
4. *I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.*

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## Opening Litany

We give thanks that you meet our daily needs of food, shelter, companionship.

**We pray for those who go hungry and without a home.**

We will not abandon our neighbors who struggle.

**We will not blame people, we will stand alongside them.**

We know that you are with us, as we give, as we act and as we pray for justice.

**Amen.**

## Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Receiving and welcoming God, we are your servants. We ask you to work in and through us to carry the love of your Son, Jesus Christ, into the world by our actions, attitudes, and words. Open our eyes and our hearts through the work you give us to do. In Jesus' name we pray.

**Amen.**

Word

*(Please be seated)*

Mission Trip Reflection

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## First Reading

Isaiah 58:6-12

*Shortly after the return of Israel from exile in Babylon, the people were troubled by the ineffectiveness of their fasts. God reminds them that outward observance is no substitute for genuine fasting that results in acts of justice, such as feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and clothing the naked.*

A reading from Isaiah, Chapter 58.

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

*Christians are called to be imitators of God. This does not mean Christians are perfect. Rather, the Spirit is at work in our lives so that our actions and attitudes genuinely reflect the love and forgiveness we have received through Christ and his death.*

A reading from Ephesians, Chapter 4.

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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**

*Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow, and peace is understood.*

*When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.*

*Lord, let me heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.*

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Gospel

Luke 14:1, 12-24

*Jesus delivers a message of inclusion in this story of a Sabbath meal. Expectations and social conventions are overturned in the directive to invite not those of high standing who might return the invitation, but rather the poor and outcast.*

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 14<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to You O Lord.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

One of the dinner guests, on hearing this, said to him, "Blessed is anyone who will eat bread in the kingdom of God!" Then Jesus said to him, "Someone gave a great dinner and invited many. At the time for the dinner he sent his slave to say to those who had been invited, 'Come; for everything is ready now.' But they all alike began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of land, and I must go out and see it; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out; please accept my regrets.' Another said, 'I have just been married, and therefore I cannot come.' So the slave returned and reported this to his master.

Then the owner of the house became angry and said to his slave, 'Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the town and bring in the poor, the crippled, the blind, and the lame.' And the slave said, 'Sir, what you ordered has been done, and there is still room.' Then the master said to the slave, 'Go out into the roads and lanes, and compel people to come in, so that my house may be filled. For I tell you, none of those who were invited will taste my dinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

Mission Trip Reflections

Michaela Kobinsky, Grace Charlson, Gretchen Haugse

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**#708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love**

*Prayer Cards will be collected during the hymn of the day*

**Refrain:** *Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.*

1. *Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, master who acts as a slave to them. Refrain*
2. *Neighbors are wealthy and poor, varied in color and race, neighbors are near us and far away. Refrain*
3. *These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love; all these are neighbors to us and you. Refrain*
4. *Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet: this is the way we will live with you. Refrain*

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**8:30 Service Only**

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he  
descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right  
hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

**10:15 Service Only**

Service of Holy Baptism for Isla Ruth Whitnell

*Please follow along in your Hymnal, page 227*

Presentation

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? If so answer, I renounce them.

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? If so answer, I renounce them.

**I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? If so answer, I renounce them.

**I renounce them.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

Baptism

Baptismal Response

**#212 You Belong to Christ**

*You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming world to all the world.**

**8:30 & 10:15 Services continue here**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

... Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Meal

*(Please be seated)*

Offering

Mission Trip Slide Show

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offertory Response

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

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711. Music: Louis Bourgeois, 1510-1561. Tune: Old Hundredth, LM.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

**Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Jesus, Bread of life, we receive from your table more than we could ever ask.

**As you nourish us in this meal, strengthen us to love the world with your own life.**

Come for the table has been prepared for us.

*Please be seated*

*Please take your belongings with you to communion.*

Communion Hymn

**For Everyone Born, A Place at the Table**

Please meditate on the hymn text.

*For ev'ryone born, a place at the table, for ev'ryone born, clean water and bread, a  
shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for ev'ryone born, a star overhead,*

*Refrain: And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and  
peace: yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy.*

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