

# **THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Saturday, July 25, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, July 26, 2020 – 10:00 a.m.**

**St. Matthew Lutheran Church**

**4101 Washington Street NE**

**Columbia Heights, MN 55421**

*Welcome to worship at St. Matthew! To friends who know us, we renew our welcome; to visitors, we extend it sincerely; and to those seeking a church home, we offer fellowship with a living Redeemer. Come again!*

*Assisted hearing devices and large-print orders of service are available from the ushers.*

*If you have a prayer request, please submit it to Pastor Hugo or the lay minister before the service begins. Other prayer requests can be made by calling the church office at 763-788-9427.*

*Parents with small children are encouraged to sit near the front in order to better see and participate during the service. If you desire other facilities, a cry room is located in the back of the worship area and bathrooms with changing tables (including back-up supplies) and infant seats are located behind the worship area (two right turns as you pass the double doors out of the worship area – just past the water fountain).*

*Thank you for turning off all electronic equipment (cell phones, items that receive internet signal, etc.). These items interfere with our sound system.*

**+ CONNECT +**

**OPENING HYMN: “Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us”**

**Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice;  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To th’unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.**

**Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you Gladly, freely of your own.  
With the sunshine of your goodness Melt our thankless hearts of stone  
Till our cold and selfish natures, Warmed by you, at length believe  
That more happy and more blessed ‘Tis to give than to receive.**

**Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity  
In your own mysterious sentence, “You have done it all to me.”  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you deign for alms to sue,  
Saying by your poor and needy, “Give as I have giv’n to you”?**

**Yes, the sorrow and the suff’rings Which on ev’ry hand we view  
Channels are for gifts and off’rings Due by solemn right to you;  
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay  
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.**

**Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.**

**Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope to stay our souls on you;  
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.**

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**INVOCATION:**

**L:** Our worship begins the way our lives in Christ begin in baptism: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

**PSALM OF THE WEEK:** Psalm 125

**L:** Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be shaken but endures forever.

**C:** **As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people both now and forevermore.**

**L:** The scepter of the wicked will not remain over the land allotted to the righteous,

**C:** **For then the righteous might use their hands to do evil.**

**L:** LORD, do good to those who are good, to those who are upright in heart.

**C:** **But those who turn to crooked ways the LORD will banish with the evildoers.**

**ALL:** Peace be on Israel.

**CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:**

**L:** As we enter into the presence of our Holy God, let's confess our need for His mercy and grace

**C:** **Lord of All, you view us in mercy and grace. And yet we rarely extend that same gift to each other. We hold others in judgment and put ourselves in a place of privilege. Change our hearts, Lord. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, for Jesus' sake, to be people of grace. Make us confident in your grace toward us and make us quick to share it with those around us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED**

**SONG OF PRAISE: "You Are My All In All"**



You are my strength when I am weak, You are the Trea-sure that I  
Seek-ing You as a pre-cious jewel, Lord, to give up I'd be a



seek, You are my All in All! \_\_\_\_\_  
fool. You are my All in All!

*♩ PART I (May be sung as a round)  
(opt. D.S.)*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your name. \_\_\_\_\_

Je - sus, Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your name.

*PART II*

Tak - ing my sin, my cross, my shame, ris - ing a - gain- I bless Your

name. You are my All in All.

When I fall down, You pick me up; When I am dry, You fill my

cup. You are my All in All! All! \_\_\_\_\_

Repeat Ending (Continue Round) *D.S.* Song Ending

Optional Modulation to Higher Key for Last Chorus *ALL: unison*

All! Je - sus, Lamb of God, Wor - thy is Your

name. \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus, Lamb of God,

*Repeat as desired*

Wor - thy is Your name, \_\_\_\_\_ Wor - thy is Your name.

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**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Let us pray.

**C:** **Lord of All, you are our all, our everything. Make us confident in that, Lord. Let us see you all around us in the people we meet. Let us see people the way you see them. Empower us to bring your kingdom to earth. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**+ NURTURE +**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 7:6-9

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your ancestors that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commandments.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 8:28-39

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

## HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 13.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

## SONG OF THE DAY: “More Precious Than Silver/Beautiful Savior”

F C/E Bb/D

Lord, You are more pre-cious than

4 F/C Gm7/C F C/E C C/B $\flat$  F/A  
sil - ver, Lord, You are more

7 B $\flat$  Csus C B $\flat$ /C C7 F  
cost - ly than gold. Lord, You

10 C/E B $\flat$ /D F/C  
are more beau - ti - ful than dia - And

13 Gm7 Am7 B $\flat$ 6 B $\flat$ /C C7 1. F  
noth - ing I de - sire com - pares with You.

16 2. F  
You.

*("More Precious Than Silver" by Lynn DeShazo, copyright 1982 Integrity's Hosanna! Music, CCLI Lic. #921494.)*

**Beautiful Savior, King of creation Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

**Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.**

**Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be thine!**

*(Repeat "More Precious Than Silver")*

**MESSAGE:** "Finding Value in What Others Overlook" – Pastor Bill Hugo

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ EMPOWER +

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:**

*(Prayer response – P: Lord, in your mercy, C: Hear our prayer.)*

**P:** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C:** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING HYMN: “Go, My Children With My Blessing”**

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;  
In my love’s baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever,  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story,  
Here you touched him, saw his glory,  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you,  
Here his tender comfort stilled you;  
Go my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.

I, the Lord, will bless and keep you, and give you peace,  
I, the Lord, will smile upon you, and give you peace;  
I, the Lord, will be your Father,  
Savior, Comforter, and Brother;  
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:**

**5:30 p.m. -**

**Lay Minister:** Bob Nehring; **Altar Guild:** Jim Geslin

**10:00 a.m. –**

**Lay Minister:** Faustina Allen; **Altar Guild:** Jim Geslin; **Ushers:** Nelson Team; **Power Point:** Mack Martin; **Acolyte:** Leah Hanson; **Lector:** Bob Lundholm