

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 15, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.


St. Matthew Lutheran Church

4101 Washington Street NE


Columbia Heights, MN 55421

+ CONNECT +

OPENING SONG: "Give Me Jesus"




1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,
2 Dark . . . mid - night was my cry, dark . . . mid - night was my cry,
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn - ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

Refrain



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

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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 67

L: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—

C: **So that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.**

L: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

C: **May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.**

L: May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.

C: The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

ALL: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

RESPONSE: "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise.

With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.

By him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;

Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds rain goodness, The deserts bloom and spring,

The hills leap up in gladness, The valleys laugh and sing.

God fills them with his fullness, All things with large increase;

He crowns the year with blessing, With plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar The gifts his goodness gave,

The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls Christ died to save.

Your hearts lay down before him When at his feet you fall,

And with your lives adore him Who gave his life for all.

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CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

L: Father, it's easy to set aside your justice for some cheap version of it, and to shrink from the hard work of doing righteousness in a fractured culture. We ask that your forgiving mercy and your powerful Word work through us to restore a fallen people to the fullness of your reconciling grace. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE: "I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me"

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me. I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me.

I'm so glad, Jesus lifted me, Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound....

When I was in trouble...

I'm so glad...

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: All powerful and merciful God, you have fulfilled all human longing for justice and peace in the coming of your Son into this world. We ask that you work through our lives to draw others to Jesus as Savior from sin and Lord of life. For He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

This is what the LORD says: "Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand and my righteousness will soon be revealed....And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations." The Sovereign LORD declares—he who gathers the exiles of Israel: "I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew...I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?.... As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 15.

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

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY: "We Are Called"



1	Come!	Live in	the	light!
2	Come!	O - pen	your	heart!
3	Sing!	Sing a	, new	song!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
 Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will

called to be light for the king - dom, to
 called to be hope for the hope - less so
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as

live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit-ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice, we are

called to love ten - der - ly; we are called to

serve one an - oth - er, to walk

hum - bly with God.

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MESSAGE – Pastor Keith Brutlag

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 SONG: “Give Thanks”

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong.” Let the poor say, “I am rich

Because of what the Lord has done for us.”

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Because of what the Lord has done for us.”

Give thanks! Give thanks!

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