

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, August 29, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

4101 Washington Street NE

Columbia Heights, MN 55421

+ CONNECT +

OPENING PRAYER: “Sanctuary”

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, Pure and holy, tried and true;

With thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for You. (Repeat song (X2))

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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 26, part 1

L: Vindicate me, LORD, for I have led a blameless life; I have trusted in the LORD and have not faltered.

C: Test me, LORD, and try me, examine my heart and my mind;

L: For I have always been mindful of your unfailing love

C: And have lived in reliance on your faithfulness.

L: I do not sit with the deceitful, nor do I associate with hypocrites.

C: I abhor the assembly of evildoers and refuse to sit with the wicked.

L: I wash my hands in innocence, and go about your altar, LORD,

C: Proclaiming aloud your praise and telling of all your wonderful deeds.

CONFESSION OF SINS:

L: Let’s confess our need for forgiveness.

C: We wish we could say all those things with the psalmist and mean them, Lord. But things like blameless and innocent are impossible for us on our own, Lord. We are too human and far too sinful. We need mercy. We need forgiveness. We need someone else to be blameless and innocent for us. So thank you for Jesus, who we turn to today to be declared blameless and innocent. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

PSALM OF THE WEEK: Psalm 26, part 2

L: LORD, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.

C: Do not take away my soul along with sinners, my life with those who are bloodthirsty,

L: In whose hands are wicked schemes, whose right hands are full of bribes.

C: I lead a blameless life; deliver me and be merciful to me.

ALL: My feet stand on level ground; In the great congregation I will praise the LORD.

SONG OF PRAISE: "I Love Your Kingdom, Lord"

I love your kingdom Lord, The place of your abode;
The church our blest Redeemer saved, With his own precious blood.

I love your church, O God! Its walls before you stand,
Dear as the apple of your eye, And graven on your hand.

Beyond my highest joy, I prize its heavenly ways,
Its sweet communion, solemn vows, Its hymns of love and praise.

Sure as your truth shall last, To Zion shall be given,
The brightest glories earth can yield, And brighter bliss of heav'n.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: Lord God, sometimes like Peter, we are too earthly-minded to do any heavenly good. And sometimes we are too heavenly-minded to do any earthly good. Teach us today, Lord Jesus, to find our center in you and follow you as your disciples. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 15:15-21

LORD, you understand; remember me and care for me. Avenge me on my persecutors. You are long-suffering—do not take me away; think of how I suffer reproach for your sake. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight, for I bear your name, LORD God Almighty. I never sat in the company of revelers, never made merry with them; I sat alone because your hand was on me and you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unending and my wound grievous and incurable? You are to me like a deceptive brook, like a spring that fails. Therefore this is what the LORD says: "If you repent, I will restore you that you may serve me; if you utter worthy, not worthless, words, you will be my spokesman. Let this people turn to you but you must not turn to them. I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD. "I will save you from the hands of the wicked and deliver you from the grasp of the cruel."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE: "Revive Us Again"

We praise Thee, O God! For the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died, and is now gone above.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen;
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.

We praise Thee, O God! For Thy Spirit of light,
Who hath shown us our Savior, and scattered our night.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen;
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.

**All glory and praise to the Lamb that was slain,
Who hath borne all our sins, and hath cleansed ev'ry stain.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen;
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.**

**Revive us again; fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled with fire from above.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen;
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, revive us again.**

EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 12:9-21

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. On the contrary: "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 16.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Come, Follow Me"

**"Come, follow me," said Christ, the Lord, "All in my way abiding;
Your selfishness throw overboard, Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear your crosses, and confide In my example as your guide."**

**"I am the light; I light the way, A godly life displaying;
I help you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am, the way, and well I show How you should journey here below."**

**"My heart is rich in lowliness; My soul with love is glowing;
My lips the words of grace express, Their tones all gently flowing."**

My heart, my mind, my strength, my all To God I yield; on him I call.”

**“I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your soul’s salvation;
Your heart from ev’ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav’nly goal.”**

**Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his word, In suff’ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle’s strain The crown of heav’nly life obtain.**

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MESSAGE: “When Faith Is Most Needed” – 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 SONG: “The Summons”



1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

call your name? Will you go where you don't
 call your name? Will you care for cruel and
 call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 call your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 call my name. Let me turn and fol - low

know And nev - er be the same? Will you
 kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
 free And nev - er be the same? Will you
 side And nev - er be the same? Will you
 you And nev - er be the same. In your

let my love be shown, Will you let my
 risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
 kiss the lep - er clean And do such as
 use the faith you've found To re - shape the
 com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and

name be known, Will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, And ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, Through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

grown In you and you in me?
 prayer In you and you in me?
 mean In you and you in me?
 sound In you and you in me?
 grow In you and you in me.

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