

# **THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Saturday, August 8, 2020 – 5:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 9, 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.*

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**OPENING HYMN: “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”**

**Eternal, Father, strong to save, Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Savior, whose almighty word The winds and waves submissive heard,  
Who walked upon the foaming deep, And calm amid the storm didst sleep:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Holy Spirit, who didst brood Upon the chaos dark and rude,  
And bid its angry tumult cease, And give, for wild confusion, peace:  
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee For those in peril on the sea.**

**O Trinity of love and pow’r, All trav’lers guard in danger’s hour  
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, Protect them where so-e’er they go;  
Thus evermore shall rise to thee Glad hymns and praise from land and sea.**

**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 18:1-16**

L: I love you, LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

**C: My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.**

L: I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,

**C: And I have been saved from my enemies.**

**RESPONSE: "My Jesus, I Love Thee"**

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine, For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love Thee because thou hast first loved me, And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;  
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,  
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath  
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;  
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

L: The cords of death entangled me; the torrents of destruction overwhelmed me.

**C: The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me.**

L: In my distress I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help.

**C: From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears.**

L: The earth trembled and quaked, and the foundations of the mountains shook; they trembled because he was angry.

**C: Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it.**

L: He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet.

**C: He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind.**

L: He made darkness his covering, his canopy around him—the dark rain clouds of the sky.

**C: Out of the brightness of his presence clouds advanced, with hailstones and bolts of lightning.**

L: The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded.

**C: He shot his arrows and scattered the enemy, with great bolts of lightning he routed them.**

L: The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at your rebuke, LORD, at the blast of breath from your nostrils.

**C: He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters.**

## RESPONSE: "Calm to the Waves"



Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."



Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.

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## CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

**L:** Let us confess our need for forgiveness.

**C:** Heavenly Father, we are a people of wavering faith. Sometimes our faith rests solidly on you. Sometimes we forget about you and put our faith in ourselves. Sometimes our faith is nowhere to be found. Forgive our unbelief. Forgive us for doubting your presence and your promises. Have mercy on us and guide our steps into rock solid faith. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

## FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

### SONG OF PRAISE: "Rock of Ages"

Rock of ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, From thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure: Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Not the labors of my hands Can fulfill thy law's demands.  
Could my zeal no respite know, Could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; Thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring; Simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress; Helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the fountain fly; Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, When mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, See thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, Let me hide myself in thee.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

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

**C:** And also with you.

**L:** Let us pray.

**C:** O Rock of Ages God, today as we see Peter, the rock, start to doubt and sink like a rock, remind us again of the power of your presence and the power of faith. Take away our fears and doubts and make us strong in you. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

**+ NURTURE +**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE:** Brenda Hugo

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Job 38:4-18

"Where were you when I laid the earth's foundation? Tell me, if you understand. Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a measuring line across it? On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone—while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, when I said, 'This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt'? Have you ever given orders to the morning, or shown the dawn its place, that it might take the earth by the edges and shake the wicked out of it? The earth takes shape like clay under a seal; its features stand out like those of a garment. The wicked are denied their light, and their upraised arm is broken. Have you journeyed to the springs of the sea or walked in the recesses of the deep? Have the gates of death been shown to you? Have you seen the gates of the deepest darkness? Have you comprehended the vast expanses of the earth? Tell me, if you know all this."

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 10:5-17

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law: "The person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame." For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**HOLY GOSPEL:**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 14.

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

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid." "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

**L:** This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

## SONG OF THE DAY: "Stand By Me"

Voice

When the storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me; When the  
In the midst of trib - u - la - tions, stand by me; In the  
In the midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me; In the

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storms of life are rag - ing, stand by me; When the world is toss - ing me like a  
midst of trib - u - la - tions, stand by me; When the hosts of hell as - sail, and my  
midst of faults and fail - ures, stand by me; When I just can't mea - sure up, guilt and

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ship up - on the sea; Thou who rul - est wind and wa - ter, stand by me.  
strength be - gins to fail, Thou who nev - er lost a bat - tle, stand by me.  
sor - row fill my cup, Thou who know - est all a - bout me, stand by me.

In the midst of persecution, stand by me;  
In the midst of persecution, stand by me;  
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,  
Thou who saved' Paul and Silas, stand by me.

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.  
When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;  
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,  
O Thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.

**MESSAGE:** "Thinking Inside the Boat" – 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: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me"

Lord, take my hand and lead me upon life's way;  
Direct, protect, and feed me from day to day.  
Without your grace and favor I go astray  
So take my hand, O Savior, and lead the way.

Lord, when the tempest rages, I need not fear  
For you, the Rock of Ages, are always near.  
Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,  
For when your hand is guiding, in peace I go.

Lord, when the shadows lengthen and night has come,  
I know that you will strengthen my steps toward home,  
And nothing can impede me, O blessed Friend!  
So, take my hand and lead me unto the end.

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

5:30 p.m. -

**Lay Minister:** Larry Betzold

**Altar Guild:** Sheila Beers & Pat Rosenberg

10:00 a.m. -

**Lay Minister:** Andrew Wagner

**Ushers:** Davis Team

**Altar Guild:** Sheila Beers & Pat Rosenberg

**Power Point:** Leah Hanson

**Acolyte:** Charlotte Eames

**Lector:** Marilyn Kirk