

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, June 26, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

4101 Washington Street NE

Columbia Heights, MN 55421

+ CONNECT +

OPENING SONG: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (st. 1 & 2)

VERSE



1. "Great is Thy faith - ful - ness," O God my
2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en -



4 Fa - ther, There is no shad - ow of
har - vest, Sun, moon and stars in their
dur - eth, Thy own dear pres - ence to



7 turn - ing with a - Thee; Thou chang - est
cours - es and to guide; Join with all
cheer and to guide; strength for to -



10 not, Thy com - pas - sions, they fail not;
na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



13 As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.
Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



17 "Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy



20 faith - ful - ness!" Morn - ing by morn - ing new



23 mer - cies I see: All I have

26 D G/D D A7/C# D G
 need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed
 29 G#7 D/A A7 D
 "Great is Thy faith - ful-ness," Lord, un - to me!

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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 DAY: Psalm 30, part 1

L: To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:
 C: **Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me; LORD, be my help."**

L: When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."
 C: **LORD, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm;**

L: But when you hid your face, I was dismayed.
 C: **To you, LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:**

L: What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit?
 C: **Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (st. 3 – see above)

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

L: Our holy and faithful God comes to meet us where we are and take us where He wants us to be. That means we humble ourselves and confess our need for Him and His grace. Let's do that now.

C: **Out of the depths of despair, we cry to you, O God. We are lost in a world of pain and suffering.**

L: When we put our trust in earthly power, we find no peace.
 C: **When we put our faith in our own resources, we feel the ache of our true needs.**

L: When we put our hope in the health of our bodies, we suffer pain and find no healing.
 All: **Come to us, O God. Forgive our doubts and fears. Heal our brokenness that we may rejoice in your steadfast love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

PSALM OF THE DAY: Psalm 30, part 2

L: I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

C: LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

L: You, LORD, brought me up from the realm of the dead;

C: You spared me from going down to the pit.

L: Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people; praise his holy name.

C: For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

L: Weeping may stay for the night,

C: But rejoicing comes in the morning.

L: You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

C: That my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.

ALL: LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

SONG OF PRAISE: "In You Is Gladness"

In you is gladness amid all sadness, Jesus, sunshine of my heart.

By you are given the gifts of heaven, You the true Redeemer are.

Our souls are waking; Our bonds are breaking.

Who trusts you surely Has built securely And stands forever. Alleluia!

Our hearts are pining To see your shining, Dying or living

To you are cleaving Now and forever. Alleluia!

If he is ours, We fear no powers, Not of earth or sin or death.

He sees and blesses In worst distresses; He can change them with a breath.

Wherefore the story Tell of his glory With hearts and voices;

All heav'n rejoices In him forever. Alleluia!

We shout for gladness, Win over sadness,

Love him and praise him And still shall raise him Glad hymns forever. Alleluia!

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: Loving God, we are yours. We come as we are, with our cares and concerns. We long to touch you and find healing in your embrace. Strengthen our faith and heal our brokenness, that we may worship you with joy and serve you by serving those you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Lamentations 3:22-33

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him. Let him bury his

face in the dust—there may yet be hope. Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace. For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

L: The Word of the Lord.
C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich... Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. The goal is equality, as it is written: "The one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little."

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C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter five.
C: **Glory to You, O Lord!**

When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, "Who touched my clothes?" "You see the people crowding against you," his disciples answered, "and yet you can ask, 'Who touched me?'" But Jesus kept looking around to see who had done it. Then the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came and fell at his feet and, trembling with fear, told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?" Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe." He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.
C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

SONG OF THE DAY: "O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life"

**O Christ, who shared our mortal life
And ended death's long reign,
Who healed the sick and raised the dead
And bore our grief and pain:**

**We know our years on earth are few, That death is always near.
Come now to us, O Lord of Life; Bring hope that conquers fear!**

**A ruler proud but bent by grief Knelt down before Your feet:
“My precious daughter’s gripped by death! Come now and death defeat!”
A multitude had gathered round To hear the truth You taught,
But, leaving them, You turned to help A father sore distraught.**

**You pressed through crowds to reach the child Whose limbs, with death grew cold.
“She is not dead; she only sleeps!” The weeping folk You told.
And then You took her hand and called, “My child, I bid you rise.”
She rose! And all stood round you, Lord, With awed and wond’ring eyes!**

**Death’s power holds us still in thrall And bears us toward the tomb,
Death’s dark’ning cloud hangs like a pall That threatens earth with doom.
But You have broken death’s embrace And torn away its sting.
Restore to life our mortal race! Raise us, O Risen King!**

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MESSAGE: “Skin Hunger” – 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: “My Faith Looks Trustingly”

My faith looks trustingly To Christ of Calvary,

My Savior true! Lord, hear me while I pray,

Take all my guilt away, Strengthen in ev’ry way My love for You!

**May your rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire; As you have died for me,
My love, adoringly, Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

**While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Oh, be my guide; Make darkness turn today,
Wipe sorrow's tears way, Nor let me ever stray From you aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
Rolls over me, Blest Savior, then in love Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, Redeemed and free!**

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Lay Minister: Jim Geslin