

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, July 10, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

4101 Washington Street NE

Columbia Heights, MN 55421

+ CONNECT +

OPENING MEDLEY:

“Glorify Thy Name”

Father, we love You, we worship and adore You,
Glorify Thy name in all the earth. Glorify Thy name,
Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name in all the earth.

Jesus, we love You, we worship and adore You....

Spirit, we love You, we worship and adore You...

“Make Me a Servant”

Make me a servant, humble and meek, Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be; Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today. *(Repeat song)*

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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.

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS - Psalm 85, part 1:

L: You, LORD, showed favor to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

C: **You forgave the iniquity of your people and covered all their sins.**

L: You set aside all your wrath and turned from your fierce anger.

C: **Restore us again, God our Savior, and put away your displeasure toward us.**

L: Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger through all generations?

C: **Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?**

L: Show us your unfailing love, LORD, and grant us your salvation.

C: **I will listen to what God the LORD says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly.**

L: Throughout history, there have been those who have tried to silence the voice of God. If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that we too have tried to silence the voice of God, if not intentionally, then unintentionally. Let’s confess that now.

C: **Lord, for all the times we have heard your voice and not followed your call, forgive us. For all the times we have chosen silence over being your voice to those who need to hear, forgive us. For all the times we have let other noises drown out your voice, forgive us. Forgive us for Jesus’ sake, Amen.**

Psalm 85, part 2:

L: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.

C: **Love and faithfulness meet together; righteousness and peace kiss each other.**

L: Faithfulness springs forth from the earth, and righteousness looks down from heaven.

C: **The LORD will indeed give what is good, and our land will yield its harvest.**

ALL: **Righteousness goes before him and prepares the way for his steps.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE: “Renew Me, O Eternal Light” – Blue Hymnal #373

**Renew me, O eternal Light, And let my heart and soul be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace That issues from you holy face.**

**Remove the pow’r of sin from me And cleanse all impurity
That I may have the strength and will Temptations of the flesh to still.**

**Create in me a new heart, Lord, That gladly I obey your Word.
Let what you will be my desire, And with new life my soul inspire.**

**Grant that I only you may live And seek those thing which are above
Till I behold you face to face, O Light eternal, through your grace.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **O God of history, God of all power and might, God of yesterday, today and tomorrow:
fill us with your presence and the assurance of your grace that we might live up to the
calling you have placed upon us. Give us eyes of faith to see how wonderful you are
and how greatly you have privileged us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Amos 7:7-15

This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD asked me, “What do you see, Amos?” “A plumb line,” I replied. Then the Lord said, “Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer. The high places of Isaac will be destroyed and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam.” Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. For this is what Amos is saying: ‘Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.’” Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.” Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 1:3-14

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

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C: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE: “Chosen Generation”

For you are a cho - sen gen - er - a - tion, A roy - al
priest - hood, A ho - ly na - tion, A pe - cul - iar
peo - ple, That you should show forth the prais - es of
Him Who has called you out of dark - ness, out of
dark - ness, Out of dark - ness in - to His mar - vel - ous
light, In - to His mar - vel - ous light.

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HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter six.

C: Glory to You, O Lord!

King Herod heard about this, for Jesus' name had become well known. Some were saying, "John the Baptist has been raised from the dead, and that is why miraculous powers are at work in him." Others said, "He is Elijah." And still others claimed, "He is a prophet, like one of the prophets of long ago." But when Herod heard this, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised from the dead!" For Herod himself had given orders to have John arrested, and he had him bound and put in prison. He did this because of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, whom he had married. For John had been saying to Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." So Herodias nursed a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But she was not able to, because Herod feared John and protected him, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man. When Herod heard John, he was greatly puzzled; yet he liked to listen to him. Finally the opportune time came. On his birthday Herod gave a banquet for his high officials and military commanders and the leading men of Galilee. When the daughter of Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his dinner guests. The king said to the girl, "Ask me for anything you want, and I'll give it to you." And he promised her with an oath, "Whatever you ask I will give you, up to half my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What shall I ask for?" "The head of John the Baptist," she answered. At once the girl hurried in to the king with the request: "I want you to give me right now the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was greatly distressed, but because of his oaths and his dinner guests, he did not want to refuse her. So he immediately sent an executioner with orders to bring John's head. The man went, beheaded John in the prison, and brought back his head on a platter. He presented it to the girl, and she gave it to her mother. On hearing of this, John's disciples came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" – Blue Hymnal #264

I know that my Redeemer lives! What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living head!

**He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save;
He lives exalted, throned above; He lives to rule his Church in love.**

**He lives to grant me rich supply; He lives to guide me with his eye;
He lives to comfort me when faint; He lives to hear my soul's complaint.**

**He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears;
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.**

MESSAGE: "Herod in the 21st Century" – Pastor Bill Hugo

HYMN OF THE DAY: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" – Blue Hymnal #264

He lives to bless me with his love; He lives to plead for me above;

He lives my hungry soul to feed; He lives to help in time of need.

**He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end;
He lives, and while he lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!**

**He lives and grants me daily breath; He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives my mansion to prepare; He lives to bring me safely there.**

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Savior, still the same;
What joy this blest assurance gives; I know that my Redeemer lives!**

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

EVENING HYMN: “All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night” – Blue Hymnal #484
All praise to Thee, my God, this night For all the blessings of the light.
Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, Beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done;
That with the world, myself, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

Teach me to live that I may dread The grave as little as my bed.
Teach me to die that so I may Rise glorious at the awesome day.

Oh, may my soul in thee repose, And may sweet sleep mine eyelids close,
Sleep that shall me more vig'rous make To serve my God when I awake!

When in the night I sleepless lie, My soul with heav'nly thoughts supply;
Let no ill dreams disturb my rest, No pow'rs of darkness me molest.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Lay Minister: Jim Geslin