

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, October 2, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew Lutheran Church
4101 Washington Street NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

+ CONNECT +

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:

L: We make confession of our sins to God, our merciful Father.

C: Merciful Lord, you know that we are stubborn and willful. We believe that we know the right way to do everything and to heal all the troubles of the world.

L: We resort to extraordinary means rather than placing our trust in your redeeming love. Our efforts fall far short of the goal of loving our neighbor.

C: Forgive us our stubbornness and arrogance. Heal our wounded souls and restore hope and compassion to our relationships with you and with each other. Lift us up and cause us to serve you by serving others in this world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE:

L: O Lord, open my lips,

C: And my mouth will declare Your praise.

“Shout to the Lord”

Keyboard: B \flat CHORUS
Guitar: (A) G m (F \sharp m) E \flat (D) F sus (E sus) F (E)

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing—

3 B \flat (A) G m (F \sharp m) E \flat (D) F sus (E sus) F (E)
pow-er and maj-es-ty, praise to the King—

5 G m (F \sharp m) E \flat (D)
Moun-tains bow down and the seas will roar at the

7 F (E) G m (F \sharp m) F/A (E/G \sharp)
sound of Your name.

9 $B\flat$ (A) Gm ($F\sharp m$) $E\flat$ (D) $Fsus$ (Esus) F (E)

I sing for joy — at the work — of Your hands, — for -

11 $B\flat$ (A) Gm ($F\sharp m$) $E\flat$ (D) $Fsus$ (Esus) F (E)

ev - er I'll love — You, for - ev - er I'll stand; —

Last time to Coda \oplus

13 Gm ($F\sharp m$) $E\flat$ (D) F (E) $B\flat$ (A)

Noth - ing com - pares — to the prom - ise I have — in You. —

16 F (E) $B\flat$ (A) **VERSE** F (E)

My Je - sus, my Sav - ior,

19 Gm ($F\sharp m$) F (E) $E\flat$ (D)

Lord, there is none — like — You, — all of my days —

21 $B\flat/D$ ($A/C\sharp$) $E\flat$ (D) $B\flat/F$ (A/E) Gm ($F\sharp m$) $A\flat$ (G) $E\flat/G$ ($D/F\sharp$)

— I want to praise — the won - ders of Your might - y

24 $Fsus$ (Esus) F (E) $B\flat$ (A) F (E)

love: My Com - fort, my Shel - ter,

27 Gm ($F\sharp m$) F (E) $E\flat$ (D)

Tow - er of ref - uge and strength; — Let ev - 'ry breath.

29 $B\flat/D$ ($A/C\sharp$) $E\flat$ (D) $B\flat/F$ (A/E) Gm ($F\sharp m$)

— all that I am, — nev - er cease to

31 $A\flat$ (G) $E\flat/G$ ($D/F\sharp$) $Fsus$ (Esus) F (E) *D.C. al CODA*

wor - ship You.

\oplus CODA 33 Gm ($F\sharp m$) $E\flat$ (D) F (E)

Noth - ing com - pares — to the prom - ise I have — in You. —

**Oh, teach them with all diligence The truths of God's own Word,
To place in Him their confidence, To fear and trust their Lord,**

**To learn that in our God alone Their hope securely stands,
That they may never doubt His love But walk in his commands.**

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **Lord, we come to you today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to be in a relationship of trust and love with you and you offer healing to us for those portions of our lives that are broken and injured. Help us to be open to your mercy and healing love. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.**

GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 2:18-25

The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals. But for Adam no suitable helper was found. So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man. The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt no shame.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 2:1-13

We must pay the most careful attention, therefore, to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away. For since the message spoken through angels was binding, and every violation and disobedience received its just punishment, how shall we escape if we ignore so great a salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. It is not to angels that he has subjected the world to come, about which we are speaking. But there is a place where someone has testified: "What is mankind that you are mindful of them, a son of man that you care for him? You made them a little lower than the angels; you crowned them with glory and honor and put everything under their feet." In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet at present we do not see everything subject to them. But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because he suffered death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. In bringing many sons and daughters to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through what he suffered. Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers and sisters; in the assembly I will sing your praises." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

VERSE: "Let the Children Come to Me" – David von Kampen

HOLY GOSPEL:

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

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

Some Pharisees came and tested him by asking, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" "What did Moses command you?" he replied. They said, "Moses permitted a man to write a certificate of divorce and send her away." "It was because your hearts were hard that Moses wrote you this law," Jesus replied. "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate." When they were in the house again, the disciples asked Jesus about this. He answered, "Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against her. And if she divorces her husband and marries another man, she commits adultery." People were bringing little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on them and blessed them.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: "With High Delight Let Us Unite" – Blue Hymnal #134

With high delight let us unite In songs of sweet jubilation.

You pure in heart, each take your part, Sing Jesus Christ, our salvation.

To set us free forever, He is ris'n and sends to all earth's ends

Good news to save ev'ry nation.

True God, He first from death has burst Forth into life, all subduing.

His enemy shall vanquished lie; His death has been death's undoing.

"And yours shall be like victory O'er death and grave," Said He, who gave

His life for us, life renewing.

Let praises ring; give thanks and bring To Christ our Lord adoration.

His honor speed by word and deed, To ev'ry land, ev'ry nation.

So shall His love give us above, From misery and death set free,

All joy and full consolation.

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MESSAGE: "Following Jesus to a Higher Standard" – 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” – Blue Hymnal #512

**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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