

THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, November 13, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 14, 2021 – 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!

We ask that all guests sign a yellow attendance card located in the pew rack, and then please hand the card to the pastor as you leave the worship service.

Assisted hearing devices and large print hymnals and orders of service are available from the ushers.

If you have a prayer request, please write it out on one of the green prayer cards located in the pew rack, and then 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 MEDLEY:

“Oh, Worship the King” – Blue Hymnal # 458 (st. 1-2, 5-6)

Oh, worship the King, all glorious above.

Oh, gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;

Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,

Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,

Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;

His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,

And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,

In you do we trust, nor find you to fail;

Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,

Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend!

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,

While angels delight to hymn you above,

The humbler creation, though feeble their lays,

With true adoration shall sing to your praise.

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

**My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
No merit of my own I claim But wholly lean on Jesus’ name.**

**REFRAIN: On Christ, the solid rock, I stand:
All other ground is sinking sand.
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**When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In ev’ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. REFRAIN:**

**His oath, his covenant, and blood Support me in the raging flood;
When ev’ry earthly prop gives way away, He then is all my hope and stay. REFRAIN:**

**When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before the throne! REFRAIN:**

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 16

L: You make known to me the path of life;

C: You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

L: Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

C: I say to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

**L: I say of the holy people who are in the land, “They are the noble ones in whom is all my
delight.”**

C: Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.

L: I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

C: LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure.

L: You make known to me the path of life;

C: You will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

L: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

C: I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

L: I keep my eyes always on the LORD. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

C: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

L: Because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

C: Nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

**ALL: You make known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in your presence, with
eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

RESPONSE: "When In the Night I Meditate"

**When in the night I meditate On mercies multiplied,
My grateful heart inspires my tongue To bless the Lord, my guide.**

**Forever in my thought the Lord Before my face shall stand;
Secure, unmoved, I shall remain, With God at my right hand.**

**My inmost being thrills with joy And gladness fills my breast;
Because on God my trust is stayed, My flesh in hope shall rest.**

**I know that I shall not be left Forgotten in the grave,
And from corruption, Thou, O Lord, Thy holy one will save.**

**The path of life You showed to me; Of joy a boundless store
Is ever found at Your right hand, And pleasures evermore.**

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

- L:** As our reading from Hebrews will say, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience:
- C:** **Loving God, You make known to us the path of life and fill us with joy in your presence; you exalt the poor and lift up the needy. We praise your holy name from morning to night, yet we build walls that separate us: from you, from one another, from the world, even from ourselves. We place stumbling blocks in the way of goodness and truth. We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure. We confess our fallibility and ask your forgiveness. Teach us to pray and praise without pause, confessing hope ceaselessly. Guide us in our efforts to encourage one another, to work together for good in the world, and to prepare for the day of the Lord. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE: "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness" – Blue Hymnal #362

**Jesus, your blood and righteousness My beauty are, my glorious dress;
Mid flaming worlds, in these arrayed, With joy shall I lift up my head.**

**Bold shall I stand in that great day, Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;
For by your cross absolved I am From sin and guilt, from fear and shame.**

**Lord, I believe your precious blood, Which at the mercy-seat of God
Pleads for the captives' liberty, Was also shed in love for me.**

**Lord, I believe, were sinners more Than sands upon the ocean shore,
You have for all a ransom paid, For all a full atonement made.**

**When from the dust of death I rise To claim my mansion in the skies,
This then shall be my only plea; Christ Jesus lived and died for me.**

**Then shall I praise you and adore Your blessed name forevermore,
Who once, for me and all you made, An everlasting ransom paid.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, there is no God like you. In praise and thanksgiving, we come before you ready to learn of your power, ready to follow your path for our lives. Through days of jubilation as well as dejection, help us realize your influence in the world. We ask simply for ears to hear, eyes to see, and minds to comprehend the blessings you bestow. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

GREETING TIME

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DAY:

L: This is the second-last Sunday of the Church Year, as the long green season of Pentecost comes to its close. In the service today, we are reminded that the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin. From Daniel, we hear that the wise in faith shall shine like stars in the darkness of unbelief. From Hebrews, we learn that the blood of Jesus has given us the right and confidence to enter into the holy place of God's presence. From Mark, we hear how Jesus points to the signs of destruction to come and the promise that he who endures to the end shall be saved.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Daniel 12:1-3

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 10:11-25

Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when this priest had offered for all time one sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, and since that time he waits for his enemies to be made his footstool. For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy. The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says: "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord. I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." Then he adds: "Their sins and lawless acts I will remember no more." And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary. Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, chapter 13.

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

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!" "Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down." As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?" Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child. Children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. Everyone will hate you because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Hope of the World"

Voice

The image shows a musical score for a voice part. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: 'Hope of the world, Thou Christ of great com - pas - sion; Speak to our Hope of the world, God's gift from high - est heav - en, Bring - ing to Hope of the world, a - foot on dus - ty high - ways, Show - ing to'. The second staff starts with a '6' above the first measure. The lyrics are: 'fear - ful hearts by con - flict rent. Save us, Thy peo - ple, from con - sum - ing hun - gry souls the bread of life, Still let Thy Spir - it un - to us be wan - d'ring souls the path of light, Walk Thou be - side us lest the tempt - ing'. The third staff starts with a '12' above the first measure. The lyrics are: 'pas - sion, Who by our own false hopes and aims are spent. giv - en To heal earth's wounds and end our bit - ter strife. by - ways Lure us a - way from Thee to end - less night.'

Hope of the world, who by Thy cross didst save us
From death and dark despair, from sin and guilt,
We render back the love Thy mercy gave us;
Take Thou our lives and use them as Thou wilt.

Hope of the world, O Christ, o'er death victorious,
Who by this sign didst conquer grief and pain,
We would be faithful to Thy Gospel glorious.
Thou art our Lord! Thou dost forever reign!

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MESSAGE: "Following Jesus into Hopefulness in Uncertain Times" – 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.

10:00 a.m. only -

GATHERING OF THE OFFERINGS

+ 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 of All Hopefulness”

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, Your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:

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10:00 a.m. -

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