

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, June 25, 2022 – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 26, 2022 – 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.

+ CONNECT +

OPENING HYMN: “When All Your Mercies, O My God” – Blue Hymnal #196

**When all your mercies, O my God, My waking soul surveys,
Transported with the view, I’m lost in wonder, love and praise.**

**Ten thousand thousand precious gifts My daily thanks employ;
Nor is the least a cheerful heart That tastes those gifts with joy.**

**Through every passing phase of life Your goodness I’ll pursue
And after death, in distant worlds, The glorious theme renew.**

**Through all eternity to you A joyful song I’ll raise;
But, oh, eternity’s too short To utter all your praise!**

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: 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,

C: “They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”

L: Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more. I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

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

L: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

C: Surely I have a delightful inheritance.

L: I will praise the LORD, who counsels me;

C: Even at night my heart instructs me.

L: I keep my eyes always on the LORD.

C: With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

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

C: Because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, 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: “Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways” – Blue Hymnal #392

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep his statutes still!

Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do his will!

Order my footsteps by your Word And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.

Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep
If ever I forget your way, Restore your wand’ring sheep.

Make me to walk in your commands, A most delightful road;
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

L: God makes known to us the path of life and calls us to be followers of Jesus—to do what He does, to love what He loves, to join Him in what He is doing to redeem the world. We are imperfect people and have fallen short. To put it bluntly, we have sinned and failed. Let’s confess that we need forgiveness.

C: Gracious Lord, you have blessed us with freedom—freedom to follow or to turn away; freedom to love or to hate; freedom to heal or to hurt. You ask only that we follow your ways, loving our neighbors as ourselves. And we haven’t. We need your mercy and grace. We need the assurance of your forgiveness. So have mercy on us, Lord, and in the midst of our turbulent lives, continue to help us find those who show us the gifts you set within us. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE: "I Will Glory In the Cross"

I will glo - ry in the cross where my
 (opt. lyric) (Hal - le - lu - jah for the cross)

Je - sus was cru - ci - fied. Through His blood I stand for -

giv - en, cleansed from sin and jus - ti - fied. I will
 (Hal - le -

glo - ry in the cross. I will ev - er lift it
 lu - jah for the cross.)

high as a ban - ner for sal - va - tion, as the

stan - dard for my I will life.
 (Hal - le -

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

C: Holy God, we come before you today: full of hope, full of desire, full of promise. Help us take up the mantle of faith you have laid before us, that we may use our own gifts of the Spirit to face the challenges before us. Help us face the turmoil within and around us, that we may face the future unafraid, following only you. Show us your way, your truth, and your life. Amen.

GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

10:00 a.m. only -
 CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: I Kings 19:9b-21

And the word of the LORD came to him: "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." The LORD said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He replied, "I have been very zealous for the LORD God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too." The LORD said to him, "Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram. Also, anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and anoint Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to succeed you as prophet. Jehu will put to death any who escape the sword of Hazael, and Elisha will put to death any who escape the sword of Jehu. Yet I reserve seven thousand in Israel—all whose knees have not bowed down to Baal and whose mouths have not kissed him." So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you." "Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

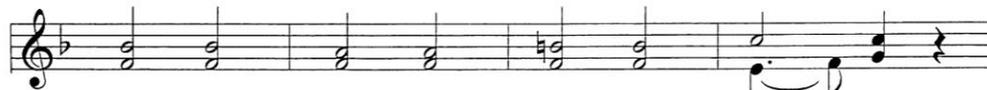
RESPONSE: "Spirit of the Living God"



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.



Melt me, mold me, fill me, use — me.



Spir - it of the liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

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EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery....You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy;

drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

RESPONSE: “Spirit of the Living God” (see above)

HOLY GOSPEL:

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter nine.

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

As the time approached for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. And he sent messengers on ahead, who went into a Samaritan village to get things ready for him; but the people there did not welcome him, because he was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them. Then he and his disciples went to another village. As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.” He said to another man, “Follow me.” But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.” Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus” – Blue Hymnal #381

**Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Through a world that would deceive us And to sin our spirits lure.
Onward in his footsteps treading, Pilgrims here, our home above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do our Father’s bidding,
Faithful Lord, with me abide; I shall follow where you guide.**

**Let us suffer here with Jesus And with patience bear our cross.
Joy will follow all our sadness; Where he is, there is no loss.
Though today we sow no laughter, We shall reap celestial joy;
All discomforts that annoy Shall give way to mirth here-after.
Jesus, here I share your woe; Help me there your joy to know.**

MESSAGE: “Journey of Grace” – Pastor Bill Hugo

HYMN OF THE DAY: “Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus” – Blue Hymnal #381

**Let us gladly die with Jesus. Since by death he conquered death,
He will free us from destruction, Give to us immortal breath.
Let us mortify all passion That would lead us into sin;
Then by grace we all may win Untold fruits of his creation.
Jesus, unto you I die, There to live with you on high.**

**Let us also live with Jesus. He has risen from the dead
That to life we may awaken. Jesus, since you are our head,
We are your own living members; Where you live, there we shall be**

In your presence constantly, Living there with you forever.

Jesus, let me faithful be, Life eternal grant to me.

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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 –

COMMISSIONING OF NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING PARTICIPANTS

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN: "My Faith Looks Trustingly" – Blue Hymnal #378

**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 to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away, 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!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: "Lead Me, Guide Me"

Refrain



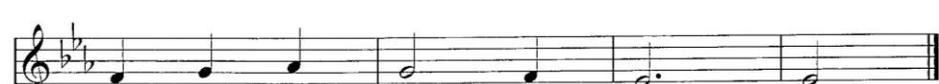
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for if you lead me, I can - not stray.



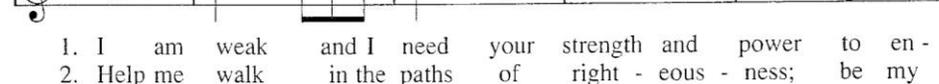
Lord, let me walk each day with you,



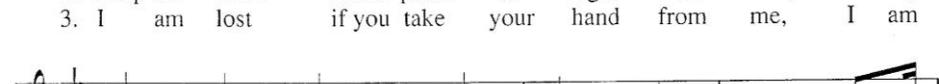
lead me my whole life through.



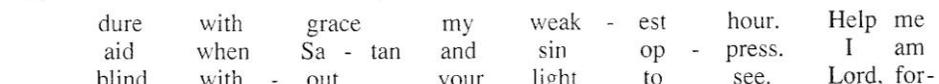
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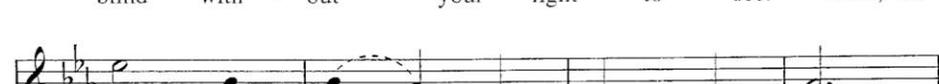
2. Help me walk in the paths of right - eous - ness; be my



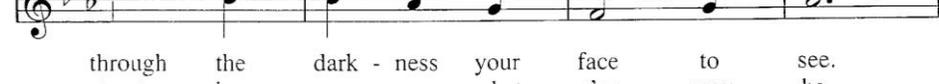
3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am



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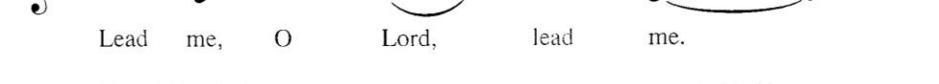
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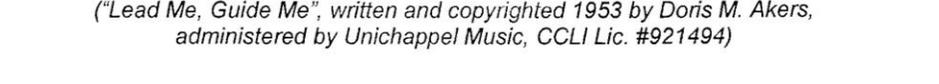
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through the dark - ness your face to see.



trust - ing you what - e'er may be.



ev - er may I your ser - vant be.

To Refrain



Lead me, O Lord, lead me.

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Lector: Andrew Wagner