

# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 1, 2020 – 5:30 p.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!*

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

*If you have a prayer request, please 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 +**

## **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 WEEK: Psalm 136, part 1**

L: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

C: **His love endures forever.**

L: Give thanks to the God of gods.

C: **His love endures forever.**

Women & Children: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

C: **His love endures forever.**

L: To him who alone does great wonders,

C: **His love endures forever.**

Men: Who by his understanding made the heavens,

C: **His love endures forever.**

L: Who spread out the earth upon the waters,

C: **His love endures forever.**

L: Who made the great lights—

**C: His love endures forever.**

Women & Children: The sun to govern the day,

**C: His love endures forever.**

L: The moon and stars to govern the night;

**C: His love endures forever.**

**PSALM RESPONSE: “Praise, Oh, Praise, Our God and King (st. 1-4)  
Praise, oh, praise, our God and King, Hymns of adoration sing;  
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Praise Him that He made the sun Day by day his course to run;  
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**And the silver moon by night, Shining with her gentle light;  
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Praise Him that He gave the rain To mature the swelling grain;  
For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**PSALM 136, part 2:**

L: To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt

**C: His love endures forever.**

Men: And brought Israel out from among them

**C: His love endures forever.**

Women & Children: With a mighty hand and outstretched arm;

**C: His love endures forever.**

L: To him who divided the Red Sea asunder

**C: His love endures forever.**

L: And brought Israel through the midst of it,

**C: His love endures forever.**

Men: But swept Pharaoh and his army into the Red Sea;

**C: His love endures forever.**

L: To him who led his people through the wilderness;

**C: His love endures forever.**

L: To him who struck down great kings,

**C: His love endures forever.**

L: And killed mighty kings—

**C: His love endures forever.**

L: Sihon king of the Amorites

C: **His love endures forever.**

L: And Og king of Bashan—

C: **His love endures forever.**

Women & Children: And gave their land as an inheritance,

C: **His love endures forever.**

L: An inheritance to his servant Israel.

C: **His love endures forever.**

### PSALM RESPONSE: "I Will Sing Unto the Lord"

Vocals

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are: "I will sing un-to the Lord, for He has tri-umphed glo-rious-ly: the horse and ri-der thrown in-to the sea, The Lord, my God, my strength and song, has now be-come my vic-to-ry. The ry. The Lord is God, and I will praise Him, my cov-enant God, and I will ex-alt Him. The I will ex-alt Him!" The score includes first and second endings for several phrases.

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1. sea, 2. sea. The Lord, my God, my

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2. ry. The Lord is God, and I will praise Him, my

1. 2. cov-enant God, and I will ex-alt Him. The I will ex-alt Him!

### CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

L: Your love endures forever, Lord. And we are so thankful that it does. We need that, Lord. We need the assurance of your eternal love, for our lives, our thoughts, our actions are so far from what you expect and deserve. We haven't loved you with all we have. We haven't loved our neighbor. For Jesus' sake, forgive us our sins and equip us in love for our work in your kingdom. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

### FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

**PSALM 136, Part 3:**

**L:** He remembered us in our low estate

**C:** **His love endures forever.**

**Men:** And freed us from our enemies.

**C:** **His love endures forever.**

**L:** He gives food to every creature.

**C:** **His love endures forever.**

**ALL:** **Give thanks to the God of heaven. His love endures forever!**

**SONG OF PRAISE:** “Praise, Oh, Praise, Our God and King (st. 5-8)

**Praise Him for our harvest store, He hath filled the garner floor;**

**For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**And for richer food than this, Pledge of everlasting bliss;**

**For His mercies still endure, Ever faithful, ever sure.**

**Glory to our bounteous King, Glory let creation sing;**

**Glory to the Father, Son And the Spirit, Three in One!**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

**L:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**L:** Let us pray.

**C:** **Lord of time and eternity, you rule over creation with a love that endures forever. You make it all happen in a way that blesses the earth. Give us eyes to see you at work. Give us grace to put your work above our own. Give us hearts that love people the way you love them. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

**+ NURTURE +**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE:** Brenda Hugo

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON:** Isaiah 55:1-5

“Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost. Why spend money on what is not bread, and your labor on what does not satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good, and you will delight in the richest of fare. Give ear and come to me; listen, that you may live. I will make an everlasting covenant with you, my faithful love promised to David. See, I have made him a witness to the peoples, a ruler and commander of the peoples. Surely you will summon nations you know not, and nations you do not know will come running to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has endowed you with splendor.”

**L:** The Word of the Lord.

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE LESSON:** Romans 9:1-5

I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of my own race, the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises. Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

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**HOLY GOSPEL:**

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 14.

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

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. "Bring them here to me," he said. And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

**SONG OF THE DAY: "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens"**

**Speak, O Lord, your servant listens, Let your Word to me come near;  
Newborn life and spirit give me, Let each promise still my fear.  
Death's dread pow'r, its inward strife, Wars against your Word of life.  
Fill me, Lord, with love's strong fervor That I cling to you forever!**

**Oh, what blessing to be near you, And to listen to your voice;  
Let me ever love and hear you, Let your Word be now my choice!  
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at your Word,  
But to me, who know my burden, Show me now your Word of pardon.**

**Lord, your words are waters living, When my thirsting spirit pleads;  
Lord, your words are bread life-giving, On your words my spirit feeds.  
Lord, your words will be my light Through death's vale, its dreary night;  
Yes, they are my sword prevailing, And my cup of joy unailing!**

**Precious Jesus, I entreat you, Let your words in me take root;  
Let this gift of heav'n enrich me So that I bring gen'rous fruit:  
Never take them from my heart Till I see you as you are,  
When in heav'nly bliss and glory I will meet you and adore you!**

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**MESSAGE: "The Power of Interruptions" – 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: “When Peace Like a River”**



1 When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way; When  
2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, Let  
3 He lives— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; My  
4 And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight, The



sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; What - ev - er my lot, Thou hast  
this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to His cross, and I  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, The trum - pet shall sound and the



taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.  
help - less es - tate And hath shed His own blood for my soul.  
bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so it is well with my soul.



It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

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**WORSHIP ASSISTANTS:** Lay Minister: Louise Roberts; Altar Guild: Sheila Beers & Pat Rosenberg