

# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, October 17, 2020 – 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: Let's confess our sins to the One in whose image we are created.

C: **Patient God, we are so easily distracted from what you would have us be and what you would have us do. We allow ourselves to be claimed by the angry and hurting world as though we bore a stamp reflecting hatred and hostility.**

L: You remind us that we are created in your image and, from the beginning, your love has been available to us.

C: **Forgive us when we so easily turn toward ignorance and greed as ways of living in the world. Heal our wounded souls. Challenge us to be your people — not owned by false promises of instant wealth and status — but strengthened and empowered to be those who bring hope through our words and actions. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

## FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

### SONG OF PRAISE: Psalm of the Day - Psalm 96

L: Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

C: **Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.**

### RESPONSE: "Sing Unto the Lord"

The musical notation is in 4/4 time and consists of three staves. The first staff starts with a Dm chord and contains the lyrics "Sing un - to the Lord a new song,". The second staff starts with a 3-measure rest and an A7 chord, containing the lyrics "sing un - to the Lord all the earth.\_\_\_\_". The third staff starts with a 5-measure rest and contains the lyrics "Sing un - to the Lord a new song,". Chords G/A and Cm/A are indicated above the notes in the third staff.

7 *A* *A7* 1. *Dm Gm Dm* *Fine*

sing un - to the Lord — all the earth.

9 *2. Dm* *Gm* *Dm/F* *Gm/E* *Dm* **VERSE**

earth. For God is great and great - ly to be praised.

12 *Gm* *Dm/F* *Gm/E* *A N.C.* *A7 D.C. al Fine*

God is great and great - ly to be praised! — O

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- L: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.  
 C: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

**RESPONSE: “Great Is the Lord”**

Great is the Lord, He is ho-ly and just; By His pow-er we trust in His  
 love. — Great is the Lord, he is faith-ful and true; By His  
 mer-cy He proves He is love. — 1,2. Great is the Lord and wor-thy of glo-ry!  
 (D.S.) 3. Great are You, Lord, and wor-thy of glo-ry!

Great is the Lord and wor - thy of praise. Great is the Lord; now  
 Great are You, Lord, and wor - thy of praise. Great are You, Lord; I  
 lift up your voice, Now lift up your voice: Great  
 lift up my voice, I lift up my voice: Great  
 3rd (last) time to CODA ☺

— is the Lord! — Great — is the  
 — are You, Lord! — Great — are You,

1. *D.C.* 2. *D.S. al CODA* ☺ *CODA - Opt. Short Ending*

Lord! — Lord! — Lord! —

♩ CODA - Extended Song Ending

Lord! Great are You, Lord. Great are You,  
 Lord. Great are You, Lord!

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- L: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.  
 C: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.**
- L: Ascribe to the LORD, all you families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.  
 C: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.**
- L: Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth.  
 C: **Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns." The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.**

**RESPONSE: "Before You, Lord, We Bow"**

Before you, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns above  
 And rules the world below, Boundless in pow'r and love.  
 Our thanks we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To you, our king!

The nation you have blest May well your love declare,  
 From foes and fears at rest, Protected by your care.  
 For this bright day, For this fair land--Gifts of your hand--Our thanks we pay.

- L: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it.  
 C: **Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.**
- L: Let all creation rejoice before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.  
 C: **He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

**RESPONSE: "Before You, Lord, We Bow"**

May ev'ry mountain height, Each vale and forest green,  
 Shine in your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen!  
 May ev'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grateful song.

Earth, hear your Maker's voice; Your great Redeemer own;  
 Believe, obey, rejoice, And worship him alone.  
 Cast down your pride, Your sin deplore, And bow before The Crucified.

And when in pow'r he comes, Oh, may our native land  
 From all its rending tombs Send forth a glorious band,  
 A countless throng, With joy to sing To heav'n's high king Salvation's song!

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

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

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

**L:** Let us pray.

**C:** **God of power and might, you created us in your image. Help us to recognize the imprint of your love and mercy in our lives. Open our hearts to that love that we may grow in love, faith and hope and be strengthened in our witness to you. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.**

**+ NURTURE +**

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

### **OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 45:1-7**

"This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other. I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the LORD, do all these things."

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

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

### **EPISTLE LESSON: I Thessalonians 1:1-10**

Paul, Silas and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

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

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

### **HOLY GOSPEL:**

**L:** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 22.

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

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?" "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

**SONG OF THE DAY: "Take My Life"**

Take my life, O Lord, renew, Consecrate my heart to you;  
Take my moments and my days; Let them sing your ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them do Works that show my love for you;  
Take my feet and lead their way, Never let them go astray.

Take my voice and let me sing Praises to my Savior King;  
Take my lips and keep them true, Filled with messages from you.

Take my silver and my gold, All is yours a thousand-fold;  
Take my intellect, and use Ev'ry pow'r as you shall choose.

Make my will your holy shrine, It shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is your own; It shall be your royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At your feet its treasure store;  
Take my self, Lord, let me be Yours alone eternally.

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**MESSAGE:** "Whose Image?" – 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: "Immortal, Invisible"**  
Immortal, invisible, God only wise.  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, O Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, your great name we praise!

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Not wanting nor wasting, you rule in your might;  
Your justice like mountains high soaring above,  
Your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

All life you engender in great and in small;  
To all life befriend, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish in richness and range,  
We wither and perish, but you never change.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Your angels adore you, enveiling their sight.  
All laud we would render; oh, lead us to see  
The light of your splendor, your love's majesty!

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