

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Saturday, June 5, 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Genesis 3:8-15

L: Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” He answered,

Men & Boys: **“I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”**

L: And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?” The man said,

Men & Boys: **“The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”**

L: Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said,

Women & Girls: **“The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”**

L: So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

SONG OF CONFESSION: “In Adam We Have All Been One”

**In Adam we have all been one, One huge rebellious man;
We all have fled that evening voice That sought us as we ran.**

**We fled our God, and, fleeing him, We lost our brother too;
Each singly sought and claimed his own; Each man his brother slew.**

**But your strong love, it sought us still And sent your only Son
That we might hear his shepherd’s voice And hearing him, be one.**

**O Savior, when we loved you not, You loved and saved us all;
O great good shepherd of mankind, Oh, hear us when we call.**

**Send us your Spirit, teach us truth To purge our vanity;
From fancied wisdom, self-sought ways, O Savior, set us free.**

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CONFESSION OF OUR SINS:

- L: Adam and Eve hid from God because of their shame. Because of Jesus, we can come boldly into God's presence asking for the forgiveness we need.
- C: **Patient Lord, you know how we are and where we are. We are betrayed by our own disobedience. We let the frustrations and worries of our lives overcome us. Our hearts seem to buckle under the weight of guilt, anger and confusion. And we turn from you, thinking that you can do nothing to alleviate our strife. How foolish we are! How faithless we are! Please forgive us. Help us to learn that you are actively involved in our lives, not as a "puppet master" but as loving, re-creating God, seeking healing and hope not only for each of us, but for the whole world. Make us into disciples of Jesus in love, faith and hope; for we ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

FORGIVENESS IS ANNOUNCED

SONG OF PRAISE: "Robe of Righteousness"

I am covered over with the robe of righteousness
That Jesus gives to me (gives to me)
I am covered over with the precious blood of Jesus
And He lives in me (lives in me)
Oh what a joy it is to know my Heavenly Father loves me so;
He gives to me my Jesus.
When He looks at me He sees not what I used to be
But He sees Jesus. *(Repeat song)*

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

- L: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

- C: **Lord, in this season of growth, open our hearts to grow in your love. Help us truly to trust in your creative process in our lives.**

L: We look around and we see the beauty of your world, the blossoming flowers and plants, the growth of children, the joy of celebrations of graduation, of receiving new life.

- C: **And we also see the sadness and sorrow that has invaded the world when systems of injustice and hatred lay claim to people's lives. Prepare us, O Lord, to become ambassadors of love, peace and hope. Help us to place our trust in you, so that when we are serving others, they may come to know your abiding love and power. Give us courage and great joy as we serve you. In the name of Jesus, Amen.**

GREETING TIME

+ NURTURE +

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

EPISTLE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is

temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HOLY GOSPEL:

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

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

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin." He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit." Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." "Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

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

SONG OF THE DAY: "Amazing Grace"

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found Was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.**

**Thro' many dangers, toils and snares I have already come.
'Twas grace that bro't me safe thus far And grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.**

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MESSAGE: "Where Are You?" – 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: “Go, My Children”

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure,
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure;
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, Here you touched him, saw his glory,
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, Here his tender comfort stilled you;
Go my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**I, the Lord, will bless and keep you, and give you peace,
I, the Lord, will smile upon you, and give you peace;
I, the Lord, will be your Father, Savior, Comforter, and Brother;
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.**

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