

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People



October 18, 2020
Season of Pentecost

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ELW Worship, Setting 3

We welcome you today and are thankful you have chosen to participate in this service as you are able. We pray you are blessed by what you experience. If you have any spiritual needs, please don't hesitate to contact the church office: office@stmatthews-elca.org or 817-292-1338.

For those who are attending this service in person on October 17, please know that the service is being videotaped to be available on St. Matthew's website and on YouTube on October 18. If you do not wish to be seen in the video, please speak with an usher for appropriate seating.

WELCOME

CHILDREN'S SERMON

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **C. Amen.**

P. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P. Faithful God, **C. you call us to be imitators of Christ.**

Many times, we chose instead to be imitators of the world.

We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

Rescue us, God from our sinful selves and forgive us.

**Show us your way and guide our every action that we may live as you call us to live.
Amen.**

P. God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Our sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

C. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN 526 "God Is Here"

ABBOT'S LEIGH



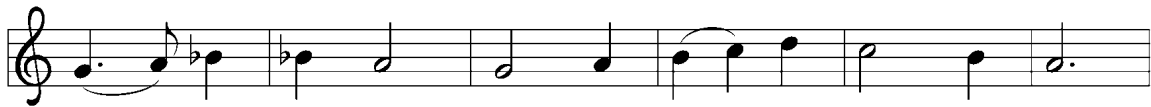
1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

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GREETING

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C. And also with you.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Assisting minister

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

All

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,

we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

A. Let us pray: **C. Sovereign God, raise your name in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. C. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 45:1-7

A reading from Isaiah:

- ¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him — and the gates shall not be closed:
²I will go before you and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe;
I the LORD do all these things.

Word of God. Word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 96:1-9 Read responsively, beginning with the Assisting Minister.

- ¹Sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
²**Sing to the LORD, bless the name of the LORD;
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
³Declare God's glory among the nations
and God's wonders among all peoples.
⁴**For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised,
more to be feared than all gods.**
⁵As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;
but you, O LORD, have made the heavens.
⁶**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
⁷Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
⁸**Ascribe to the LORD the honor due the holy name;
bring offerings and enter the courts of the LORD.**
⁹Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
tremble before the LORD, all the earth.

Refrain: Ascribe to the Lord honor and power. (Psalm 96:7)

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A reading from First Thessalonians:

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.

²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Word of God. Word of life. **C. Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 22:15-22

The holy gospel according to St. Matthew. **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" ²¹They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

The gospel of the Lord. **C. Praise to you, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY 774 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

SHOWALTER



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A. With confidence in God's grace and mercy, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you call us by name and invite us to share your good news. Send your Holy Spirit among preachers, missionaries, and evangelists. We give thanks for the witness of your servant Luke, the evangelist, whom the church commemorates today. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of praise, the heavens and all creation declare your salvation. From the rising of the sun to its setting, may the whole universe show forth your goodness. Raise up devoted stewards of all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of all, may your word of justice sound forth in every place. Restore divided nations and communities with reconciling truth. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of light, we pray for those living with pain, illness, isolation, grief, anger, or doubt (*especially . . .*). Join their voices in a new song, assuring them that you call them each by name. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of truth, you show no partiality. May your spirit guide the work of justices, magistrates, court officials, and all vocations of the law, that your promise of restoration may be known. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered out loud or silently in your heart.

Living God, as you raised Jesus from the dead, so raise up those who have died in you. We give thanks for their witness, confident of your rescuing welcome for all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P. Listen as we call on you, O God, and enfold in your loving arms all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING 2021 STEWARDSHIP EMPHASIS

Property Commission Mission Minute

K.C. Iversen

Personal Mission Minute

Katrina Martich, Steve Weis, Rev. Kristin Klade

OFFERING PRAYER

A. Let us pray. **C. Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. You have set before us these gifts of your good creation. Prepare us for your heavenly banquet, nourish us with this rich food and drink, and send us forth to set tables in the midst of a suffering world, through the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PEACE

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C. And also with you.**

BENEDICTION

HOLY COMMUNION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION (As the usher directs you, receive the elements and exit the sanctuary to enter the mission field.)

SENDING HYMN 841 "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,



let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
come to the place for which our par - ents sighed?
keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met thee;



sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought us;
we have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh - tered,
lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get thee;



fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun,
out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at last
shad - owed be - neath thy hand, may we for - ev - er stand,



let us march on till vic - to - ry is won.
where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
true to our God, true to our na - tive land.

POSTLUDE

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The altar flowers today were given by Tom Lindsey in memory of his wife, Beverly.

Worship Opportunities at St. Matthew's:

Next Sunday, October 25 St. Matthew's will celebrate the Reformation and the Rite of Confirmation for Nicholas Tadi and Zachary Moroneso.

This service will be live-streamed at 10:00 am with an in-person congregation in the sanctuary. Social distancing will be practiced and wearing a face mask will be mandatory. Please call or e-mail the church office at 817-292-1338 or office@stmatthews-elca.org to let us know if you will be attending this service in person. (If you forget to call or e-mail, please come and worship with us – you will not be turned away!)

Offerings are being accepted by mail, through on-line giving accessible on our website, and in-person delivery during the week.

LEADING TODAY'S WORSHIP

- Presiding Minister:** Pastor Lesley M. Radius
- Assisting Minister:** Phil Beckman
- Lector:** K.C. Iversen
- Cantor:** Adam Frame
- Ushers:** Sarah Hadfield, Daryl Hadfield, Renee Hill, Faye Youngblood
- Organist/Pianist:** John Wolf
- Videographer:** Jacob Martella
- Camera:** Steve Weis

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| <p><u>We Pray For:</u></p> <p>Craig Bridges
 T. J. and Dorothy Bridges
 Eva Clifton
 Annasophia Reese
 Barbara Reid
 Kerrie Beckman
 Anita Bodak
 Lynne and Mike Haro
 Myrna Hund
 Nathan Shifflett</p> | <p>Andy and Kim Bell
 Andy is a nephew of Marj Rudolph
 Philip Cunningham
 Niece of Mary Frances Page
 David Dunker
 Brother of Chris Dunker as he recovers from his hospitalization and mourns the death of his wife, Sandy
 Mindy Green
 Daughter of former nursery attendant Kay Green
 Marni Watts
 Niece of Sylvia Wester; cousin of Kelly Riddle</p> |
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THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

SUNDAY, October 18

8:30 am Online Worship

(can be viewed any time during the day on St. Matthew's facebook page)

10:00 am Adult Sunday School on Zoom led by Mark Vinciguerra – "Dare to Hope"

11:15 am Re-Opening Task Force Meeting on Zoom

3:00 pm Congregation Connections on Zoom

6:30 pm Young Adults in Christian Community on Zoom (see link information below)

MONDAY, October 19

12:00 pm Staff Meeting

7:00 pm Council Meeting on Zoom

TUESDAY, October 20

10:00 am Faith Family Adventures on Facebook Group SMLCFW Community

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm Ready, Set, Go! Center

6:30 pm Book Club on Zoom – Discussion of *What's a Ghoul to Do?* By Victoria Laurie

WEDNESDAY, October 21

6:30 pm Fearless Discipleship discussion group will begin a discussion of *Dear Church*

THURSDAY, October 22

10:00 am Women's Bible Study on Zoom, led by Pastor Lesley

SATURDAY, October 24

10:00 am NT-NL Creation Care Workshop on Zoom, led by Deaconess Katrina Martich

SUNDAY, October 25 Celebration of Reformation and Confirmation

10:00 am Live-streamed In-Person Worship in the Sanctuary

There will be no Adult Sunday School today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP NOTES

Sunday, October 25 – Reformation and Confirmation. In-person worship in our sanctuary will take place at 10:00 am and will include the Rite of Confirmation for Nick Tadi and Zachary Moroneso. Socially distant seating will be practiced, and all are required to wear a face mask. This will be live-streamed on St. Matthew's website.

There will be trained ushers on hand to guide you to your seat and answer your questions. Please call or email the church office to let us know if you are coming.

YOUNG ADULTS IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY This month's YACC gathering will be on **Zoom today, Oct. 18th at 6:30 pm**. This will be Game Night! The Zoom link information is: ID: 832 5522 7771 Passcode: 699914

ZOOM ON YOUR BROOM FOR A HALLOWEEN ZOOM COSTUME PARTY

When: Saturday, October 31 at 5:00 pm

Who: All ages – for grownups, kids and pets dressed in costume

Where: On Zoom – ID 826 2014 5816 Passcode 688788

Info: Please wear a costume – there will be awards for a variety of categories. We will play games, listen to a story and share laughs!

Sponsored by: Fellowship and Outreach Commissions

FEARLESS DISCIPLESHIP The Fearless Discipleship Discussion Group will resume meeting **this week on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:30 pm on Zoom**. We will begin discussing Lenny Dunkin's book *Dear Church – A Love Letter from a Black Preacher to the Whitest Denomination in the U.S.* If you wish to be part of this discussion, please email Katrina Martich at contact@katrinamartich.com.

SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM SUNDAY SCHOOL "Dare to Hope!" If there is one word that best captures what is needed most to live through these uncertain and unprecedented times, that word would be "hope." **Join our leader, Mark Vinciguerra, on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am via Zoom** as we explore what the Bible teaches about hope, and how we can embrace this hope to live daily with intention and faith. **We will meet on Oct. 18th, but not on Oct. 25th.** Beginning on Nov. 1st we will begin meeting on Zoom at 8:30 am.

GOSPEL ALIVE During October, our Gospel Alive focus is collecting donations for Saving Hope Animal Rescue. The mission of Saving Hope is to rescue, rehabilitate and find loving homes for abandoned, neglected and abused domestic animals in Fort Worth. **During October we will be collecting dog and cat supplies: food, treats, collars (especially small sizes), and harnesses. Please bring your items to church any weekday between 9:30 am to 4:00 pm through October.**

LIVING CONNECTED: NT-NL MATERIAL GOODS WORKSHOP **On Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 am and Tuesday, October 27 at 7:00 pm** Deaconess Katrina Martich will present a workshop on Zoom to look at ways our choices regarding material goods make a difference in the world and can be an expression of our faith. Ideas and resources for spiritual practices in our use of material goods will be shared. Please register at www.katrinamartich.com for the Zoom link.

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