

# ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People

## WORSHIP

August 7, 2022 8:15 and 11:00 AM

### *Now the Feast and Celebration Liturgy*

*Marty Haugen*

*We welcome all 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 or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Lesley at 817-292-1338 or pastor@stmatthews-elca.org. This service includes communion; if you are worshiping online, please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available to participate in the Eucharist.*

## WELCOME

## PRELUDE

*Please stand as you are able.*

## GATHERING

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism.*

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose steadfast love endures forever. **C. Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

*Silence is kept for reflection. You may sit, stand or kneel.*

P. Merciful God, **C. we confess that we have not followed your path but have chosen our own way. Instead of putting others before ourselves, we long to take the best seats at the table. When met by those in need,**

**we have too often passed by on the other side. Set us again on the path of life. Save us from ourselves and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.**

P. Hear the good news! God does not deal with us according to our sins but delights in granting pardon and mercy. In the name of † Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. We are free to love as God loves. **C. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GATHERING HYMN 527** “Lord Jesus Christ Be Present Now”

HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, be pres - ent now; our  
 2 Un - seal our lips to sing your praise in  
 3 Then shall we join the hosts that cry, “O  
 4 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son, and



hearts in true de - vo - tion bow. Your  
 end - less hymns through all our days; in -  
 ho - ly, ho - ly Lord Most High!” And  
 Ho - ly Spir - it, Three in One! To



Spir - it send with light di - vine, and  
 crease our faith and light our minds; and  
 in the light of that blest place we  
 you, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty, be



let your truth with - in us shine.  
 set us free from doubt that blinds.  
 then shall see you face to face.  
 praise through - out e - ter - ni - ty!

Text: attr. Wilhelm II, 1598–1662; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Music: HERR JESU CHRIST, DICH ZU UNS WEND, *Cantionale Germanicum*, Gochsheim, 1628

## 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 *Sung by all (Omitted at 8:15)*



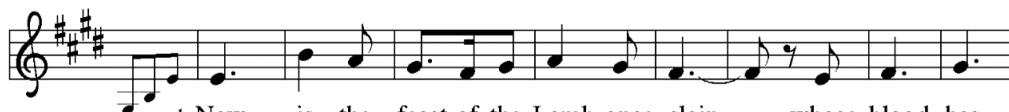
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God. *Refrain*



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of  
 God; to make all things new.

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Presider/A.M.* *Congregation:*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

A. Let us pray: **C. Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6**

*God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars. Abram trusts God's promise, and through this faith he is considered righteous.*

A reading from Genesis, chapter 15:

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." <sup>4</sup>But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man

shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>6</sup>And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

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

**PSALM 33:12-22** *The Psalm is read responsively, beginning with the Lector.*

<sup>12</sup>Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD!

Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!

<sup>13</sup>**The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.**

<sup>14</sup>God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.

<sup>15</sup>**God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.**

<sup>16</sup>A king is not saved by the size of the army,  
nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.

<sup>17</sup>**The horse gives vain hope for victory;  
despite its great strength it cannot save.**

<sup>18</sup>Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD,  
upon those who wait for your steadfast love,

<sup>19</sup>**to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.**

<sup>20</sup>Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.

<sup>21</sup>**Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.**

<sup>22</sup>Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us,  
even as we place our hope in you.

**Refrain: Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you.**

*(Psalm 33:22)*

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16**

*Abraham and Sarah exemplify the vision of faith that people of God enact in every age. Their hope and trust in God's promise allowed them to face an unknown future and to receive the promise of God.*

A reading from Hebrews, chapter 11:

<sup>1</sup>Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. <sup>2</sup>Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. <sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. <sup>12</sup>Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

<sup>13</sup>All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, <sup>14</sup>for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (*Spoken once at 8:15*)

*Congregation:*

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

*Optional Repeat*

## **GOSPEL READING: Luke 12:32-40**

*Jesus encourages disciples to invest their hearts and live fully into God's reign. Instead of facing life with fear, those who know God's generosity are always ready to receive from God and to give to others.*

P. The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 12th chapter.

### **C. Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: <sup>32</sup>"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

<sup>35</sup>"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; <sup>36</sup>be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.

<sup>37</sup>Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. <sup>38</sup>If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

<sup>39</sup>"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>40</sup>You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

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

*Please be seated.*

**SERMON**

Rev. Lesley M. Radius

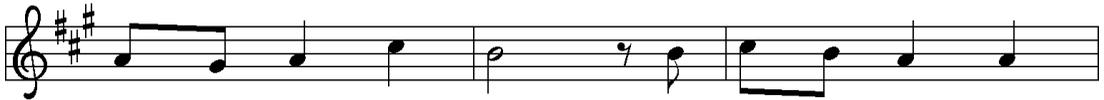
Please stand as you are able.

**HYMN OF THE DAY 635 "We Walk by Faith"**

SHANTI



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with  
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are  
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as  
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."  
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"  
you are near and seek where you are found:  
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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**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. Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

Let your lovingkindness be upon your church. Fill all who proclaim the gospel with your Spirit. We pray for the ELCA leaders and representatives meeting in Assembly this week. May their decisions be made with holy wisdom, and may their worship be joyful. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your creation. Dwell among us and sustain our earthly home. In places of famine, provide nourishment. In places of plenty, fashion us to be good stewards of your bounty. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your world. Be our helper and our shield in places torn by strife and violence. Raise up courageous leaders to govern with compassion and justice. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon your children. Look upon all who wait for answers in uncertain times. Console those who grieve and embrace those who are ill or recovering, *especially . . .* Help us to trust your promise and not be afraid. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Let your lovingkindness be upon the congregations of St. Christopher and St. Matthew's. Provide boldness in striving for the way of peace. Strengthen the outreach ministries of each congregation and all who care for those in need. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered, spoken aloud or in our hearts.*  
Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

With thanksgiving we remember all who have died in faith and now rest in you. As they placed their hope in you, so strengthen us to trust in your promise of new life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

P. Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom. **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

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

*(11:00) As the offering and communion elements are brought forward, please stand and sing:*

## **OFFERTORY HYMN 885** "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, alt.  
Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## **OFFERING PRAYER**

A. Let us pray. **C. God of abundance: you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

## **HOLY COMMUNION**

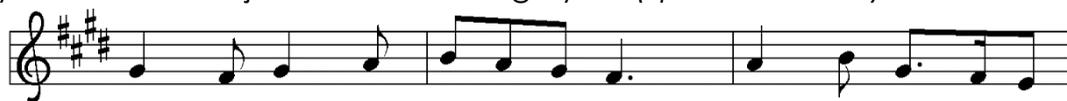
P. The Lord be with you. **C. And also with you.**

P. Lift up our hearts. **C. We lift them to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **C. It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## PREFACE

P. It is indeed right, our duty and our joy . . . And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn (*spoken at 8:15*):



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -



san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

### 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Please be seated; 8:15 go to page 13.

### COMMUNION HYMN 488 "Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness"

SCHMÜCKE DICH



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness, leave the gloom - y  
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, ea - ger - ly and  
3 Now in faith I hum - bly pon - der o - ver this sur -  
4 Je - sus, source of last - ing plea - sure, tru - est friend, and



haunts of sad - ness, come in - to the day - light's splen - dor,  
glad - ly greet him. There he stands al - read - y knock - ing;  
pass - ing won - der that the bread of life is bound - less  
dear - est trea - sure, peace be - yond all un - der - stand - ing,



there with joy your prais - es ren - der. Bless the one whose grace un -  
quick - ly, now, your gate un - lock - ing, o - pen wide the fast - closed  
though the souls it feeds are count - less; with the choic - est wine of  
joy in - to all life ex - pand - ing: hum - bly now, I bow be -



bound - ed this a - maz - ing ban - quet found - ed; Christ, though heav'n - ly,  
por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im - mor - tal: "Come, and leave your  
heav - en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. Oh, most glo - rious  
fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you; wor - thi - ly let



high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
loved one nev - er; dwell with - in my heart for - ev - er."  
con - so - la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va - tion.  
me re - ceive you, and, so fa - vored, nev - er leave you.

Text: Johann Franck, 1618–1677; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*

Music: SCHMÜCKE DICH, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

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After all have communed, please stand as you are able.

P. May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in his grace. **C. Amen.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A. Living God, through this meal you have bandaged our wounds and nourished us. Now send us forth to live for others, both friend and stranger, both like us and not like us, that all may come to know your love. This we pray in the name of Jesus. **C. Amen.**

### BENEDICTION

#### SENDING SONG 638 "Blessed Assurance"

ASSURANCE



- 1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
- 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
- 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:



this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915

Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

**DISMISSAL**

A. Go in peace. Love one another! **C. We will! Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

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**SERVING IN 11:00 WORSHIP**

<b>Presiding Minister:</b> Rev. Lesley M. Radius	<b>Assisting Minister:</b> F. Youngblood
<b>Lector:</b> Bruce Anderson	<b>Organist/Pianist:</b> John Wolf
<b>Chancel Care:</b> Faye Youngblood	<b>Videographer:</b> J. Martella
<b>Ushers:</b> Adam Frame, Paul Massanza	<b>Counters:</b> Adr. Frame, K.C. Iversen

**The chancel flowers today were prepared by St. Christopher’s Episcopal Church.**

**A gift has been given to ELCA Good Gifts by Win and Sandy Heinrich  
in memory of their son Eddie.**

<p><b><u>We Pray For:</u></b>  <b>Craig Bridges</b>  <b>T. J. Bridges</b>  <b>Annasophia Reese</b>  <b>Barbara Reid</b>  <b>Tommy and Diane Higgs</b></p>	<p><b>Jane Oklat</b>  <b>Karen Presley</b>  <b>Becky Jacobs</b>          Daughter of Lauren Anderson  <b>Norma Morrow</b>          Mother of Cindy Kammer</p>
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**ST. MATTHEW’S MISSION STATEMENT**

**Living in Christ through faith. Living for neighbor through love.**

***We are Reconciling in Christ; welcoming to all!***

## **THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S**

### **SUNDAY, August 7**

**8:15 am Lutheran Service of the Word with Communion**

**9:00 am** Coffee and Community presentation about "Our Community, Our Kids"

**9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher**

Adult Sunday School for St. Matthew's  
Children's Music "Fun"amentals Class.

**11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's**

St. Christopher reception for Rev. Paula Jefferson

### **THURSDAY, August 11**

**6:30 pm** Council meeting on Zoom

### **SATURDAY, August 13**

**8:15 am** Food distribution at Neighborhood Needs

### **SUNDAY, August 14**

**8:15 am Book of Common Prayer Episcopal Worship**

**9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher**

Adult Sunday School for St. Matthew's  
Children's Music "Fun"amentals Class

**11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's; Blessing for the school year**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR** Next Sunday, we will set aside a time during worship for a blessing for this school year. All of our students of any age, along with any teachers (at any level) and school administrators are invited to be present and bring with them an item that they will use as they study or teach. Everyone is invited to bring supplies for our school supply drive (see Summer Gospel-Alive below).

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL WITH ADAM FRAME:** Music "Fun"amentals at **9:30 am every Sunday through August!** For children who can read through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

**LUTHERAN HYMN FESTIVAL, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 4:30 pm at the Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas.** Tickets are \$15 to \$20 and can be purchased on your own online at this website: [lutheranhymnfestival.org](http://lutheranhymnfestival.org). There will be a sign-up sheet in mid-August for those who have purchased tickets and want to carpool from St. Matthew's to Dallas.

**SUMMER GOSPEL-ALIVE** We are collecting school supplies for Bruce Shulkey and Woodway Elementary Schools through mid-August. Although the Fort Worth ISD provides supplies, it is always helpful for teachers to have extra items on hand:

24-ct. Crayola colored pencils	24-ct. Crayola crayons
Glue sticks	1" 3-ring binders (any solid color)
12-inch ruler	Large pink erasers
Elmer's glue, 4 oz.	Wide-ruled spiral notebooks
Yellow highlighters/dry-erase markers	Pencil pouch for 3-ring binder

**NURSERY CARE AND ACTIVITY BAGS** At St. Matthew's, children of all ages are welcome in worship. If parents prefer, nursery care is provided for infants through age 4 during the 11:00 am service. Activity bags and children's bulletins are available in the narthex for children ages 5 and older to take into worship. Please return the bags after worship.

### **CHURCH STAFF**

Lesley M. Radius, Pastor

Adam Frame, Director of Music Ministries

John Wolf, Organist/Pianist

Shirley Johnson, Director of the Sounds of Exaltation Handbell Choir

Kelly Riddle, Office Assistant and Ready, Set, Go! Center Site Coordinator

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