



ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Proclaiming the Love of God for All People
Now the Feast of Celebration Liturgy
Sunday, July 7, 2024
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Jesus does great deeds of power and gives his disciples authority over demons. Yet none of this power is unilateral; it all must be received by faith. Jesus asks his disciples to go out without money or supplies, so that they will be dependent on how others receive them. When we are sent from the assembly to witness and to heal, we are asked to be vulnerable, to be dependent on the reception of others. The Spirit always operates in the "between": between Jesus and his Abba, between Jesus and us, between you and me, between us and those to whom we are sent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The hymn numbers for today's service: #579 #519 #465 #396 #546

PRELUDE

(*Please stand as you are able)

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

God, our provider, **help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.**

Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, † the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* (ELW 579)

*GREETING

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

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain



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. *Refrain*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

A: God of the covenant, in our baptism you call us to proclaim the coming of your kingdom. Give us the courage you gave the apostles, that we may faithfully witness to your love and peace in every circumstance of life, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10

David is anointed king over Israel, and Jerusalem is chosen as the political and religious center for the new combined territory. It is known ever after as "the city of David."

¹All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. ²For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The Lord said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel. ⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. ⁹David occupied the stronghold and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inward. ¹⁰And David became greater and greater, for the Lord, the God of hosts, was with him.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 48

¹Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised, in the city of our God, on the Lord's holy mountain.

²Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is Mount Zion, the summit of the north and city of the great king.

³God is in the citadels of Jerusalem; revealed to be the sure refuge of the city.

⁴Behold, the kings assembled and marched forward together.

⁵As they looked, they were astounded; dismayed, they fled in terror.

⁶Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in childbirth;

⁷with an east wind you shattered them like the ships of Tarshish.

⁸As we have heard, so have we seen, in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God—may God establish it forever!

⁹In the midst of your temple, O God, we meditate on your steadfast love.

¹⁰Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of righteousness.

¹¹Let Mount Zion be glad and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments.

¹²Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about it; count the number of the city's towers.

¹³Consider well its ramparts; examine its strongholds; that you may tell those who come after.

¹⁴Mark this—God is our God forever and ever, guiding us even to the end.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 12:2-10

Christian boasting focuses attention on how the power of Christ is present in our lives, especially in times of weakness and vulnerability. In all things, grace is sufficient for us.

²I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. ³And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows—⁴was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. ⁵On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. ⁶But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, ⁷even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. ⁸Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, ⁹but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast

all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. ¹⁰Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

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Thanks be to God.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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 Mark 6:1-13**

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

At home and abroad, Jesus and his disciples encounter resistance as they seek to proclaim God's word and relieve affliction.

¹[Jesus] came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him.²On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. ⁴Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." ⁵And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. ⁶And he was amazed at their unbelief. Then he went about among the villages teaching. ⁷He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; ⁹but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. ¹⁰He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. ¹¹If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

PASTOR LESLEY M. RADIUS

HYMN OF THE DAY *Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (ELW 519)

*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

A: One in the communion of saints and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we join our voices in prayer.

A brief silence

For each petition: In your mercy, **make your presence known**

P. Holy God, holy and merciful: into your outstretched arms we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in the one who is the way, the truth, and the life, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

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

*PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS *As the Grains of Wheat (ELW 465)*

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

A. Jesus, Bread of Life, **you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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 AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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

COMMUNION HYMN *Spirit of Gentleness* (ELW 396)

*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray. **Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING HYMN *To Be Your Presence* (ELW 546)

*DISMISSAL Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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Serving in Worship

Today, July 7th

Presiding Minister: Pastor Lesley M. Radius
Assisting Minister: Ferrol Miller
Music Director: Adam Frame
Organist/Pianist: John Wolf
Lector: Faye Youngblood
Chancel Care: Nancy Teigen
Ushers: F. Youngblood & J. Kammer
Videographer: Jacob Martella
Counters: C. Schmidt & M. Boggs

Next Sunday, July 14th

Pastor Lesley M. Radius
Steve Weis
Adam Frame
John Wolf
Steve Weis
Jeri Manske
Mary Nedde
Jeff Manthei
Lisa Reed & Adr. Frame

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 pastor@stmatthews-elca.org or call 817-292-1338. This service includes communion; if you are worshiping online, please have bread or crackers and wine or juice available to participate in the Eucharist.

THIS WEEK WITH ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday, July 7th

9:15 am St. Matthew's Adult Sunday School
9:30 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Christopher
11:00 am Eucharistic Worship led by St. Matthew's

Tuesday July 9th

10:00 am Women's Bible Study
3:00 pm Bill Anderson Memorial Cooking Camp

Wednesday July 10th

3:00 pm Bill Anderson Memorial Cooking Camp

Thursday July 11th

1:00 pm Called to Craft Crafters Group
3:00 pm Bill Anderson Memorial Cooking Camp
5:00 pm Lite supper with Worship to follow

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Thank you to all who participated in St. Matthew's "On Tour." It was a great opportunity to learn about a community partner that serves our area, Harvest House. **Thank you for your support of Harvest House by donating \$310 and 71 pounds of food.** All of this will help them continue their mission and ministry. Thank you to all who helped plan this experiment, including our Burleson Community Champion, Bruce Anderson. Thank you for all who attended and those who invited guests. **Please complete a quick survey regarding the event to help the Congregation Lead Initiative Core Team evaluate and learn from this experiment.**

Our Summer Camps start this week. Please keep this camp and all who are participating in your prayers. We have 18 kids that will join us and will be led by Chef Dustin, Assistant Chef Kelly and Kitchen helper Vicar Trent. We have added a new component to our camps this summer. On Thursday night, we will have a lite supper and then worship, which will conclude each camp. For our cooking camp, the students will be providing dessert for our Thursday evening meal. **Please come and join us for dinner, fellowship, encouragement of our students and the opportunity to worship and lift our voices in praise and thanks to God.**

Academy 4 Academy 4 Mentoring Program will begin at Woodway Elementary this Fall. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this very important program to help benefit students in our Wedgwood community. Time commitment is only 90 minutes a month. Visit www.academy4.org to register, choosing Woodway Elementary as your school of choice. Please keep this mentoring ministry in your prayers that God would use this ministry to help children grow into their God-given gifts and talents. **On July 21st, we will be having a Community and Coffee which will provide more information about this amazing program.**

Sign up to be an usher at worship. Please sign up on the board in the narthex to usher, including greeting our visitors and offering hospitality to all who come to worship. Thank you for being a part of this vital work.

Summer Gospel Alive We are now collecting for the DRC-Community Solutions to End Homelessness. **DRC is in desperate need of cases of bottled water, sunscreen, and bug spray.** Items can be brought to the church narthex. Thank you in advance for your generosity and kindness in helping our city's unhoused brothers and sisters during our incredibly hot summers.

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 until they go to Children's Church. Please return the bags after worship.

<p><u>We Pray For:</u></p> <p>For St. Matthew's Homebound Patti Brunnert Sarah Hadfield Mike and Sandy Dinger Aunt & Uncle of Cindy Kohn Caleb Roberts Friend of Ferrol Miller & The Gustafsons Christy Hill Daughter of Win & Sandy Heinrich Thara Bonebreak Aunt of Anne Moroneso Annie Breakspear Daughter-in-law of Pauline Christensen</p>	<p><u>We Pray For:</u></p> <p>Caleb Roberts Friend of Ferrol Miller & The Gustafsons Becky Jacobs Daughter of Lauren Anderson Doris Iversen Mother of K.C. Iversen Emi Hodnett Granddaughter of the Hadfields Serving as a Missionary in Thailand T. J. Bridges family and friends as they mourn his death and celebrate his new life with Christ.</p>
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UPCOMING EVENTS

(More details to follow, but please reserve these dates in your calendars now!)

Every Thursday 1 pm—Called to Craft Crafters Group

July 9th-11th-Bill Anderson Memorial Summer Cooking Camp 3-5 pm, Thursday Dinner at 5 pm and worship following

July 16th-18th-Bill Anderson Memorial Summer Music Camp 3-5 pm, Thursday Dinner at 5 pm and worship following

July 21st- Coffee and Community Academy 4 10:15 am

July 23rd-25th- Bill Anderson Memorial Summer Theater Camp 3-5 pm, Thursday Dinner at 5 pm and worship following

July 30th-Aug 1st Bill Andeson Memorial Art Camp 3-5 pm, Thursday Dinner at 5 pm and worship following

ST. MATTHEW'S MISSION STATEMENT

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

We are Reconciling in Christ, welcoming to all!

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Lord, You Give the Great Commission



1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and
2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -
3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,
4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they
5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you



preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,
teach and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,
this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,
do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure
to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,



and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness
life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all new
dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that the
all that you so free - ly give, May your care and
may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the



to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:
fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:
world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:
mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:
cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



Refrain
With the Spir - it's gifts em - pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



Refrain
To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
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To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.




1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain




may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.


To Be Your Presence



1 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion here, to show com -
2 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion bold, to feed the
3 To be your pres - ence is our mis - sion blest, to speak for
4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice, to serve your



pas - sion's face and lis - t'ning ear, to be your heart of mer - cy
poor and shel - ter home - less cold, to be your hands of jus - tice,
all the bro - ken and op - pressed, to be your voice of hope, your
peo - ple is our call and choice, and in this mis - sion we, the



ev - er near,
right up - hold, al - le - lu - ia!
love ex - pressed,
church, re - joice,

Spirit of Gentleness

Refrain

Spir - it, Spir - it of gen - tle - ness, blow through the wil - der - ness

call - ing and free; Spir - it, Spir - it of rest - less - ness,

stir me from plac - id - ness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient schemes.

then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;
and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;
then you whis - pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;
From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;

and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:
and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,
and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,
our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

Refrain
"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."
then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes,
when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.
With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo - ple a - rise.