

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

June 27th, 2021

8:30 & 10:15 a.m. Services

Introduction for the Day: A woman finds healing by touching Jesus' cloak, and a girl is restored to life when he takes her by the hand. In both cases a boundary is crossed: in Jesus' time the hemorrhaging woman was considered ritually unclean, polluting others by her touch, and anyone who touched a corpse also became unclean. In Mark's gospel Jesus breaks down barriers, from his first meal at a tax collector's house to his last breath on the cross as the temple curtain is torn in two. We dare to touch Jesus in our "uncleanness" and to live as a community that defines no one as an outsider.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Jim Holmberg

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad!

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

"Turn to me and be saved," says the Lord. "For I am God and there is no other."

If we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Today we consider the mercy of God, amazingly offered to us who need it so. The Savior whom we meet today is Christ the healer, who calls us to be patient.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in our thinking, in our speaking, and in our doing. We are afraid and doubtful. Our faith is weak. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins and call us by your Holy Spirit to the new life you ordained for us, to the glory of your holy name.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning. Through the Holy Spirit given to us, God's love has been poured into your hearts. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Song

#886 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

[Stanzas 1, 4 & 6]

1. *Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and king, the triumphs of his grace!*
4. *He speaks and list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive; the mournful, broken hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.*
6. *To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above the church in earth and heav'n.*

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Apostolic 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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and merciful God, we implore you to hear the prayers of your people. Be our strong defense against all harm and danger, that we may live and grow in faith and hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Lamentations 3:22-33

The book of Lamentations is one of our most important sources of information about the fall of Jerusalem to the Babylonians in 587 BCE. Though the people admit that God's judgment was just, today's reading declares a fervent trust that God will not leave them forever.

A reading from Lamentations, Chapter 3.

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. It is good for one to bear the yoke in youth, to sit alone in silence when the Lord has imposed it, to put one’s mouth to the dust (there may yet be hope), to give one’s cheek to the smiter, and be filled with insults.

For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 30

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up. (Ps. 30:1)

Let us read responsively from Psalm 30.

I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lifted me up and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O LORD my God, I cried out to you, and you restored me to health.

You brought me up, O LORD, from the dead; you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

Sing praise to the LORD, all you faithful; give thanks in holy remembrance.

God’s wrath is short; God’s favor lasts a lifetime. Weeping spends the night, but joy comes in the morning.

While I felt secure, I said, “I shall never be disturbed.

You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains.” Then you hid your face, and I was filled with fear.

I cried to you, O LORD; I pleaded with my Lord, saying,

“What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me; O LORD, be my helper.”

You have turned my wailing into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.

Therefore, my heart sings to you without ceasing; O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Paul encourages the Corinthians to honor their commitment to participate in the collection his churches are organizing for the Christians in Jerusalem. He presents Jesus as an example of selfless stewardship and reminds them that Christians have received abundantly so that they can share abundantly.

A reading from 2 Corinthians, Chapter 8.

Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, “The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

#512 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow, and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let me hear, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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Gospel

Mark 5:21-43

Jairus, a respected leader, begs Jesus to heal his daughter. A woman with a hemorrhage was considered ritually unclean and treated as an outcast. Both Jairus and the unnamed woman come to Jesus in faith, believing in his power to heal and bring life out of death.

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 5th chapter.

Glory to You O Lord.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease.

Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’ ” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.”

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James.

When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was.

He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this and told them to give her something to eat.

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to You, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Jim Holmberg

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#617 We Come to You for Healing, Lord [Stanzas 1-3]

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the hymn of the day)

1. *We come to you for healing, Lord, of body, mind, and soul, and pray that by your Spirit's touch we may again be whole.*
2. *As once you walked through ancient streets and reached toward those in pain, come, risen Christ, among us still with pow'r to heal again.*
3. *You touch us through physicians' skills, through nurses' gifts of care, and through the love of faithful friends who lift our lives in prayer.*

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8:30 Service only

(Please be seated)

Baptism of Charlie Jurss

Presentation

(Please stand as you are able)

Profession of Faith

People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

(Please be seated)

Baptism

Presentation of the Baptismal Candle

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share. Join us in
 giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming
 word to all the world.**

10:15 Service Only

Profession of Faith

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.**

8:30 & 10:15 Services continue here

Prayers of Intercession

Filled with the Holy Spirit, we join with the church in every place, praying for the world
and the church, and all people in need.

... Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and
thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

(Please stand as you are able)

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

*Meal**(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

8:30 *O God Beyond All Praising* by Gustav Holst

arr. by Jane Holstein

Choir Quartet: Joanne Ziarek, Karen Haglund, John Schilling & Al Van Lith

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10:15 *Grateful* by Mark Hayes, John Paradowski, Piano

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(Please stand as you are able)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. You are the God of health; you have healed us in our inner beings. You are the Lord of life; you have raised us to new life in you.

Alive and healthy, 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 your 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.**Forgive us our sins****as we forgive those who sin against us.****Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.****For the kingdom, the power,****and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

First Communion

8:30 Service: Piper Tanem

10:15 Service: Robby Burmeister III, Danica McCullough, Brecken Bott

First Communion

Today this community of faith rejoices because Sunday is the day Christ arose from the dead. Once again Jesus calls us to join him for a meal. We celebrate with those who today, join in sharing of the Lord's Meal—Holy Communion.

We welcome you to the Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We thank God for their lives. We pray that they will find joy and strength in this meal. Come among us, O God, as we gather to worship you.

Invitation to Communion

You have called us to this table, O Christ, even as you called to Jairus' daughter: "Little girl, get up!" The gifts you provide are one in the same: New life ... new health. Make us one, one in you. Come, eat, and be satisfied.

(Please be seated)

Please take your belongings with you to communion.

Communion Hymn

#826 Thine the Amen [Stanza 1 & 5]

Please meditate on the hymn text.

1. *Thine the amen thine the praise alleluias angels raise thine the everlasting head thine the breaking of the bread thine the glory thine the story thine the harvest then the cup thine the vineyard then the cup is lifted up lifted up.*
5. *Thine the glory in the night no more dying only light thine the river thine the tree then the Lamb eternally then the holy holy holy celebration jubilee thine the splendor thine the brightness only thee only thee.*

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