

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

June 6th, 2021

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

Introduction for the Day: A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. Those with whom we sing and pray this day are Jesus' family. With them we go forth in peace to do the will of God.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Pastor Ann Williams

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

This is the day that you have made, Lord.

Let us rejoice in it and be glad!

Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

The Lord is good to those who wait.

"The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in God."

Temptation is strong. Let us therefore, confess our sins to the Lord.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

Most merciful God,

We confess to you with contrite hearts that we have sinned through our thoughts, our words, and our deeds. We stand in your sight. For the sake of the sufferings and death of your Son, Jesus Christ, we ask for mercy. Forgive our sins that we may be reconciled to you and restored to your family.

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. God's mercies never come to an end. For the sake of Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven. The One who raised the Lord Jesus will raise you as well and bring you into God's presence.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gathering Song

#836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee [Stanzas 1 & 3]

Please meditate on the hymn text.

*Joyful, joyful we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like
flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin
and sadness, drive the gloom of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of
living, ocean-depth of happy rest!*

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852/1922. Music: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt. Tune: Hymn to Joy 87 87D.

Opening Litany for “A House Divided? A Family Restored” Sunday

Behold how good and pleasant it is for all to dwell together in unity!

May peace and harmony reign where hate and vengeance once ruled.

It is fear that divides God's people and tears them apart.

But we are united by God's love.

In homes where forgiveness has yet to be offered,

Be our King of Peace.

Above all else, put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.

May God's love circle the globe, binding what is broken all over the world.

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. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into
victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in
the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Genesis 3:8-15

*Immediately after Adam and Eve eat the forbidden fruit, they hide from God. Neither
takes responsibility for their sin, instead blaming each other, the snake, and even God.
The curse on the snake was understood as a messianic prophecy by the early church, who
associated Eve's “offspring” with Christ.*

A reading from Genesis, Chapter 3.

[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself."

He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate."

The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

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

Psalm

Psalm 130, Read Responsively

Wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love. (Ps. 130:7)

Let us read responsively from Psalm 130.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

O LORD, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

If you were to keep watch over sins, O LORD, who could stand?

Yet with you is forgiveness, in order that you may be feared.

I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits; in your word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning, more than those who keep watch for the morning.

O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love; with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

For the LORD shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

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

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1

Life in the present is transitory and cannot compare with the eternal home God has prepared for us. So, we do not despair no matter what life might bring because we know that as God raised Jesus from the dead, God promises to bring us into eternal life.

A reading from 2 Corinthians, Chapters 4 and 5.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So, we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

page 171, **Alleluia. Lord to Whom Shall We Go?**

[Setting 6]

Please meditate on the hymn text.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

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Gospel

Mark 3:20-35

In response to charges that he is possessed, Jesus wonders aloud how anyone who is demon-possessed can cast out demons. Those who do the will of God are possessed by the Holy Spirit, siblings of Christ.

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 3rd chapter.

Glory to You O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.”

And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come.

But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin” — for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#665 Rise, Shine, You People! [Stanzas 1 & 2]

Please meditate on the hymn text.

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered our human story; God in him is centered. He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, with grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; he brings us freedom, light and life and healing. All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

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(Please be seated)

Affirmation of Baptism (Confirmation)

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

[I present [names], who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.]

Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for *these sisters and brothers*, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

Amen.

(Please stand as you are able)

Profession of Faith

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?

Confirmands: I renounce them.

[Congregation joins in the creed.]

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.**

(Please be seated)

Affirmation in the Presence of the Assembly

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant

God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

[Stir up in --name-- the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.]

Congregational Blessing

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

(10:15 Service continues here)

(Please be seated)

Baptism of Jack Arthur Weins

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,
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**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.

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Prayer 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.

(10:15 Service continues here. 8:30 service continues on the next page)*(Please be seated)*

Graduation Recognition

O Spirit of God, bless the lives of these graduates with your gifts.

May their futures be filled with your goodness and grace.

O Spirit of wisdom and understanding, we thank you for equipping these graduates to study and to learn.

May they continue to grow in all wisdom and understanding.

O Spirit of counsel and might, we thank you for listening to the prayers of these graduates and empowering them to pursue their goals.

May they continue to be strengthened and encouraged by you.

O Spirit of knowledge and fear of the Lord, we thank you for expanding the minds of these graduates and drawing them closer to you.

May they continue to remain faithful to you by following your will.

O Spirit of joy in God's presence always, we thank you for this happy time in the lives of these graduates.

May they always be gladdened by your presence and your peace.

Graduate Blessing

Let us pray. Almighty God, look with favor upon those who have completed another year of learning and growth. Give them courage, patience, and vision as they go their way; and strengthen us all in our vocation of witness to the world and service to others, for the sake of your whole creation and to the glory of your holy name both now and forever.

Amen.

(8:30 & 10:15 services continue here)*(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

For the Beauty of the Earth

arr. J.D. Frizzell – Bells Angels

10:15

I Will Be a Child of Peace, Elaine Hagenberg

Kait McCullough, Pam Stokke-Ceci, Jennifer

Richter, Darla Hium

(Please stand as you are able)

Offering Prayer

Let us pray. God, you have unified your scattered family. You have restored your broken house. Gather these, our gifts. Together they are powerful. Even as we are powerful when united in Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Invitation to Communion

You have gathered us in your name, O Christ, gathered us as family. "Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother!" Strengthen us at your family table, O Christ, so that we may do the Father's will.

Make us one, one in you. Come, eat, and be satisfied.

(Please be seated)

Please take your belongings with you to communion.

Communion Hymn

#462 Now We Join in Celebration [Stanza 2]

Please meditate on the hymn text.

Lord, as round this feast we gather, fill our hearts with holy rapture!

For this bread and cup of blessing are for us the sure possessing of your loving deed on Calv'ry, of your living self, our vict'ry, pledge of your unfailing presence, foretaste here of heav'nly gladness.

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