

# St. Matthew's Lutheran Church

## Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 6, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.



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*God is the source of our nourishment. Jesus' invitation to "take and eat . . . take and drink" is a repeated one. In holy communion, in the word read and proclaimed, in the assembly of the people of God, the dominion of God has come near. Rejoice! Your name is written in heaven.*

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## WELCOME

Please stand

## GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

## OPENING HYMN

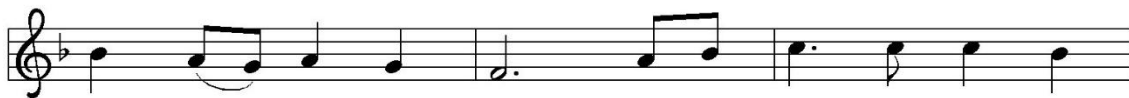
## All Are Welcome ELW 641



- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
- 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
- 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
- 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how  
true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to  
wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where  
stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and  
heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and  
dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -

Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:

*Refrain*

all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

## CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

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

P: In the name of God, our Creator,  
 Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

**C: Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Merciful God,

**C: you free us to love others,  
 but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
 You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
 but we choose self-righteous resentment and anger.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness,  
 and generosity,  
 but we grow impatient in doing what is right.  
 In your mercy, forgive us.  
 Do not give up on us.  
 Heal us, break the bondage of our sin,  
 and show us the path of life.  
 C: Amen.**

P: You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,  
and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**C: Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**C: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus, you are the city that shelters us, the Mother who comforts us. With your Spirit accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST READING

**Isaiah 66:10-14**

A: A reading from the Book of Isaiah, the sixty-sixth chapter.

<sup>10</sup> Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,  
all you who love her;  
rejoice with her in joy,  
all you who mourn over her—

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied  
from her consoling breast;  
that you may drink deeply with delight  
from her glorious bosom.

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the Lord:

I will extend prosperity to her like a river,  
and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream;  
and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm,  
and dandled on her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As a mother comforts her child,  
so I will comfort you;  
you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;  
your bodies shall flourish like the grass;  
and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants,  
and his indignation is against his enemies.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

### **SECOND READING**

### **Galatians 6:1-10, 14-18**

A: A reading from the Book of Galatians, the sixth chapter.

<sup>1</sup>My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. <sup>2</sup>Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup>For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup>All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. <sup>5</sup>For all must carry their own loads.

<sup>6</sup>Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher.

<sup>7</sup>Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. <sup>8</sup>If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. <sup>10</sup>So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

<sup>14</sup>May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. <sup>15</sup>For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! <sup>16</sup>As for those who will follow this rule — peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

<sup>17</sup>From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

<sup>18</sup>May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

A: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -  
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -  
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

## GOSPEL

**Luke 10:1-11, 16-20**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the tenth chapter.

<sup>1</sup> After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. <sup>2</sup> He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. <sup>3</sup> Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. <sup>4</sup> Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. <sup>5</sup> Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace to this house!’ <sup>6</sup> And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. <sup>7</sup> Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. <sup>8</sup> Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; <sup>9</sup> cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ <sup>10</sup> But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, <sup>11</sup> ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’”

<sup>16</sup> “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.”

<sup>17</sup> The seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” <sup>18</sup> He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. <sup>19</sup> See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and

nothing will hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

## MESSAGE

## HYMN

## Give Me Jesus ELW 770



1 In the morn-ing when I rise, in the morn-ing when I rise,  
2 Dark . . . mid-night was my cry, dark . . . mid-night was my cry,  
3 Just a - bout the break of day, just a - bout the break of day,  
4 Oh, . . . when I come to die, oh, . . . when I come to die,  
5 And . . . when I want to sing, and . . . when I want to sing,



in the morn-ing when I rise, give me Je - sus.  
dark . . . mid - night was my cry, give me Je - sus.  
just a - bout the break of day, give me Je - sus.  
oh, . . . when I come to die, give me Je - sus.  
and . . . when I want to sing, give me Je - sus.

*Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, give me Je - sus.

## **BAPTISM OF LOGAN DARBY KRIENKE (see insert)**

### **THE PRAYERS**

P: Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

P: God of grace,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

P: Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

### **THE SHARING OF THE PEACE**

P: The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

### **NOISY OFFERING**

### **OFFERING**

### **PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

*In gratitude to God we give out of the abundance that God has given us.*

*Please stand*

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

P: Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,

that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,  
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,  
who preached good news to the poor,  
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up,  
and his victory over death,  
we await that day when all the peoples of the earth  
will come to celebrate together your eternal banquet.  
Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,  
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,  
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory, now and forever.  
**C: Amen.**

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

*Please be seated*

## **COMMUNION**

*This is God's table so all are welcome to join the feast.  
Grape juice and gluten free wafers are available.*

P: The kingdom of God is set before you.  
Eat and rejoice.

**C: Amen.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P: Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**C: Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING OF APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT PARTICIPANTS**

*Please stand*

## BLESSING

P: The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;  
and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
C: Amen.

## HYMN

## Go Light Your World

There is a candle in ev'ry soul  
Some brightly burning some dark and cold  
There is a Spirit who brings a fire  
Ignites a candle and makes His home

So carry your candle run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle and go light your world  
Take your candle and go light your world

Frustrated brother see how he's tried to  
Light his own candle some other way  
See now your sister she's been robbed and lied to  
Still holds a candle without a flame

So carry your candle run to the darkness  
Seek out the lonely the tired and worn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle and go light your world  
Take your candle and go light your world

We are a fam'ly whose hearts are blazing  
So let's raise our candles and light up the sky  
Praying to our Father in the name of Jesus  
Make us a beacon in darkest times

So carry your candle run to the darkness  
Seek out the helpless deceived and poor  
Hold out your candle for all to see it

Take your candle and go light your world  
Carry your candle run to the darkness  
Seek out the hopeless confused and torn  
Hold out your candle for all to see it  
Take your candle and go light your world  
Take your candle and go light your world

## **DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

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