7th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of Worship with Holy Communion July 11, 2021

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE Cathy Miller, piano

"Jesus Loves Me"

by William Bradbury, Arr. by Joel Raney

WORDS OF WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,

the God of manna,

the God of miracles,

the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance,

let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: 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.

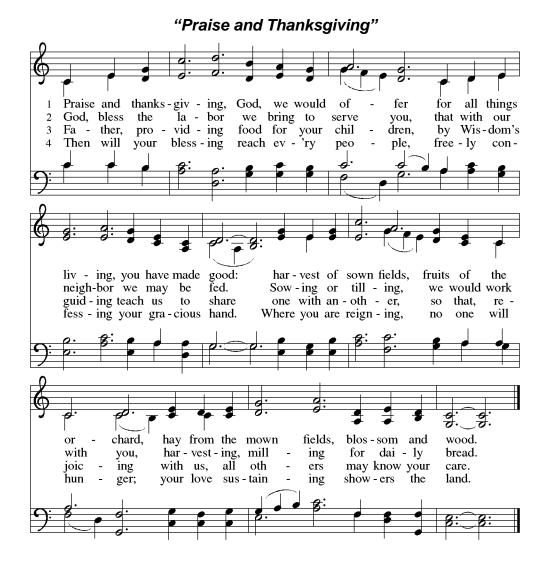
P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven,

we are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles,

there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, + the bread of life,

we are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.



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.

HYMN OF PRAISE ELW 846

"Amen, We Praise Your Name" [Cantor sings the words in parentheses]

(Sing praises!) Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!) Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!) Amen, amen. Amen, amen. Amen, we praise your name, O God! (Sing praises!)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Amos 7:7-15

⁷This is what [the Lord God] showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." ¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'" ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." ¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked

with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

L: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

C: Thanks be to God.

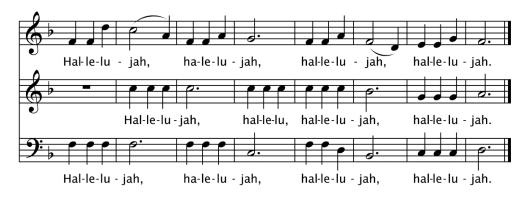
Please stand as you are able for the singing of our gospel acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW 173

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Song leader sings once, then assembly sings twice.



GOSPEL READING Mark 6:14-29

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 6TH Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord

¹⁴King Herod heard of [the disciples' preaching,] for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." 15 But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." 23 And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the

king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

P: The gospel of Jesus Christ.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pr. Ralph Midtlyng

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 710

"Let Streams of Living Justice"



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each prayer concludes with:

A: God in your mercy, C: Receive our prayer.

PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

OFFERTORY HYMN TBD

"TBD"
Tbd
Tbd

OFFERTORY SONG ELW 583, vs. 2

"Take My Life, that I May Be"

Refrain

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

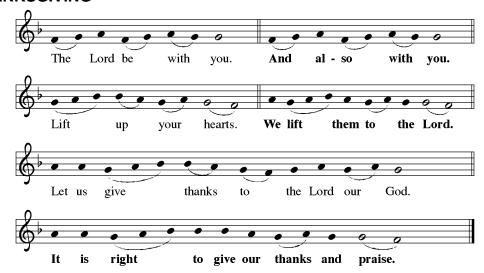
2 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. *Refrain*

OFFERING 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.

C: Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The presider speaks the words of the institution:

P: 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.

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

C: 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

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION MUSIC

Eric Heusinger, solo

"Here is Bread" ELW 483

Here is Bread, here is wine Christ is with us, he is with us Break the bread, taste the wine Christ is with us here

Refrain

In this bread there is healing In this cup is life for ever In this moment, by the Spirit Christ is with us here

Here is grace, here is peace Christ is with us, he is with us Know his grace, find his peace Feast on Jesus here

Refrain

Here we are, joined in One Christ is with us, he is with us We'll proclaim till He comes Jesus crucified

Refrain

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING BLESSING

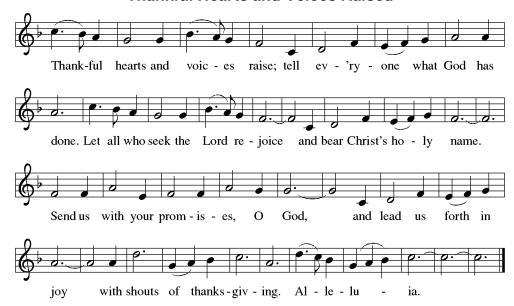
P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, \pm be upon us now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG ELW 206

Sung 2 or 3 times

"Thankful Hearts and Voices Raised"



DISMISSAL

A: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Cathy Miller, piano

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Beethoven Arr. by Joel Raney

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Assisting Minister: Kim Cameron Levon Solakian

Song Leader: Melanie Ronning

Sacristan: Clay Steely Boehlke <u>ASL Interpreter</u>:

Lector: Benji Mara Bassani-Santamaria

Acolyte: Dan Smith

Greeters: Mike C., Benji & Clay Breaking Bread:

Ushers: Benji & Erwin Benji & Clay

July 4 ATTENDANCE: 43

YTD OFFERINGS THROUGH July 4:

Offering: Budgeted: \$ 77,636 Actual: \$ 75,617 Difference: (\$2,019)

PRAYER LIST: Nancy, Novi Rae, Jimmy, Dominick, Ginger, Ann, Nilsa, Robert, Danae, Audrey, Mike, Charlotte, Tom, Peggy, Dave, Karl, George, Myrna, Krystal, Davon, Eleni, Sink, Robert, Lis, and Sakki.

PREPARING FOR SUNDAY: Jeremiah 23:1-6, Ephesians 2:11-22, Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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St. Matthew's Lutheran Church celebrates God's grace through Christ, embraces diversity, and empowers people to discover and develop their spiritual gifts to serve as agents of healing and change.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE DATE!! ST. MATT'S 90TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WEEKEND: NOVEMBER 13/14! MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. DETAILS TO COME!

RACIAL EQUITY GROUP ART PROJECT NEEDS YOUR INPUT

We need your input! The Racial Equity Group is looking into introducing new art in the sanctuary to better reflect the body of Christ and help ensure all feel welcome at St. Matt's. Share your thoughts and suggestions on this 5-question anonymous survey. stmatthewsnoho.org/art. We especially appreciate feedback from members from groups traditionally underrepresented in Lutheran churches. QU? See Sharyl Corrado sharyl.corrado@pepperdine.edu

CURRENT COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS/POLICIES

Current COVID-19 infections remain low but are again rising in LA County. In addition, due to the spread of the Delta variant, the LA County Department of Health has a new recommendation for people gathering indoors with others outside their household. All persons whether vaccinated or unvaccinated are encouraged to wear masks when gathering indoors in public spaces. For that reason, St. Matt's is encouraging all people gathering for worship to wear masks except when actively eating or communing. Worship leaders who are fully vaccinated may choose to unmask while actively leading. We will be regularly evaluating any new guidelines and statistics and will make any changes to our mask policies as needed to keep us safe.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ROBERT DILLEY JULY 17th @ 3pm

Beloved long-time member Robert Dilley, who had moved north several years ago, passed away in 2020. Due to the pandemic, a memorial service was postponed until now. We will be holding a memorial service on Saturday, July 17, at 3pm.

CAN YOU HELP WITH BREAKING BREAD?

We are currently offering hospitality in the narthex before and after worship. Could you help? We need volunteers willing to sign up to do the following: purchase and bring a treat (i.e., muffins, a selection of cookies, danishes etc.), arrive early around 9:30am to set up table, coffee, water and pre-plate the treats; greet people who come to breaking bread; and clean up the hospitality around 12:15pm. Please text or email leon@stmatthewsnoho.org and tell him what day you are willing to serve. Thank you!

BE PART OF OUR WORSHIP TEAM!

In order to lead and live-stream our worship services we need volunteer song leaders, assistants and technical support to join Pr. Stephanie in leading worship, Cathy in providing musical offerings, and Leon and Clay Steely in coordinating the tech side of broadcasting. Sign up in the narthex or contact Pr. Stephanie by cell/text at 310.968.7038 or by email at stephanie@stmatthewsnoho.org, and let her know what role(s) you might be willing to play: assisting minister, singer/musician, reader, run slides on screen, assist with videotaping and sound.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE FOR JULY (please contact <u>leon@stmatthewsnoho.org</u> with any changes/substitutions or to fill a gap!) Updates in *ITALICS*.

	6/27	7/4	7/11	7/18	7/25
Preacher/Presider	Pr. Stephanie	Pr. David	Pr. Ralph	Pr.	Pr.
		Berkedal	Midtlyng	Stephanie	Stephanie
Pianist/Organist	Hee Jeong Kim	Hee Jeong	Cathy Miller	Cathy	Cathy Miller
				Miller	
AM	Khai N.	Todd	Kim	Dan	Melanie
Song Leader	Dan Smith	Todd	Melanie	SANDY	Margaret
Acolyte	Clayton	Peter	Dan	Ursula	Peter
Lector	Lis Miller	Denice	Benji	KIM	Beverly
Sacristan	Clayton	Peter	Clay Steely	Clayton	Peter
Greeter	Leon		Benji/Clay	SANDY/	Beverly
				DAVON	
Asst. Greeter	Mike C.	Mike C.	Mike C.	Mike C.	Mike C.
Usher	Erwin	Clayton	Benji	Lillian	Clay
Breaking Bread	Sandy/Beverly	Denic/Peter	Benji/Clay	Brandi B.	Beverly
ASL Interpreter	Mara	Норе	Mara	Норе	Mara
Camera	Spencer	Spencer	Raph	Spencer	Spencer
Switcher/AV Feed	Levon	Levon	Levon	Levon	Levon
PowerPoint	Leon/George	Leon/	Leon/	Leon/	Leon/

HAVE SOME TIME TO HELP WITH OUR DROP-IN PROGRAMS THIS SUMMER? **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

If you have time this summer, please consider helping out at our amazing drop-in programs for people experiencing homelessness. We could especially use some extra help on Fridays to help with our clothing distribution and meal service. Wondering what it is like? You can ask members like Erwin David, Don Rosenkjar, Lillian Parker, Art Figueroa and Melanie Ronning about how meaningful the work is. Contact Pr. Stephanie for info or to sign up: stephanie@stmatthewsnoho.org 310.968.7038.

PASTOR STEPHANIE ON VACATION JUNE 28-JULY 14

Pastor Stephanie will be on vacation from June 28 to July 14 with her family. She and Stephen will spend a couple of days in San Francisco where Stephen grew up, and where she will visit the San Francisco Theological Seminary that has a Center for Innovation in Ministry to explore how the incredible ministry of St. Matt's/NHHA might be shared with the wider church. They will then go on to Cape Cod for their annual family vacation with relatives and favorite activities like the annual fishing trip, hikes, beach visits, voracious library book reading and fresh seafood. You can follow their fun via FB and IG. Pr. Stephanie will be away Sunday, July 4 (Guest Preacher/Presider David Berkedal) and July 11 (Guest Preacher/Presider Pr. Ralph Midtlyng). For emergency pastoral care, please call/text Pr. Ralph Midtlyng: 818.675.2465.

WHAT'S HAPPENING @ ST. MATTHEW'S--NOHO

SUNDAY WORSHIP

St. Matt's In-person Worship Service and Live Stream

Sunday, July 11, at 10:30am

with ASL Interpretation. Live Streamed on our Facebook page: @stmatthewsnoho or website Remember to "Check In" by making a comment like "Benji and Clay are watching!"

Submit prayer requests in the comments.

BREAKING BREAD—MODEST REFRESHMENTS IN PERSON AND MEETING VIRTUALLY!

For persons who are worshipping in-person on Sundays, you are invited to enjoy some modest refreshments of coffee, lemonade and cookies served in the narthex immediately after worship. For those who are NOT attending in person, we will still offer virtual breaking bread and "zoom you in" to the fellowship time with our church iPad.

Follow the Zoom link here to join your beloved fellow St.Matt's peeps:Join Zoom Meeting https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89009840641?pwd=bE1VUnB4TFFuSUo4REcrRHRYMzZPQT09

Meeting ID: 890 0984 0641

Password: 659639

NOTE: ADULT FORUM WILL BE ON BREAK JULY 4 AND 11. RESUMES JULY 18. ADULT FORUM MEETS TODAY AT NOON, IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY

Our adult forum continues this Sunday at noon both in-person and virtually on Zoom. We will look at the history of the compilation of Bible. Join any time. To participate on-line, find the Zoom link at: stmatthewsnoho.org/adultforum

BOOK CLUB CONTINUES! Next Meeting: July 11 @ 1pm on Zoom, led by Lis Miller

For July, we're reading Winesburg, Ohio by Sherwood Anderson.

I look forward to seeing you on July 11. Link: stmatthewsnoho.org/bookclublink

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Meeting ID: 852 0042 6624 Passcode: YAYBOOKS

BAG LUNCH MAKING NOW 3rd Saturday, July 17, 9-10am

We resume our long-standing and fun ministry of making PBJ sandwiches and bag lunches that we distribute at our drop-in NEXT SATURDAY, March 20. Please note we have moved this event to the 3rd SATURDAY (no longer the 1st). This allows us to piggyback our new monthly "NoHo Free Market" food distribution onto our bag lunch making for a full morning of volunteering and community service. Please let Leon know that you are coming to make lunches! leon@stmatthewsnoho.org.

NOHO FREE MARKET is Saturday, July 17, 11am-1pm!

Free fresh fruits and vegetables every third Saturday, 11am-1pm on our terrace. Volunteers needed 9:30am-1pm. Email Pr. Stephanie: stephanie@stmatthewsnoho.org

Save the date!

BLESSING OF ST. MATT'S MEMORIAL WALL

July 25 – during service

On July 25 we will be adding crosses to our wall and blessing new crosses for David James, Sue Arasmith, Madalyn Minch, David Matlock, Dan Wescott and Diana Dellamarie. If you would like to sponsor a cross for a St. Matt's member who has passed away and have it blessed on July 25, please contact leon@stmatthewsnoho.org by July 6. Please give us the first and last name and the year of death so we can order the name plaque.