

# 11<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Service of Worship with Holy Communion

Aug 8, 2021

## CURRENT COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS/POLICIES

Due to a rapid increase in Covid-19 infections in LA County, largely due to the Delta Variant, LA County Department of Health has issued a new mask mandate: all persons whether vaccinated or not are required to wear masks when gathering indoors with people outside their household. St. Matthew's follows LA County guidelines. **All persons gathering indoors for worship and ministry, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, are required to wear masks except when actively eating, communing, or interpreting. Worship leaders who are fully vaccinated may choose to unmask while actively leading.** We will be regularly evaluating any new guidelines and statistics and may make changes to how we worship (indoors/outdoors) to keep us safe.

## GATHERING

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

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### PRELUDE

Cathy Miller, organ

### **Jesus Loves Me**

by W. Bradbury arr. by W Phemeister

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*The assembly stands. 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, full of compassion and mercy, abounding in steadfast love.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting God's promise of forgiveness, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

P: Eternal God our creator,

**C: in you we live and move and have our being. Look upon us, your children, the work of your hands. Forgive us all our offenses, and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires. By your grace draw us near to you, our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P: Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit given to us.

In the mercy of almighty God, Christ died for us while we still were sinners; and for his sake, God † forgives us all our sins. **C: Amen.**

**GATHERING SONG**

**ELW 487, vs. 1+3**

*What Feast of Love*



1 What feast of love is of - fered here, what ban-quet come from heav - en?  
2 What light of truth is of - fered here, what cov - e - nant from heav - en?  
3 What wine of love is of - fered here, what crim-son drink from heav - en?



What food of ev - er - last-ing life, what gra - cious gift is giv - en?  
What hope of ev - er - last-ing life, what won-drous word is giv - en?  
What stream of ev - er - last-ing life, what pre - cious blood is giv - en?



This, this is Christ the king, the bread come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sun come down from heav - en.  
This, this is Christ the king, the sweet - est wine of heav - en.



Oh, taste and see and sing! How sweet the man - na giv - en!  
Oh, see and hear and sing! The Word of God is giv - en!  
Oh, taste and see and sing! The Son of God is giv - en!

**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 841, vs. 1**

*Lift Every Voice and Sing*

1 Lift ev'ry voice and sing till earth and heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty.  
Let our rejoicing rise high as the list'ning skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that,

strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

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### **FIRST READING**

**1 Kings 19:4-8**

<sup>4</sup>[Elijah] went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors."<sup>5</sup> Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat."<sup>6</sup> He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again.<sup>7</sup> The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you."<sup>8</sup> He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

L: Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **SECOND READING**

**Ephesians 4:25--5:2**

<sup>25</sup>So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. <sup>26</sup>Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and do not make room for the devil. <sup>28</sup>Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. <sup>29</sup>Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. <sup>30</sup>And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, <sup>32</sup>and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, <sup>2</sup>and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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 171**

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah***

*Song leader sings once, then assembly sings once.*

1\* 2 3

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan; he - le, he - le - lu - yan.  
Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah; hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

**GOSPEL READING**

**John 6:35, 41-51**

P: The holy gospel according to John, the 6<sup>TH</sup> Chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>35</sup>Jesus said to [the crowd,] “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. <sup>41</sup>Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” <sup>42</sup>They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” <sup>43</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. <sup>44</sup>No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. <sup>45</sup>It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. <sup>46</sup>Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. <sup>47</sup>Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. <sup>48</sup>I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. <sup>50</sup>This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. <sup>51</sup>I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

P: The gospel of Jesus Christ.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

*Pr. Stephanie Jaeger*

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

**ELW 292**

*Love Has Come*



1 Love has come— a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der. Love is God now a -  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;  
 sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;  
 last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to  
 what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the  
 Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 name she whis - pers; Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.  
 gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

**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 MUSIC**

*Melanie Ronning and Dave Olsen, duet  
 Cathy Miller, piano*

***Behold the Host Arrayed in White***  
 Norwegian trad.

**ELW 452**

1. Behold the host arrayed in white  
 like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,  
 that stands with palms and sings its psalms  
 before the throne of light!  
 These are the saints who kept God's word;  
 they are the honored of the Lord.  
 He is their prince who drowned their sins,

so they were cleansed, restored.  
They now serve God both day and night;  
they sing their songs in endless light.  
Their anthems ring when they all sing  
with angels shining bright.

3 O blessed saints, now take your rest;  
a thousand times shall you be blest  
for keeping faith firm unto death  
and scorning worldly trust.  
For now you live at home with God  
and harvest seeds once cast abroad  
in tears and sighs. See with new eyes  
the pattern in the seed.  
The myriad angels raise their song.  
O saints, sing with that happy throng;  
lift up one voice; let heav'n rejoice  
in our redeemer's song!

**OFFERTORY HYMN**

**ELW 692**

***We Are an Offering***

We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
 of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
 lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
 all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
 We lift our voic-es, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you:  
 we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

## 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**

## MEAL

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

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## GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.**

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:

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra-zón te a - do - ra.  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra-zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to e-res Se - ñor.  
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

*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:

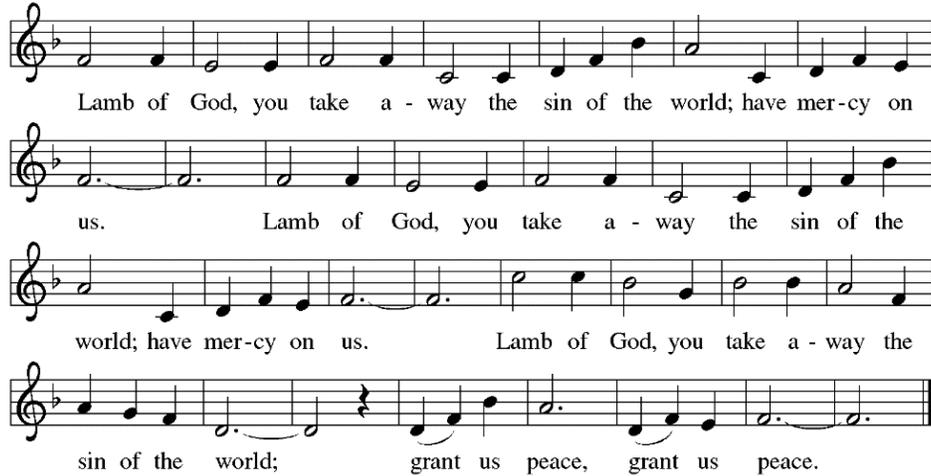
**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

P: Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.

## Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

TBD

ELW

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Jesus Christ, host of this meal, you have given us not only this bread and cup, but your very self, that we may feast on your great love. Filled again by these signs of your grace, may we hunger for your reign of justice, may we thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord forevermore.

**C: Amen.**

### ***SENDING***

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

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### SENDING BLESSING

P: May God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine, grant you the gifts of faith and hope. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

Sung 2 or 3 times

**Thankful Hearts and Voices Raised**

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom-is - es, O God, and lead us forth in

joy with shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**DISMISSAL**

A: Go in peace. The Spirit sends us forth to serve.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

*Cathy Miller, piano*

**Gavotte in G Major**

by J.S. Bach

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Preacher: Pr. Stephanie Jaeger  
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Sharyl Corrado

**YTD OFFERINGS THROUGH Aug 1:**

**Aug 1 ATTENDANCE: 21**

Offering: Budgeted: \$ 86,262                      Actual: \$ 86,606                      Difference: \$344

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**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, the People of South Africa, the Wilkins Family, and the Friends and Family of Sakkie.

**PREPARING FOR SUNDAY:** Proverbs 9:1-6, Ephesians 5:15-20, John 6:51-58.

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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 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION WEEKEND: NOVEMBER 13/14!  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW. DETAILS TO COME!**

**STARTS THIS WEEK: Lunchtime Prayer Break, 4 Tuesdays in August STARTING AUGUST 10, 12:30-1pm (on Zoom)**

Join Pr. Stephanie at 12:30pm-1pm on 4 Tuesdays in August for a half-hour prayer break. STARTING AUGUST 10. We will gather on Zoom, check-in about various prayer needs we are aware of, and pray together. Zoom link: [stmatthewsnoho.org/prayerbreak](https://stmatthewsnoho.org/prayerbreak)

**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](https://stmatthewsnoho.org/art). We especially appreciate feedback from members from groups traditionally underrepresented in Lutheran churches. QU? See Sharyl Corrado [sharyl.corrado@pepperdine.edu](mailto:sharyl.corrado@pepperdine.edu)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**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](mailto:stephanie@stmatthewsnoho.org) 310.968.7038.

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

**SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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

**Sunday, Aug. 8, 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

### **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 continue to look at early Christian texts that were excluded from the Bible. Join any time. To participate on-line, find the Zoom link at:

[stmatthewsnoho.org/adultforum](http://stmatthewsnoho.org/adultforum)

### **BAG LUNCH MAKING NOW 3rd Saturday, Aug 21, 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](mailto:leon@stmatthewsnoho.org).

### **NOHO FREE MARKET is Saturday, Aug 21, 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](mailto:stephanie@stmatthewsnoho.org)

### **BOOK CLUB POSTPONED! *Please watch this space for updates.***

I look forward to seeing you on July 18. Link: [stmatthewsnoho.org/bookclublink](http://stmatthewsnoho.org/bookclublink)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85200426624?pwd=OXF1TnYzdTBVNldSY1hhdEp4K2lndz09>

Meeting ID: 852 0042 6624. Passcode: YAYBOOKS

### **BLESSING OF ST. MATT'S MEMORIAL WALL**

Next date: September 26

If you would like to sponsor a cross for a St. Matt's member who has passed away please contact [leon@stmatthewsnoho.org](mailto:leon@stmatthewsnoho.org) for information about adding a cross to our Memory Wall. Please give us the first and last name and the year of death so we can order the name plaque.