

St Paul's and St. Matthias Lutheran Churches
Service of the Word
June 13, 2021

P: Pastor **V:** Vicar **C:** Congregation **VC:** Voice of Congregation **WA:** Worship Asst.
Roomers: Those gathered in the sanctuary. **Zoomers:** Those gathered virtually in the sanctuary.

WELCOME – (Linda Toth)

PRELUDE “Scherzo” by Chopin *(Played by Dr. Will Goetze)*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *VC: Roomers*

(The Roomers Stand)

V: Blessed be the holy Trinity,

✠ one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Amen.

V: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

VC: To you, O God, All hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior.

VC: Amen.

V: By water and the Holy Spirit God gives us a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of ✠ Jesus Christ, God forgives us all our sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen us in all goodness and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

GATHERING

HYMN “I Know That My Redeemer Lives” ELW #619 *(Played by Fremont Ogle)*

1. I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!
2. He lives triumphant from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

3. He lives to grant me rich supply;
he lives to guide me with his eye;
he lives to comfort me when faint;
he lives to hear my soul's complaint.
4. He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.
5. He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.
6. He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
he lives, my prophet, priest, and king!
7. He lives and grants me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.
8. He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

GREETING VC: Roomers

V: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love
of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

VC: And also with you.

SONG OF PRAISE "Glory Be To God" ELW pg. 204 (*Played by Dr. Will Goetze*)



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra-cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

(The Roomers are seated.)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (WA: *Read by Donna McClure*)

WA: Let us pray. O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

WA: Amen

WORD

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24 (WA: *Read by Loretta Brockmeier*)
(VC: *Read by Judy Wylde*)

WA: A reading from the book of Ezekiel the seventeenth chapter.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may roduce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken; I will accomplish it.

WA: The Word of the Lord.

VC: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia, Lord and Savior” ELW p. 205
(Played by Fremont Ogle)



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL READING: Mark 4:26-34 (WA: *Read by Judy Wylde*)
(VC: *Read by Loretta Brockmeier*)

WA: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the fourth chapter.

VC: Glory to you, O Lord.

WA:²⁶Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how.

²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

³⁰He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

WA: The Gospel of the Lord.

VC: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Vicar Jennifer Grumbling

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: “Nicene Creed” (VC: *Read by Matthew Brockmeier*)

(The roomers stand)

VC: With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the
scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the
world to come. Amen.**

(The roomers are seated)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Provided by Sundays and Seasons)*

(WA: Read by Carol Dunn) (VC: Read by LaDelle Daly)

Invitation to Prayer

WA: Let us come before the triune God in prayer.

Prayer

WA: Holy God, you plant the seeds of faith in every nation. Enliven your church, so that the good news of your grace may root and grow throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

VC: hear our prayer.

WA: Creator, even the trees, shrubs, and flowers delight in your goodness. From the depths of the soil to the highest mountain, bring forth new plants. Restore growth to places suffering drought.

Lord, in your mercy,

VC: hear our prayer.

WA: Judge of nations, we pray for our leaders and those in power. Grant them the ability to regard those under their charge with humility, dedicating their lives in service to others. Lord, in your mercy,

VC: hear our prayer.

WA: Divine comforter, you show compassion to those in need and provide relief to those who call on you. Bless all who suffer, especially people trapped in cycles of poverty and homelessness.

Lord, in your mercy,

VC: hear our prayer.

WA: Sovereign God, this house of worship belongs to you. We give thanks and pray for our church musicians. We dedicate to you the joyful noise that comes from this place; the melody of voice and instruments, and the songs from our hearts. Lord, in your mercy,

VC: hear our prayer.

WA: Eternal God, we give thanks for our ancestors in the faith who are now at home with you and we pray for those in need of healing and comfort especially Herb and Teresa (*Schaepering*), Mary (*Cramer*), Lou (*Saugstad*), Charles and Audry (*Klien*), Michael (*Perron*) and sons, Charlie and Barbara (*Christ*), Barbara Ann (*Shepherd*), James (*Glass*), Emmy (*Volenberg*), Karen (*Braaksma*), Sharon (*Matusiak*), John (*Gannon*), Pastor Dale (*Erickson*), Leilani (*Gabriele*), John (*Toth*), Arthur (*Goetze*), Dolores (*Foley*), Linda (*Johnson*), Marcia (*Engler*) and we ask also for the following whom we name aloud or in our hearts:

(Prayer leaders will pause and you are invited to unmute your mic and offer prayers.)

WA: Lord, in your mercy,

VC: hear our prayer.

WA: We lift our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your abiding grace.

VC: Amen.

GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

OFFERING INVITATION

V: All that we have belongs to God. As we celebrate our unity as a community of faith and focus our hearts on the risen Christ, we joyfully give our offerings to the Lord. Our Offerings are an act of worship. Let us prayerfully consider our offerings.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Give Me Jesus” ELW #770 (*Played by Fremont Ogle*)

OFFERING

Offerings may be given by placing your gift in the plate located in the center aisle, by mail to St. Matthias, at P.O. Box 1685 Safety Harbor, FL 34695, by mail or online to St. Paul’s at 407 S. Saturn Ave. Clearwater, FL 33755 or www.stpaulsclearwater.org

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD (VC: *Roomers*)

(The Roomers stand.)

V: Glory to you, O God, for your creative Word:
making and mending all things,
evoking the cosmic hymn of praise,
and singing a love-song for your beloved:
your vineyard, your flock, your people.
With all creation we sing, Glory!

VC: Glory!

V: Blessed are you for your liberating Word:
speaking through Moses and the prophets,
encountered in the Gospels,
and proclaimed in the assembly:
your freedom, forgiveness, and life for the world.
With the whole world we say, Blessing!

VC: Blessing!

V: Holy are you, O God, for your living Word:
among us wherever we gather,
welcoming everyone to your feast,
and, with grace and generosity,
bringing to earth the kingdom of heaven.
With saints and angels, we cry, Holy!

VC: Holy!

V: Clothe us in your loving Spirit,
flowing from the Crucified and Risen One,
and keep us awake to your presence
in the people and places you call us to serve.
Glory, praise, and blessing are yours, Holy God,
now and forever.

VC: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (VC: *Chad Mowbray*)

VC: Let us pray,

**VC: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
*Bell***

**Give us this day our daily bread;
*Bell***

**and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
*Bell***

**and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
*Bell***

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.
*Bell***

BLESSING

V: May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,

Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you now and forever.

V: Amen.

SENDING

SENDING HYMN "Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing" ELW #545
(*Played by Dr. Will Goetze*)

1. Lord, dismiss us with your blessing,
fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing,
triumph in redeeming grace.
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us,
trav'ling through this wilderness.

2. Thanks we give and adoration
for your gospel's joyful sound.
May the fruits of your salvation
in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful
to your truth may we be found.

3. Savior, when your love shall call us
from our struggling pilgrim way,
let no fear of death appall us,
glad your summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever
reign with you in endless day.

DISMISSAL (Congregation unmutes and responds with words in bold.)

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

C: Thanks be to God.

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