

***Welcome, visitors! Welcome members and friends of St. Matthew Ev. Lutheran Church.
Thank you for joining us in church and on our online service today.***

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026

WOV – SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER pg. 46

Prelude – “Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service” – setting, M. Burkhart

WELCOME

(Please rise)

GATHERING HYMN – ELW 641 ALL ARE WELCOME

(Please be seated)



HOLY BAPTISM – ELW pg. 227

Today we are baptizing Elouise Irene Ziegeler, born on January 20, 2026.

She is the daughter of Caitlin Kirkwood & Brandon Ziegeler. Sponsors are Mike & Chelsea Lovegrove. Grandparents are Brad & Candy Kirkwood and James Ziegeler.

Family & sponsors please come forward.

Sponsors – We present Elouise Irene Ziegeler for baptism.

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Elouise baptized into Christ?

Parents Response: We do.

As you bring Elouise to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Elouise grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents & Sponsors Response: We do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Elouise in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response - We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Elouise and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

Response - We do.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

(Parents, Sponsors & Congregation)

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?

Response - I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

Response - I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response - 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, 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.

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.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

BAPTISM

Elouise Irene Ziegeler, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughter new birth, cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life. Sustain Elouise with 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.**

Elouise Irene Ziegeler, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. 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.

(Please rise)

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Cong – And also with you.

DIALOG – pg. 46

You are the treasured people of the Lord.

Cong – a people holy to the Lord our God.

Keep the words of the Lord in your heart; teach them to your children.

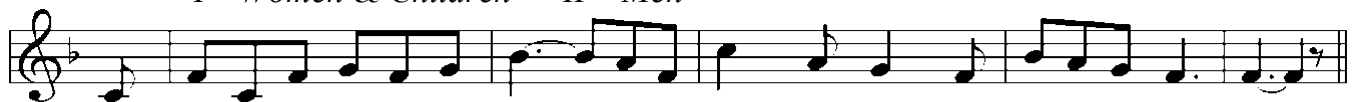
Cong – talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

One does not live by bread alone,

Cong – but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

SCRIPTURE SONG – pg. 47

I – Women & Children II – Men



Sal-va-tion be-ongs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



Great and won-der-ful are your deeds, O God of the u-ni-verse;



just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na-tions.



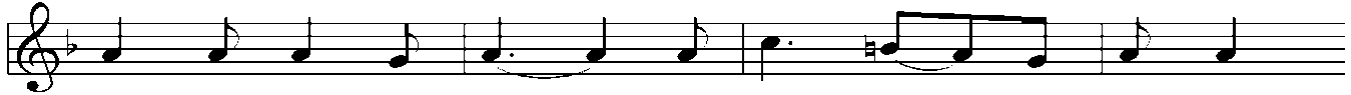
Who can fail to hon-or you, Lord, and sing the glo-ry of your name?



Sal-va-tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All



na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,



for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.



Sal-va-tion be- longs to our God and to Christ the Lamb for-ev-er and ev - er.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

Cong – And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Cong – Amen.

(Please be seated)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Rebecca Reagan, Worship Assistant

The prophet calls upon Israel to do justice in view of God's imminent intervention to save.

Righteousness and obedience define who belongs to the Israelite community—not race, nationality, or any other category.

¹Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. ⁶And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant—⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. ⁸Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 67

Let all the peoples praise you, O God. (Ps. 67:3)

(The Psalm will be read alternatively, beginning with Leader)

- ¹May God be merciful to | us and bless us;
may the light of God's face | shine upon us.
- ²**Let your way be known | upon earth,**
your saving health a- | mong all nations.
- ³Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁴**Let the nations be glad and | sing for joy,**
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the na- | tions on earth.
- ⁵Let the peoples praise | you, O God;
let all the | peoples praise you.
- ⁶**The earth has brought | forth its increase;**
God, our own | God, has blessed us.
- ⁷May God | give us blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth | stand in awe.

SECOND READING: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Rebecca Reagan, Worship Assistant

God has not rejected Israel. Rather, the call and gifts of God are irrevocable so that, while all have been disobedient, God has mercy upon all.

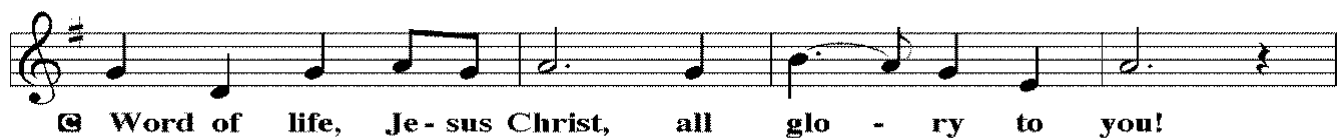
[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

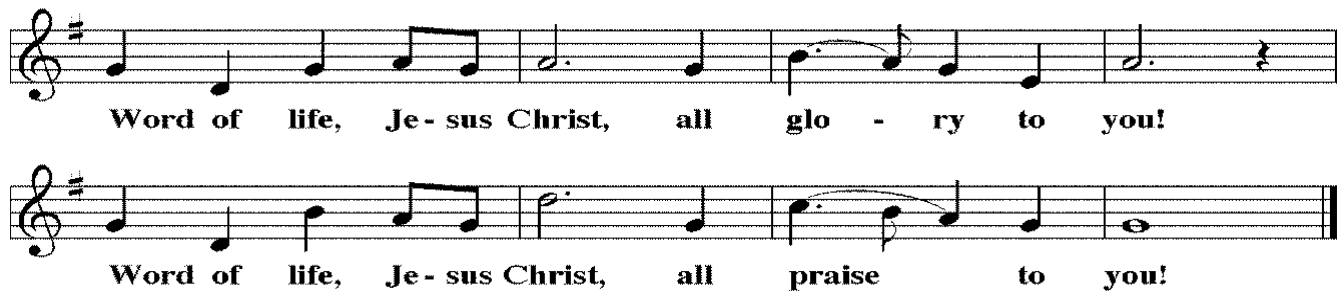
Leader – The Word of the Lord.

Cong – **Thanks be to God.**

(Please rise)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – pg. 48





Pastor – The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 15th chapter.

Cong – Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Matthew 15:[10-20] 21-28

Pastor Kelly Reagan

Jesus teaches his disciples that true purity is a matter of the heart rather than outward religious observances. Almost immediately, this teaching is tested when a woman considered to be a religious outsider approaches him for help.

[¹⁰[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: ¹¹it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." ¹²Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" ¹³He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." ¹⁵But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." ¹⁶Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. ¹⁹For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile." ²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor – The Gospel of the Lord.

Cong – Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Kelly Reagan

(Please rise)

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 716 LORD OF ALL NATIONS, GRANT ME GRACE

RESPONSE TO THE WORD – pg. 49

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

Cong – We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit. (Eph. 1:13-14)

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith;

Cong – Pray in the Holy Spirit.

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

Cong – Look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

Cong – Everything old has passed away; Behold, everything has become new!

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation. Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another. Gracious God,

Cong – Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all our sins.

Cong – Amen.

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, agree with one another, live in peace. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Cong – And also with you.

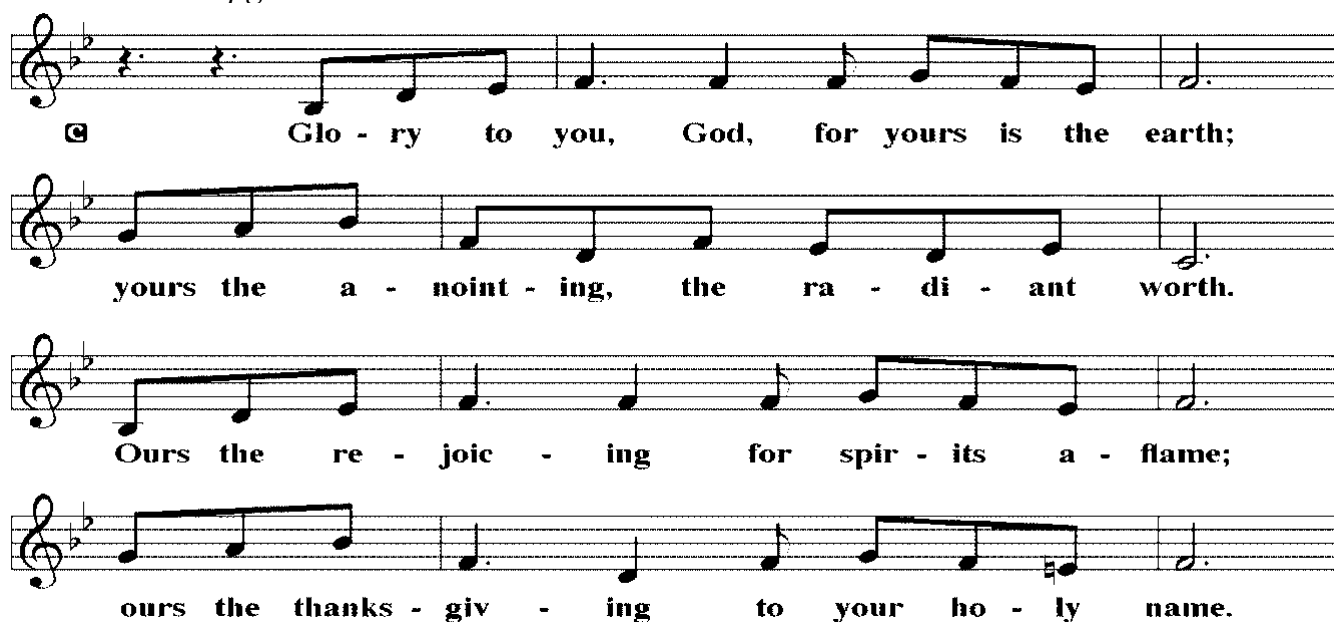
PEACE

(Please be seated)

OFFERING – “Lord Of All Nations” – K. Sadowki

(Please rise)

OFFERTORY – pg. 50-51

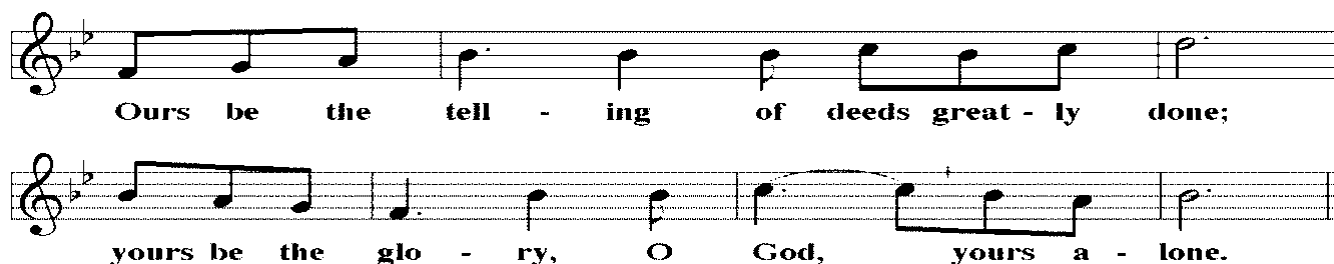


Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



OFFERTORY PRAYER – pg. 51

Let us pray. God, our Creator,

Cong – you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS

Pastor – Merciful God,

Cong – receive our prayer.

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Cong - Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, +Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Cong – Amen.

SENDING HYMN – ELW 712 LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

(Please be seated)

Postlude

Pastor - Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Cong - Thanks be to God.

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All Are Welcome

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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:



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

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: Marty Haugen

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TWO OAKS

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Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren,
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy



peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
 strong op - press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
 be, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Text: Olive Wise Spannaus, b. 1916, alt.

Music: Šamotulský Kancionál, 1561

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BEATUS VIR

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1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man need,
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread;
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing light
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we go,

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
 still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
 in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up - on our quick - ened sight,
 to the child, the youth, the a - ged, love in liv - ing deeds to show;

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart;
 As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
 mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear,
 hope and health, good - will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift which you im - part.
 by your Spir - it send your pow - er to our world to make it whole.
 stir - ring us to ar - dent ser - vice, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 that your ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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BEACH SPRING

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