

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

8:30 & 11:00 Services

**Worship Notes:** All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

**This weekend** commemorates the life and ministry of Martin Luther King Jr., who called his nation to a new vision of justice.

## *Gathering*

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ann Williams

Call to Worship

**#643 We Are All One in Christ**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Hymn

## #314 Arise, Your Light Has Come

## Litany for the Second Sunday after the Epiphany

You speak to us in many ways, O Lord.

**Help us to listen to you always.**

Almighty God, give us the ears of Samuel,

**“Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening,”**

Give us the eagerness of Philip,

**“We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote,”**

Give us the willing faith of Nathanael,

**“Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!”**

In all the ways in which messages are conveyed to us,

**may your words be heard both loud and clear.**

## Hymn of Praise

## Arise and Shine

Refrain

A - rise and shine! Your light\_ has come to all who dwell in dark-ness.

A - rise and shine, for in\_\_ our midst the light of Christ is with us.

1. We\_\_ who walked in dark of night, have seen a great light.  
2. Un - to us a child was born, a Son was\_\_ giv'n.

*to refrain*  
A star has shown our Lord was born; the dawn on this\_\_ new day.\_\_  
Bap-tized by John\_\_ now he reigns as migh - ty Prince of Peace.

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## Apostolic Greeting

Arise shine; for the Light has come!

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

### First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1-10

*At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the LORD comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

*Paul helps the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Gospel Acclamation

**Arise, Be Clothed in the Light**

A - rise, be clothed in the light. A - rise, be clothed in the light.

Your light has come, your light has come. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel

John 1:43-51

*In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."*

The holy gospel according to John, the 1<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon

Pastor Brent Halverson

*Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

**#574 Here I Am, Lord**

*(Prayer Cards, which can be found in the pew racks, will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*

*(8:30 Service)*

Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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.**

*(8:30 Service, Please Turn to Page 6)*

*(11:00 Service)*

*Service of Holy Baptism for Owen Tonner*

*Please follow along in your Hymnals on Page 227.*

*Please be seated.*

Presentation

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Profession of Faith

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? If so answer, I renounce them.

**I renounce them.**

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

**I renounce them.**

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

**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.**

*Please be seated.*

### 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 God 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

Baptismal Response

**#212 You Belong to Christ**

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

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia.

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Welcome

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.**

*(Both Services Continue Here)*

*Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.*

Prayers of Intercession

As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

...God of Grace,

**Receive our prayer.**

Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

Meal

Offering

*Humoresque "L'organo primitive"*  
– Pietro A. Yon [1886-1943]

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory Response

**#692 We Are an Offering**

Offertory Prayer

Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

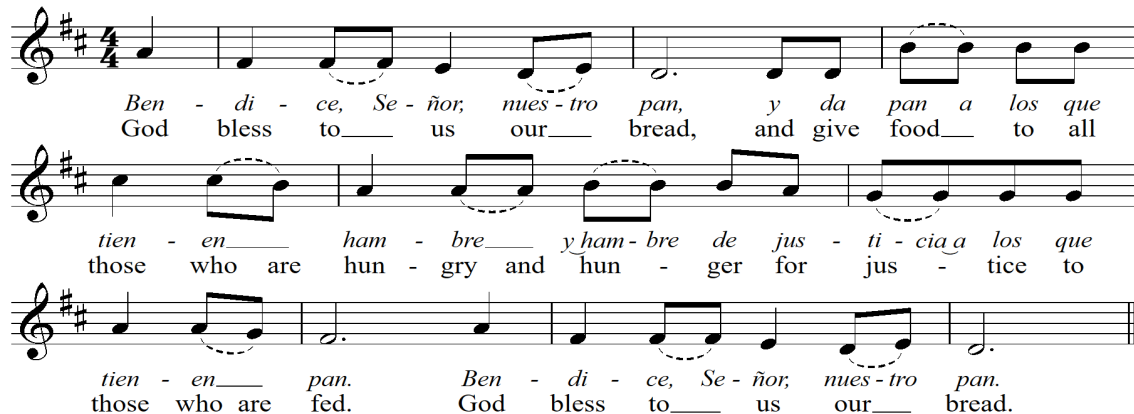
At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one.

**There is a place and enough for all.**

*Please be seated.*

## Call to Communion

## God Bless to Us Our Bread



Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor; nues - tro pan, y da pan a los que  
God bless to us our bread, and give food to all

tien - en ham - bre y ham - bre de jus - ti - cia a los que  
those who are hun - gry and hun - ger for jus - tice to

tien - en pan. Ben - di - ce, Se - ñor; nues - tro pan.  
those who are fed. God bless to us our bread.

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## Communion Hymn

## #523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet */Canto de entrada*

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.

**Amen.**

### Prayer After Communion

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

**Amen.**



## Sending

In honor and recognition of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Renewer of society, martyr, died 1968

*An American prophet of justice among races and nations, King was an eloquent preacher, a leader of the nonviolent resistance to race-segregated society, and recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964. Born on this date, he was assassinated on April 4, 1968.*

As the Book of Proverbs says, "To do what is right and just is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice."

**Help us, O Lord, to do what is right and just by treating others the way that we would want to be treated and to respect the people around us and show your love to everyone**

As the Book of Proverbs says, "There is deceit in the hearts of those who plot evil, but joy for those who promote peace."

**Help us, O Lord, to be promoters of peace in our neighborhoods and communities bringing unity to all instead of division.**

As the Book of Proverbs says, "Do not forsake your friend and the friend of your father or mother."

**Help us, O Lord, to never forsake anyone because of race, creed, or color, just as you have never forsaken us.**

Sending Song

**#773 Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

Benediction for the Epiphany Season

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in our hearts, transform our lives, and brighten the world.

**May God, who lightens our paths, accompany us on our journey this day and always.**

Since we have been called to participate in God's ministry, let us offer ourselves to God and to the world. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever.

**Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

## Scripture for Baptism of Our Lord – January 14, 2024

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading -- 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

<sup>2</sup> At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; <sup>3</sup> the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. <sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. <sup>6</sup> The Lord called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. <sup>8</sup> The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. <sup>10</sup> Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.'

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading -- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

<sup>12</sup> 'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup> 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised

the Lord and will also raise us by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' <sup>17</sup> But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

### Gospel Reading -- John 1:43-51

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, 'Follow me.' <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.' <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, 'Can anything good come out of Nazareth?' Philip said to him, 'Come and see.' <sup>47</sup> When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, 'Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!' <sup>48</sup> Nathanael asked him, 'Where did you come to know me?' Jesus answered, 'I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.' <sup>49</sup> Nathanael replied, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!' <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered, 'Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.' <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, 'Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.'