

**St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
1615 N. Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services**

*All Saints' Day*

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

(11:00) Call to Worship

Campana Sonos - Godsbells

***Gathering***

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

**P** O God, our merciful redeemer,

**C** **We confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**L** In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for † Christ's sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God.

**C** **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving for the Saints

*As we begin our time of worship giving thanks for the lives of the saints who have impacted our lives and faiths, we invite you to light your candle, dipping unlit tapers into lit flames. Pass your flame down the row as we join in giving thanks.*

☐ Let us pray. O God, of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those, who in generations past have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. We pray that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, family, friends, and loved ones, we also thank God for others whose names we never knew or whose names have been forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

☑ **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

### All Saints Video

***When prompted, the congregation is invited to speak aloud the names of those we carry in our memories and hearts. This becomes a spoken great cloud of witnesses with the names of those we remember from our congregation who have died since last All Saints' Day.***

☐ Holy God, we thank you for these saints, and all the saints who come to our mind, as we honor these ancestors in faith and members of our Godly Family. We lift up to you those newly baptized in faith, whom you have claimed as saints with the light of your loving grace. Encourage us through grief and sorrow, through the struggle and pain, and bring us with all your saints to the river of life.

☑ **As we seek to do your will, guide us. As we desire to serve you, strengthen us. As we long to know you clearly, teach us. And in time, bring us to our eternal home of peace and joy. Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

### Gathering Song

### ELW #422 For All the Saints

### Apostolic Greeting

### Prayer of the Day

☐ Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

(11:00) *(Please be seated)*

(11:00) Anthem

*Praise the Lord*, New Creation Choir

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord with songs of gladness. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, come, lift up your voice and sing.

1. Sing praise to the one who made the earth and sky and sea. Give thanks for the wondrous things God gave you and me: meadows and mountains and gently flowing streams, fields ripe for the harvest and glowing buds of spring. [Refrain]
2. Sing praise to the Lord above whose love has set us free. Give thanks for the faithful ones God gave you and me: friends and our fam'lies who guide us on our way, all saints now in heaven who we honor on the day. [Refrain]

## Word

*(Please be seated)*

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God's people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

**A** Word of God, Word of Life.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 24

*(From The Psalter)* A Hymn to Acclaim God's  
Sovereignty Over All Creation

**L** God owns this planet and all its riches.

**C** **The earth and every creature belong to God.**

**L** God set the land on top of the seas and anchored it in the deep.

**C** **Who is fit to climb God's mountain and stand in this holy place?**

**L** Whoever has integrity: not chasing shadows, not living lies.

**C** **God will bless them, their savior will bring justice.**

**L** These people long to see the LORD, they seek the face of Jacob's God.

**C** **Stretch toward heaven, you gates—open high and wide.**

**L** Let the glorious sovereign enter. Who is this splendid ruler?

**C** **The LORD of power and might, the conqueror of chaos.**

**L** Stretch toward heaven, you gates—open high and wide.

**C** **Let the glorious sovereign enter. Who is this splendid ruler?**

**L** The LORD of heaven's might.

**C** **This splendid ruler is God.**

## Epistle Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

- A** Word of God, Word of Life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Gospel Acclamation

**ELW page 142, Alleluia. Lord to Whom Shall We Go**

## Gospel

John 11:32-44

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

- P** The Gospel according to John, the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Gospel Response

- P** The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.
- C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

## Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Hymn of the Day

**Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In**

*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)*

1. **Oh, when the Saints Go Marching in, Oh, when the saints go marching in;  
O Lord I want to be in that number, when the saints go marching in.**
2. **Oh, when the Lord, in glory comes, Oh, when the Lord in glory comes;  
O Lord I want to be in that number, when the Lord, in glory comes;**
3. **Oh, when the new world is revealed, Oh, when the new world is revealed;  
O Lord I want to be in that number, when the new world is revealed;**
4. **Oh, when they gather 'round the throne, Oh, when they gather 'round the throne;  
O Lord I want to be in that number, when they gather 'round the throne.**

The Nicene Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

## Prayers of Intercession

- P** With the people of God, gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.
- P** ...We pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- P** Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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***Meal****(Please be seated)*

Offering

(8:30) *Gather at the River* by Susan LaBarr – Senior Choir*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offering Hymn

**ELW #182, Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

## Offertory Prayer

- A** Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

## Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

page 145 (Traditional Version)

Invitation to Communion

*(Please be seated)*

Communion Distribution

Lamb of God

**ELW page 146**

(8:30) Choral Anthem

*In the Singing* arr by John Helgen – Senior Choir

## Communion Hymns

**ELW #494 For the Bread Which You Have Broken**  
**ELW #636 How Small Our Span of Life**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Post-Communion Response

- P** May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's love and grace.
- C** **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

- A** Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

***Sending***

*(Please be seated)*

## Today's Highlights

*For more information on the church's activities, pick up the bulletin announcements from an usher or from our website, [www.stmattslutheran.org](http://www.stmattslutheran.org).*

## Temple Talk

Undie Sunday

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Benediction

- P** Now may the love of God surround you; the grace of ☩ Christ release you; and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength, now and forevermore.
- C** **Amen.**

## Dismissal

- P** Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

*It has been wonderful to have you share in the worship of our marvelous God.  
 It is our prayer that you have been strengthened and refreshed for the upcoming week.*