

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

January 1st, 2023

10:00 am Service

Christmas 1

Introduction for the Day: At the turn of the year we meditate on endings and beginnings, knowing that all the world's time begins and ends in God. We watch and keep vigil for the coming of God's justice.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

Joy to the World, the Lord has come!

Let earth receive her King.

All God's people

Come and worship!

Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels

Come and worship Christ, the newborn King!

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who sends the word with angels, who is made
flesh among all peoples, and who breathes peace on all the earth.

Amen.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

The glory of the Lord has shone upon us, in the face of Jesus Christ.

In his name let us make confession of our sins. For his sake let us seek forgiveness.

The Lord has come! Prepare to welcome him with the open arms of faith.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**We are not worthy to receive the gifts you give, for we have sinned. Let us welcome
him with the open arms of faith. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have
mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in
your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

I bring you good news of great joy for all people: God has come among us in the child born of Mary, Christ the Lord. In Christ your sins are forgiven and you are clothed in peace.

The glory of the Lord has shone upon us, in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering Hymn

#275 Angels, from the Realms of Glory

Opening Litany

As we enter into yet another year of our Lord,

may we be ready to be led by our Lord.

As we make decisions in the year to come,

may we be led by you, O Lord.

As we serve neighbors and strangers, our family and friends,

may we be led by you, O Lord.

As we choose what events and activities will fill up our calendars,

may we be led by you, O Lord.

As we experience everything that this year has to offer,

may we be led by you day by day, O Lord.

Apostolic Greeting

Good news of great joy, light and grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

In the Beginning Was the Word

Word

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

For everything there is a season.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6a

A new heaven and a new earth.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;
go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

Verse

Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born; and
God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn._____ *to Refrain*

Music: African American Spiritual. Tune: Go Tell It 78 76 76 76

Text: African American Spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr. 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:31-46

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#282 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)

Service of Holy Baptism for Piper Zellmer

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?

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

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.

Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.

Please stand as you are able.

Prayers of Intercession

Joining our voices with the heavenly host and Christians throughout time and space, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

...Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

At the birth of Christ the angels sang a song of peace and goodwill. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

And the Word was Made Flesh

Meal

Musical Offering

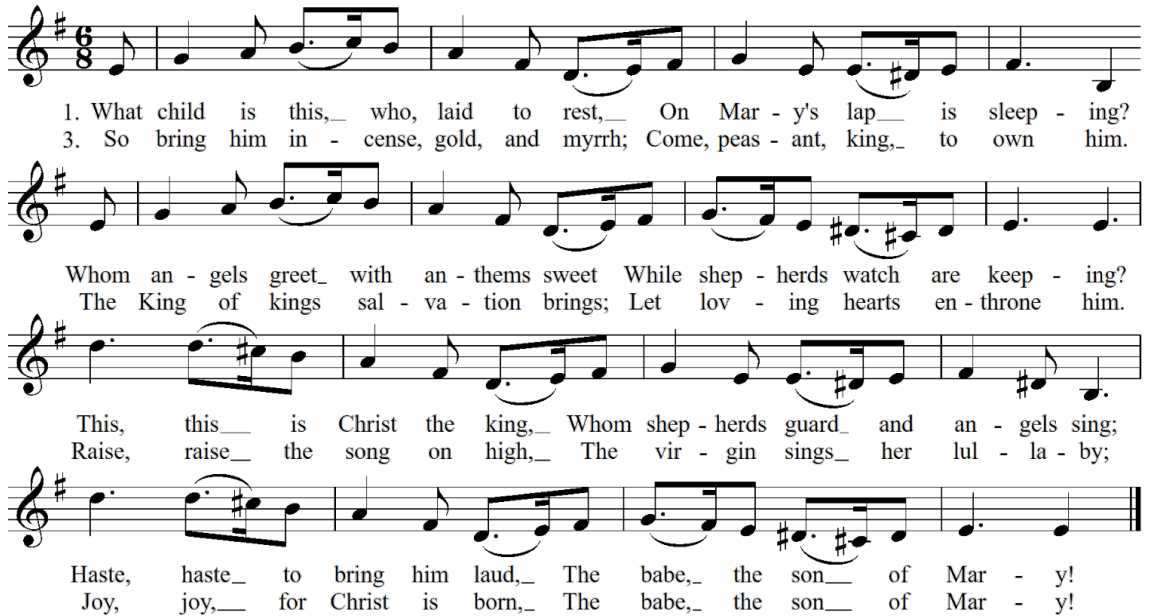
Shepherd's Pipe Carol by John Rutter

- Jan Johnson, Soloist

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Carol

What Child is This



1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
3. So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh; Come, peas - ant, king, to own him.

Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings; Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.

This, this is Christ the king, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing;
Raise, raise the song on high, The vir - gin sings her lul - la - by;

Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, The babe, the son of Mar - y!

Text: William C. Dix, 1837-1898. Music: English Ballad, 16th Century. Tune: Greensleeves, 87 87 68 67.

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered. Join our hearts with the song of the angels and gather us at your table of celebration. Strengthen us to share with all the world the abundance of your grace upon grace, poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

page 145 (Contemporary Version)

Invitation to Communion

In Christ's manger, at Christ's table,
come, see what God makes known for us.

Come with joy to the feast.

Please be seated.

Communion Carol

#284 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

Please stand as you are able.

Post-Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now just received,
 strengthen you and keep you in his love and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, wondrous God, for Jesus, God with us, in these gifts of bread and wine.
 As we have shared this feast of love, strengthen us to share your love with all the
 world. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen.

And Dwelt Among Us

Sending

New Year's Blessing

The world celebrates as we head into a new year.

**And we as Christians celebrate as we continue to become new in Christ day after
 day.**

A thousand ages in your sight, O Lord, are like an evening gone.

On this New Year we thank you for all you have blessed us with.

For all the blessings you continue to grant to us and to generations to come in the future
 years,

a thousand times we give you thanks and praise your name forevermore.

God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. May God grant you grace and peace at the dawn of this new year. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

God of the Ages

1. God of the a - ges, his - to - ry's Mak - er, plan-ning our
 2. Lord of past a - ges, Lord of this morn - ing, Lord of the
 path - way, hold-ing us fast, shap-ing in mer - cy all that con-
 fu - ture, help us, we pray: teach us to trust you, love and to
 cerns us: Ab - ba, we praise you, Lord of the past.
 serve you, crown you each mo - ment, Lord of to - day.

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Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!

Peace on God's people on earth!

Filled with the joy of Christ's birth, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Finale on "Auld Lang Syne"

by Eugene Thayer [1838-1889]

And of His Reign There Will Be No End!