

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

January 15th, 2023

8:30 am & 11:00 am Services

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

Worship Notes: In the waters of the Jordan, Jesus is revealed as the beloved Son of God. Through this great epiphany, Jesus fulfills all righteousness and becomes the servant of God who will bring forth justice and be a light to the nations. In the waters of baptism, we too are washed by the Word, anointed by the Spirit, and named God's beloved children. Our baptismal mission is to proclaim good news to all who are oppressed or in need of God's healing.

Season of Epiphany – Global/World Music

“Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you... Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.” (Isaiah 60:1, 3)

Epiphany is the time of the church year when we celebrate the revealing of Christ to the world.

During this season, we celebrate the arrival of the One who is the light of the world: a light that brings life, a light that brings hope. This light shines its brightest when we are in community—with God and with one another. During this time we explore Global/World music in worship; using Responses, Hymns Anthems that are based on a global theme.

Global Christian music is defined as any music found in the Christian Church worldwide.

Particularly, it specializes in cultural musics from the non-Western world. We hope you enjoy music and text from around the world that unifies all Christians together.

Prelude

Blue Sky and Wheatfields by Howard Goodall

This newly composed piano solo [released January 2023] by English composer Howard Goodall, 'Blue Sky and Wheatfields' takes its inspiration from a painting by Simon Fairless - a tribute to the people of Ukraine.

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Call to Worship

#643 We Are All One in Christ

This 20th Century hymn is from Latin America. Source of the text is unknown and has been adapted over the years with scripture references from John, 1 Corinthians, Galatians, and Ephesians.

Gathering

Please stand as you are able.

Confession & Forgiveness for the Second Sunday after Epiphany

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God: The eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

Amen.

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

You have searched and known us; you have shown us what is good. However, we have looked to other lights to find our way. We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation, in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, the Spirit poured out in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child. Your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours in the reign of heaven.

Amen.

Gathering Song

#674 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Doreen Potter lived in Jamaica during her childhood and adapted this lively Jamaican tune. She became friends with Fred Kaan, from The Netherlands, who wrote this text.

Epiphany Litany

People of God, today God has called us into the fellowship of his Son.

We are called to come and see what Christ is doing in the world.

God has called us to reach out to the sick and the poor, the lonely and forsaken.

We are called to bring comfort and strength to those in need.

Apostolic Greeting

Arise shine; for the Light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

We gather in the name in which we are baptized.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise

A New Way Has Opened – Gloria be to God

This Cuban song speaks of light coming into the world for justice and peace. The refrain offers us a version of the Gloria.

1. Un ca - mi - no se a-bre ha - cia la luz a - nun - cia vi - da y
 1. A new way has o-pened toward the light an-nounc- ing life and
 2. Vis - tas shine with har - mo - ny and faith, a - bun-dance ov - er

sue - ña li - ber - tad, ges - tan - do un tiem - po de jus - ti - cia y paz,
 dreams of li - ber - ty, and birth - ing times of jus - tice and of peace,
 flow-ing lies a - head sus - tained by strength in the com - mu - ni - ty.

1. un pue - blo u-ni - do ce - le - bran - do va. 1. Des - te - llos so - mos de tu luz.
 when God's own peo-ple feast in un - i - ty. 2. We are the spar-kles of your light.

¡Glo-ria en lo al - to a Dios y en la tie - rra vi - da nue - va y paz!
 Glo-ry be to God on high and on earth new life and last - ing peace!

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Prayer of the Day

Holy God, our strength and our redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Here the servant Israel speaks for herself and acknowledges herself as God's secret weapon. Called before her birth like Jeremiah and John the Baptist, the servant is not

only to restore Israel itself. The servant's ultimate assignment is to bring news of God's victory to the ends of the earth. God in faithfulness has chosen Israel for this task.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Though God's church in Corinth is a fractious congregation beset with many conflicts, Paul opens this letter by spotlighting the multiple ways God has enriched and sustained its life as part of the divine call into the fellowship of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Syrian Hallelujah

To sing a song from Syria in these days when Syrians have been displaced from their homes by violence offers a reminder of the ancient and beautiful worship practices of Syrian Christians and Jews and makes this Hallelujah both a song of praise and a song of solidarity.



Text: Trad. Liturgical. Music: Trad. Syrian. From the songbook, *Sing the Circle Wide: Songs of Faith from Around the World* [Waterloo, ON: Kanata Centre for Worship and Global songs, 2016]

Gospel

John 1:29-42

The Holy Gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

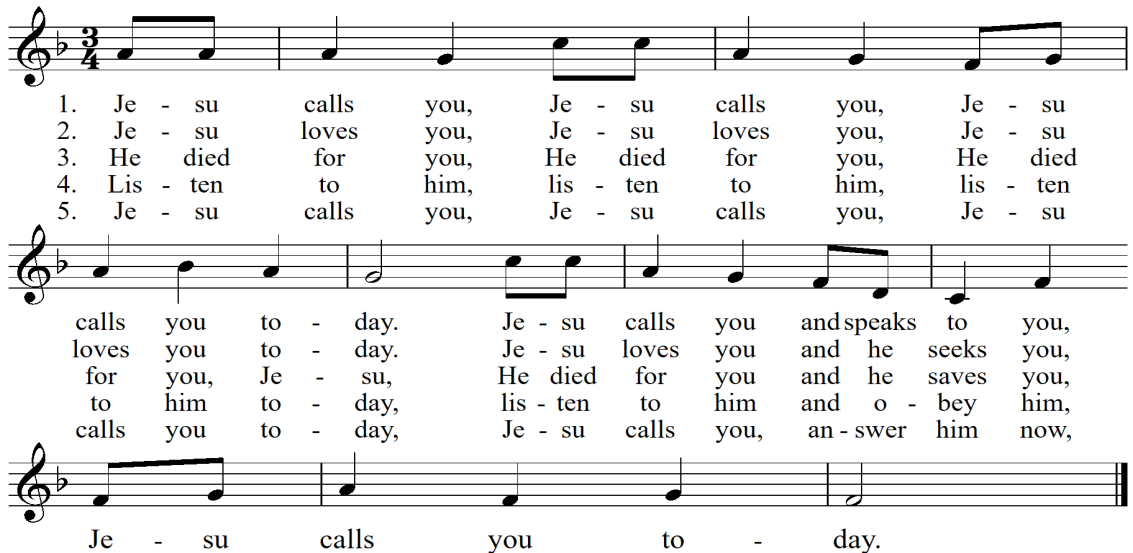
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Hymn of the Day

Jesu Calls You Today

This is a traditional hymn of Malawi, Africa. The text is a Chewa Hymn. The Chewa (or AChewa) are a Bantu ethnic group native to central and southern Africa and the largest ethnic group in Malawi.

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



1. Je - su calls you, Je - su calls you, Je - su
 2. Je - su loves you, Je - su loves you, Je - su
 3. He died for you, He died for you, He died
 4. Lis - ten to him, lis - ten to him, lis - ten
 5. Je - su calls you, Je - su calls you, Je - su

calls you to - day. Je - su calls you and speaks to you,
 loves you to - day. Je - su loves you and he seeks you,
 for you, Je - su, He died for you and he saves you,
 to him to - day, lis - ten to him and o - bey him,
 calls you to - day, Je - su calls you, an - swer him now,

Je - su calls you to - day.

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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.**

Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.

Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

...Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Meal

Offering	8:30	<i>When We Are Living [Pues si vivimos]</i> arr. Hal Hopson - Senior Choir
	11:00	<i>Mak Inang</i> arr. Charmaine Siagian

This folk song comes from the Malay Archipelago which are/were the East Indies, part of the far-off spice isle Columbus was seeking when he accidentally “discovered” America. This comes from a traditional Maley dance originated in c. 1400.

Please stand as you are able.

Canticle of Thanksgiving

Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord

This traditional Hebrew song of praise and thanks comes to us from Israel.

English Come and sing the praise of the Lord, sing hal - le -
 Hebrew Ha - l' - lu' - hu, ha - l' - lu - hu b' - zil - z' -

lu jah! Come and sing the praise of the
 le sha - ma. Ha - l' - lu - hu, ha - l' - lu -

Lord, sing hal - le - lu - jah!
 hu b' - zil - z' - le t'ru - a.

Let all that lives, all that has breath, sing the praise of
 Kol ha - n'sha - ma t' - ha - lel ja, ha - l' - lu -

God, hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that lives,
 ja, ha - l' - lu - ja. Kol ha - n'sha - ma

all that has breath, sing the praise of God.
 t' - ha - lel ja, ha - l' - lu - ja.

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Offering Prayer

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

Amen.

Words of Institution

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

Come to God's table.

There is a place and enough for all.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

Call to Communion

God Bless to Us Our Bread/

Bendice, Señor, Nuestro pan

This in an unusual prayer from Argentina which enables us who are well fed to pray for those who are hungry. The Old Testament often urges us to hunger and thirst for justice and is echoed by Jesus in the Beatitudes.

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

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet/Canto de entrada

The spirit of community, of putting all things in common, is what this song is about. The words of this El Salvadorean songs are based on a sermon given by Father Rutilio Grande about a month before he was killed by the death squads.

Let us go now to the ban-quet, to the feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta-ble's
set and a place is wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1. I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com - mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for
2. God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the ban - quet of jus - tice and
3. May we build such a place a - mong us where all peo - ple are e - qual in

me. With a spring in my step I'm walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.
good where the har - vest will not be hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.
love. God has called us to work to - geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

to Refrain

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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

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.
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.

God created all races and nations of the world, and wills that we live together in peace and harmony.

We have been created to be a human family.

There is strife in the human family; injustice abounds as racism, classism, sexism, cultural imperialism, and other -isms. We are a divided people.

We have been called to let justice roll down like waters.

In the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly."

Therefore, let us pray that we may see nothing in isolation, but may know ourselves bound to one another and to all people under heaven.

God calls us to work passionately to bridge the gulf between us, overcome the injustices among us, and to build beloved community among us.

We must be determined to change what we can. We must have the courage to accept what cannot be changed. Above all, O God, give us the wisdom to know the difference. Amen.

Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

May the Lord, Mighty God

1. May the Lord, might - y God, bless and
 2. Lift up your eyes and see God's face, full of

keep you for - ev - er; grant you peace
 grace for - ev - er; may the Lord,

per - fect peace, cour - age in ev - 'ry en - deav - or.
 might - y God, bless and keep you for - ev - er.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jaya Ho arr. Jayne Latva

"Jaya Ho" is a Christian hymn written in the Hindi language by an unknown author. The song's Hindi title translated means "May there be victory" and is frequently used interjectively to praise God. This folk song comes from a traditional Hindi melody of India.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands,
 pay attention, you peoples from far away!
 The LORD called me before I was born,
 while I was in my mother's womb he
 named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
 in the shadow of his hand he hid me;
 he made me a polished arrow,
 in his quiver he hid me away.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
 Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
 I have spent my strength for nothing and
 vanity;
 yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
 and my reward with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
 who formed me in the womb to be his
 servant,
 to bring Jacob back to him,
 and that Israel might be gathered to him,
 for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says,
 "It is too light a thing that you should be my
 servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to restore the survivors of Israel;
 I will give you as a light to the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of
 the earth."
⁷Thus says the LORD,
 the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
 to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
 the slave of rulers,
 "Kings shall see and stand up,
 princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
 because of the LORD, who is faithful,
 the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Psalm 40:1-11

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

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GOSPEL: John 1:29-42

[John the Baptist] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" ³⁰This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." ³²And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" ³⁹He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1, 4-9; 1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23.

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