

**St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023  
8:30 & 11:00 Services

## Gathering

Prelude

*Cantilene* by Robert M. Speed [1930-2017]

Welcome and Announcements    Pastor Ann Williams

*Please stand as you are able.*

Call to Worship

Come into the presence of I AM.

**We come into God's presence with wonder.**

God's name is holy and eternal.

**We speak God's name with joy.**

**We Are Standing on Holy Ground** (*We will sing two times.*)

We are stand - ing on Ho - ly Ground,  
and I know that there are an - gels all a - round;  
Let us praise Je - sus now.  
We are stand - ing in his pres - ence on Ho - ly Ground.

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Confession and Forgiveness

We confess our sins before God and one another.

*Pause for silence and reflection.*

God of all that is,

**We have failed to trust you to care for us. We have tried to be our own god in our lives and the lives of others. We have not listened to your call, nor lived in faithfulness to you. We have caused harm directly and indirectly to ourselves, our neighbors, and your creation. In your infinite grace and mercy, forgive and restore us, so that with your help, we might become the people you created us to be.**

Hear the good news: By the power of the Holy Spirit we are made new creations in Christ Jesus, and through his selfless sacrifice, God forgives us all our sin. Walk with God in this newness of life.

**Amen.**

Gathering Song

**#618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer**

Opening Litany

God calls us out of the burning bush.

**We turn aside in wonder to look.**

God calls us by name.

**We come closer, now uneasy.**

God calls us to a great task.

**We balk—surely not us.**

God assures us there is no other.

**We argue: No one will take us seriously.**

God equips us with all we need, even God's name.

**We try one more time: Send someone else.**

God lovingly reminds us that it is not us doing the work, but God.

**We give up. Our trust is in God.**

Apostolic Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy,

**Like Moses, you call us into your work of liberation. Equip us for this work and remind us that we are not alone in it. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

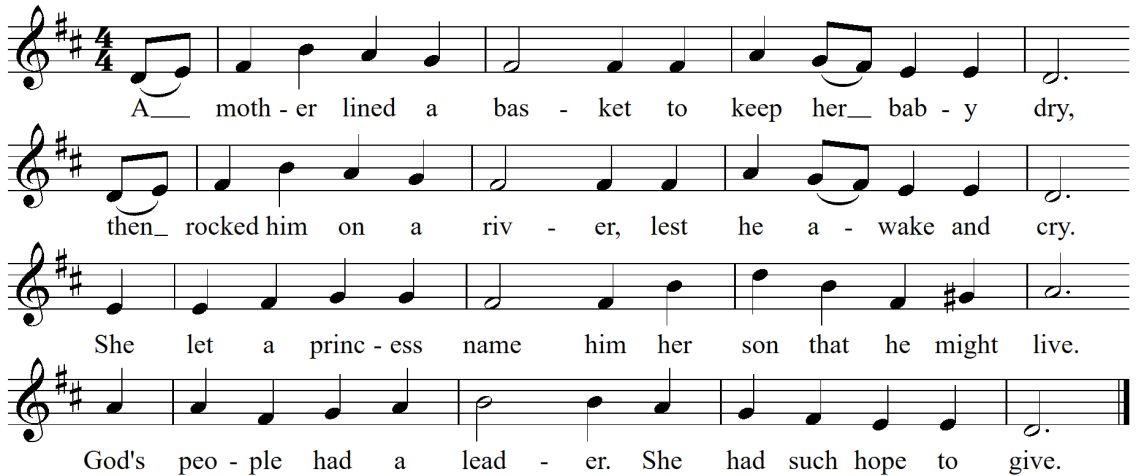
*Please be seated.*

## Word

Today's Bible reading, Exodus 1:8-10, 22; 2:1-8; 3:1-15, can be found in your pew bible beginning on page 38.

### Call to the Word

### A Mother Lined a Basket



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### Call to Listen to the Word of God

Blessed are you, God of all creation. You spoke in the beginning, and all things came to be.

**You spoke, and your Word came to live with us, full of grace and truth.**

Bless this place where we would hear your voice.

**You spoke, and your Word came to live with us, full of grace and truth.**

As we listen, may our ears be attuned to you.

**As the Word is spoken, may you speak to us. May all we hear lead us to you.**

### Reading

### Exodus 1:8-10, 22; 2:1-8; 3:1-15

*Moses is delivered from death as a child, only to be called as an adult to deliver all of God's people in return, through the power of a name that is synonymous with deliverance.*

Word of God, word of life.

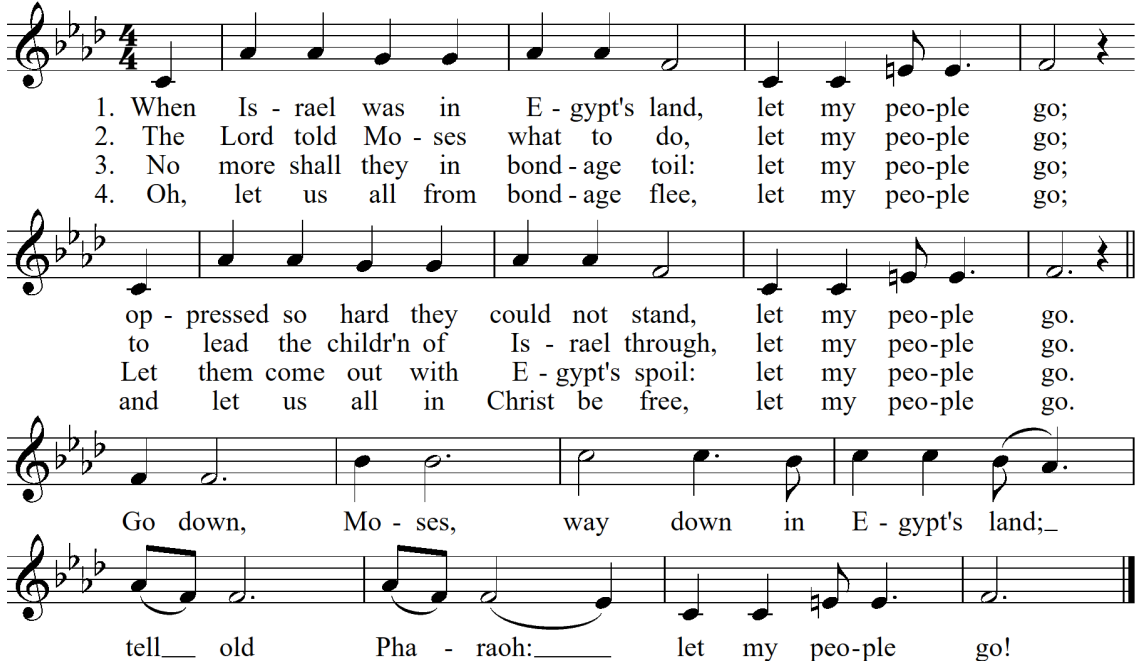
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Hymn of the Day

**When Israel Was in Egypt's Land [Go Down Moses]***(Prayer Cards, which can be found in the pew racks, will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*


1. When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, let my peo-ple go;  
 2. The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, let my peo-ple go;  
 3. No more shall they in bond - age toil: let my peo-ple go;  
 4. Oh, let us all from bond - age flee, let my peo-ple go;

op - pressed so hard they could not stand, let my peo-ple go.  
 to lead the child'r'n of Is - rael through, let my peo-ple go.  
 Let them come out with E - gypt's spoil: let my peo-ple go.  
 and let us all in Christ be free, let my peo-ple go.

Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land;\_

tell\_\_ old Pha - raoh:\_\_\_\_\_ let my peo-ple go!

Text & Music: African American Spiritual, arr. John R. Works, 1871-1925. Tune: Tubman or Go Down Moses  
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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.**

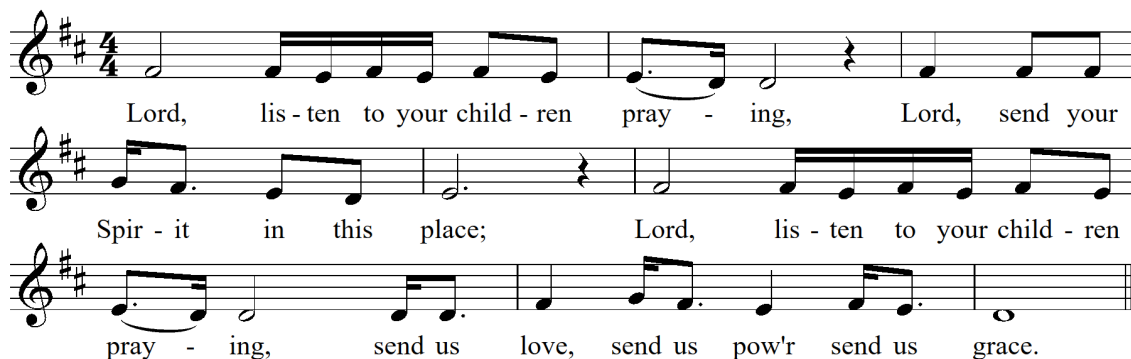
*Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.*

## Prayer of Intercession

With gratitude for our whole selves, created in your image and made new in Christ, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

## Call to Prayer

## Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



Lord, lis - ten to your child - ren pray - ing, Lord, send your  
Spir - it in this place; Lord, lis - ten to your child - ren  
pray - ing, send us love, send us pow'r send us grace.

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...Eternal God.

**In mercy, hear our prayer.**

We place in your loving arms these, our prayers, spoken and unspoken, trusting in your boundless mercy, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## Meal

Musical Offering 8:30 *Here I Am, Lord* arr. Ovid Young – Senior Choir

*I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?*

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.***

*I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone, I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?*

*I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life for them. Whom shall I send?*

11:00

*Go Down, Moses* arr. Calvin Taylor

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory Response

**We Are an Offering**

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an  
of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our  
lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing. All that we have, all that we are,  
all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.  
We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our  
lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

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## Offertory Prayer

I AM, you make yourself known to us in so many ways, not least of which in the provision of all that we need to survive and thrive. In awe of your generosity, we give back out of what we have been given, for the sake of your liberating work in the world.

**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving - Dialogue

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## Preface (for World Communion Sunday)

Blessed are you, O Lord our God. We give thanks that you have prepared this rich feast for us—a feast of grace for all the nations and peoples of the world, a sign of the day when you will swallow up sin and death forever. Therefore we praise you, joining the song of the universal church and the heavenly choir.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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## 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

God who liberated God's people from Egypt, also liberated all creation through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Come share now in this holy feast, in remembrance of Jesus' saving grace. All is prepared.

**We come and share with one another this holy meal. There is a place and enough for all.**

*Please be seated.*

*Fruit juice is offered as an alternative to wine. Juice is in the center of the communion tray.*

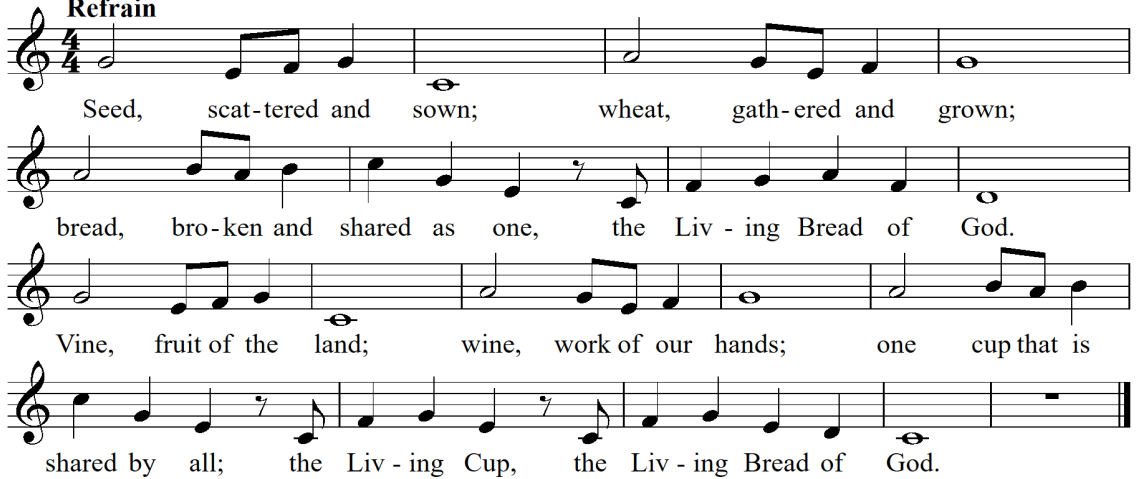
Lamb of God

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## Communion Hymn

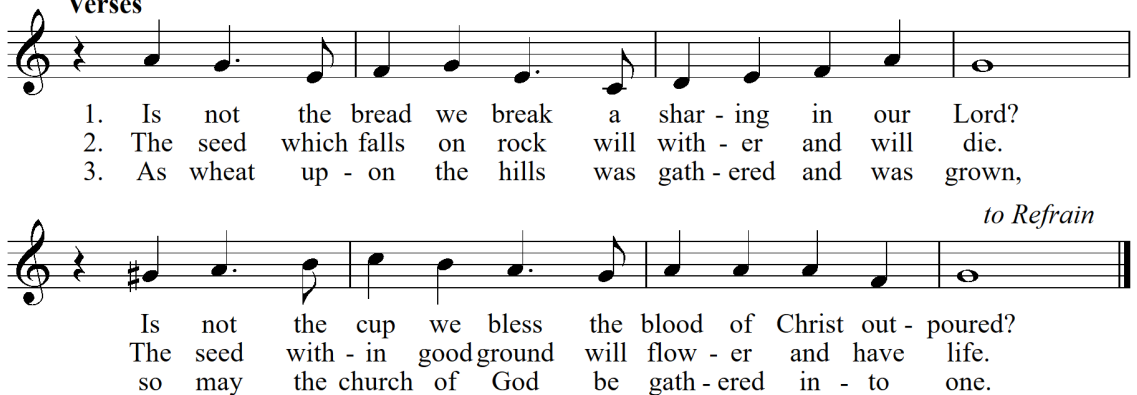
## Seed, Scattered and Sown

### Refrain



Seed, scat-tered and sown; wheat, gath-ered and grown;  
bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the Liv - ing Bread of God.  
Vine, fruit of the land; wine, work of our hands; one cup that is  
shared by all; the Liv - ing Cup, the Liv - ing Bread of God.

### Verses



1. Is not the bread we break a shar - ing in our Lord?  
2. The seed which falls on rock will with - er and will die.  
3. As wheat up - on the hills was gath - ered and was grown,  
*to Refrain*  
Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out - poured?  
The seed with - in good ground will flow - er and have life.  
so may the church of God be gath - ered in - to one.

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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 (for World Communion Sunday)

God of all nations, we give you thanks for this feast of your goodness and grace. As you have nourished us in Christ Jesus, send us forth to feed and serve others—sharing your peace with the whole community and showing your faithful love in the world; through Jesus Christ, bread of life for all.

**Amen.**

## *Sending*

### Blessing

May the love of the Creator enfold us, the wisdom of the Redeemer enlighten us, the fire of the Sustainer kindle us; and may the blessing of the Lord God come down upon us and remain with us always.

**Amen.**

### Sending Song

### **#547 Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

### Dismissal

May the power of God set us free  
**To love and serve all God's people.**

### Postlude

*CWM Rhondda* arr. Paul Manz [1919-2009]