

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

October 22nd, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 Services

Gathering

Prelude

Forlana by Gerald Finzi

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Ann Williams

Anthem

(11:00)

Prelude in F by Carol A. Scheel – Godsbells

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

Praise God in this holy place!

Praise God with prayer and singing!

Praise God with instruments and voices!

Praise God with all our siblings in Christ!

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

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are written below the staff, with lines of music corresponding to the words. The lyrics are: "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." The score ends with a double bar line.

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 whose reign is just,

We acknowledge that our actions and inactions have led to the oppression of our neighbors. We have willingly benefitted from privileges that cause harm to others. We have failed to heed your call to lead from a place of humility, and to care for our communities in a way that makes it possible for all to flourish. Forgive us our fear of scarcity and love of power, and keep us ever mindful of the needs of others.

The reign of God has come near to you! In Christ Jesus, we are reconciled to God, and therefore God forgives us all our sins. Let God guide us to work for God's justice.

Amen.

Gathering Song

#883 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Opening Litany

God called David to shepherd God's people.

The people rejoiced in their new king.

He called the people back from their infighting.

He united them as one nation, God's holy people of Israel.

David brought out the ark to music and dancing.

Praise God, all the earth!

Praise God for all that God has made!

Praise God for all that God has done for us!

Let us be grateful for those who lead with justice.

But let us remember that it is God who rules over all things.

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 Joy,

You are here with us in this place of worship and community. Make us to dance as David and all the house of Israel did in response to your presence. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please be seated.

Anthem

8:30

Music is a Gift from God by Ruth Elaine Schram

Music is a gift from God. Sing a song of praise. God gave us music, melody, and harmony, so we could sing praises to our King.

Sing Him a Song of Praise by Jeff Reeves – Praise Kids!

Sing! Sing! Sing unto the Lord! Sing Him a song of Praise! Sing with the red birds up in the trees. Sing with the blue fish swimming in the sea. Sing with the white clouds way up high. Sing with the rainbow in the sky.

11:00

Shine, Shine Your Light by Becki Slagle Mayo
– New Creation Choir

Children of God, we are the light of the world, shining through the darkness. Children of God we are the light of the world, shining the light of God's love. Shine, shine your light! Lift, lift it high!

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine. We are called to shine the light of Christ.

Word

(8:30 Service)

Children's Message

Today's Bible reading, 2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5, can be found in your pew bible beginning on page 218.

Call to the Word

Like Miriam Who Danced to Praise

1. Like Mi - ri - am who danced to praise the part - ing of the sea,
2. God, pour your spir - it in - to us, fill us with joy as well,

and Da - vid, who be - fore the ark, danced on with ec - tas - y,
that we may al - so join the dance and all your prais - es tell.

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Call to Listen to the Word of God

Our Lord and our God, now as we hear your Word, fill us with your Spirit.

Soften our hearts that we may delight in your presence. Sharpen our minds that we may discern your 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

2 Samuel 5:1-5; 6:1-5

King David reunited a nation divided by political infighting, relocated its capital, and drove home the point that God was with God's people by moving the Ark of God right into the midst of Jerusalem. And everyone partied!

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

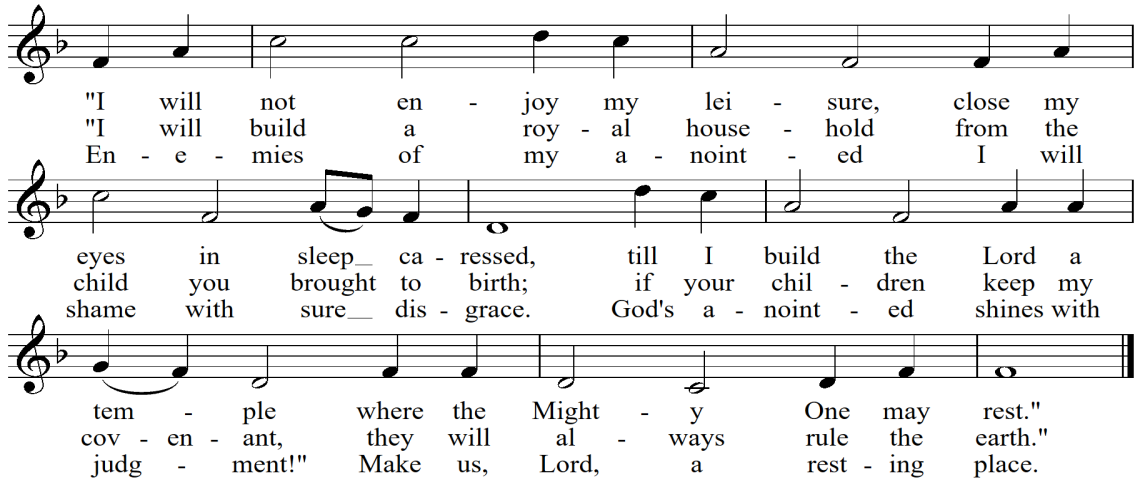
God of Jacob, Please Remember

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

1. God of Ja - cob, please re - mem - ber Da - vid
 2. Nev - er leave whom you a - noint - ed; Lord, take
 3. "Here in Da - vid's roy - al cit - y I will

vowed to give his due, and he suf - fered man - y
 care of Da - vid's line. Yes, the Lord has sworn to
 make a branch to sprout and pre - pare for the Mes -

trou - bles when he made his oath to you:
 Da - vid, gra - cious - ly has giv'n a sign:
 si - ah light to lead the true de - vout.



"I will not en-joy my lei-sure, close my
 "I will build a roy-al house-hold from the
 En-e-mies of my a-noint-ed I will
 eyes in sleep-ca-ressed, till I build the Lord a
 child you brought to birth; if your chil-dren keep my
 shame with sure-dis-grace. God's a-noint-ed shines with
 tem-ple where the Might-y One may rest."
 cov-en-ant, they will al-ways rule the earth."
 judg-ment!'' Make us, Lord, a rest-ing place."

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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 confidence that God's justice is sure, we pray for the church, the world, and all in
 need.

Call to Prayer

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God



Wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho; wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho;
 Come, bring your bur - dens to God; come, bring your bur - dens to God;

wo - za nom - thwa - lo wa - kho, U - ye - s'a - ka - so - za - thi hayi.
 come, bring your bur - dens to God, for Je - sus will nev - er say no.

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...God of Justice.

In mercy, hear our prayer.

Merciful God, we turn all these things over to your tender care, trusting that you hear and answer all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, 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

Festival Fanfare by Jason Krug

– The EmBELLishments

11:00

Forever We Shall Sing by John Paradowski

– New Generation Choir

Christ came to bring us love, a sign from God above. From heaven unto earth, we celebrate his birth. [Refrain]

He made the blind to see and set the captives free. His miracles abound, let all the earth resound. [Refrain]

He died to save us all from Adam's sinful fall, and by his death he reigns; new life we now proclaim! [Refrain]

The congregation joins in the Refrain.

For - ev - er we shall sing our praise to Christ the King. let all the earth re -
 joice with heart and soul and voice. We lift our song on high, let
 prais-es fill the sky. Let all the earth re - joice with heart and soul and voice.

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Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of bless - ing.
 Ga - ther a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Ga - ther the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.
 Grace our ta-ble with your pre - sence, Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

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Offertory Prayer

Uniting God, join together these and all the gifts of your faithful so that your healing and saving work might be done in our communities and throughout all creation. In Jesus' name.

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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Words of Institution

(8:30 service, please see page 9)

Communion Healing Liturgy – 11:00

Healing was central to the ministry of Jesus. It was a sign of God's kingdom, bringing renewal and wholeness of life to those who turned to God in their need. Jesus sent out his disciples with the commission to 'proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal' (Luke 9:2).

Call to Healing

Let us pray: great God our healer, by your power, the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. As we gather in his name,

look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.

Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness,

and light to illuminate our darkness.

Assure us of your power to heal us and restore us.

Amen.

Blessing of Oil and Ministers of Healing

If you wish a healing blessing, you may come forward to the healing station, kneel as you are able, and receive a blessing.

(Both services continue here)

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

Just as the ark of the covenant was a sign to the people of God's presence with them, so this holy meal proclaims that Jesus is with us here and now, and strengthens us through the sharing of his body and blood.

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

#474 Bread of Life from Heaven

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

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

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

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines

1. Glo - ry to God, _____ whose good - ness shines on me,
 2. World with - out end, _____ 7/8 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, _____ whose grace has par - doned me,
 World with - out end, _____ 7/8 with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir - it, _____ whose love has set me free.
 World with - out end, _____ 7/8 with - out end. A - men.

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is
 now and ev - er shall be. A - men.

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Dismissal

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

Postlude

Sonata No. 11 – Beno Majer [1736-1818]