

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213
October 8th, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 Services

Gathering

Prelude

Variations on "Lobe den Herren" [Praise to the Lord]

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

Come hear and learn the words of God.

We will keep God's words in our hearts.

Teach them to your children.

We will recite them at home and away, when we lie down and when we rise.

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

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the God of cre -
 2. Praise the Al - might - y, o'er all life so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise the Al - might - y, who pros - pers your work and de -
 4. Praise the Al - might - y! In won - der my spir - it is

a - tion! My heart is long - ing to of - fer up
 reign - ing, and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
 fends you; see from the heav - ens the show - ers of
 sour - ing! All that has life and breath, come now with

sweet ad - o - ra - tion. Mel - o - dy make; dul - ci - mer,
 lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen? All that is
 mer - cy God sends you. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es out - pour - ing. Let the a - men sound from God's

harp, now a - wake. Sound forth your praise, ev - 'ry na - tion.
 need - ful has been sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing.
 might - y can do; in - fi - nite Love here be - friends you.
 peo - ple a - gain, glad - ly for - ev - er a - dor - ing.

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Opening Litany

Hear, O children of God!

Our God is one.

Love God and God alone.

We will love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

Put nothing else before God.

We will not worship idols—money, possessions, celebrities, athletes, our jobs.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

We will answer God's call to work for justice that all people might flourish.

Keep these words in your heart.

We will live them and teach them to our children and our children's children.

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

Guiding God,

You have gifted us with your commandments to help us love you with all we are, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Help us to keep them that all might live together in peace. Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

Today's Bible reading, Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9, can be found in your pew bible beginning on page 126.

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

Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9

Through Moses, God gifts God's people with everything they need to live lives of peace and purpose—a simple list of rules that, when followed, are really blessings.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#514 O Word of God Incarnate*(Prayer Cards, which can be found in the pew racks, will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*

Profession of Faith

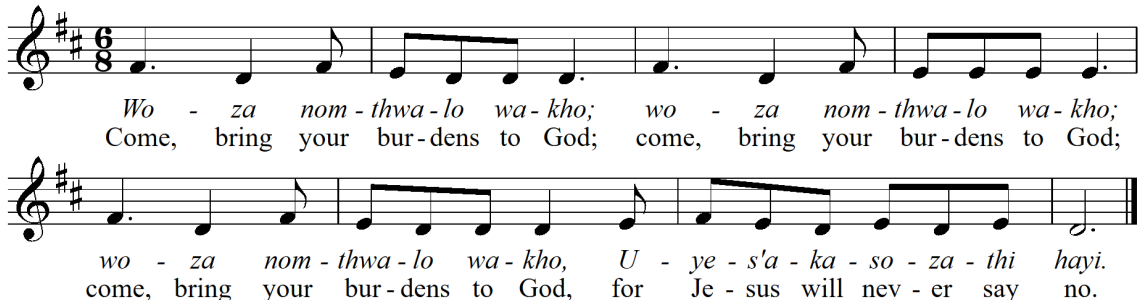
The Apostles' Creed

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

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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...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

Lyric Prelude – G. Franklin Eddings

11:00

Teach Me, O Lord by Thomas Attwood

[1765-1838] – Senior Choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

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.

Offertory Prayer

Holy God, among the laws you gave your people is a command to give back a portion of what we have in gratitude to you and for the sake of others. Accept these gifts cheerfully given as a sign of our commitment to you.

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 . . .
 . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

Our savior, Jesus Christ, invites us now to the feast of forgiveness. Come share bread and wine in remembrance of him.

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

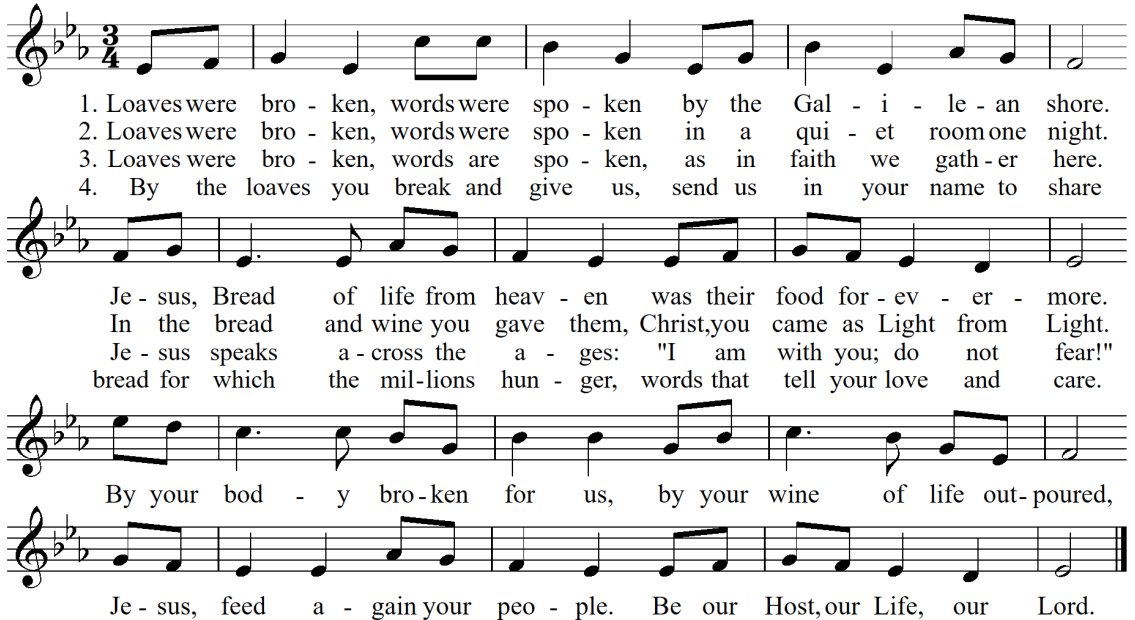
Please be seated.

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

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken


1. Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the Gal - i - le - an shore.
 2. Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a qui - et room one night.
 3. Loaves were bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we gath - er here.
 4. By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share

Je - sus, Bread of life from heav - en was their food for - ev - er - more.
 In the bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
 Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
 bread for which the mil-lions hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your wine of life out-poured,

Je - sus, feed a - gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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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

(8:30 Service)

Blessing and Sending for our Adult Mission Trip

We are baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and each of us is given gifts to use for the good of all. Jesus sets for us an example of service, acting with compassion to heal, feed, and serve others; telling his disciples that he came not to be served but to serve, and He asks us to follow that example.

Do you recognize your mission of being sent forth by God to use your gifts to serve others?

Team: We do.

Do you accept your mission as a commission from God and do you accept the responsibility of representing this congregation in doing the work of God in the world?

Team: We do.

Will you work to demonstrate Christ's teachings by acting in love, patience, and humility, by opening your hearts and minds to the experiences of others, turning strangers into friends and friends into brothers and sisters?

Team: We will.

Do you, the congregation of St. Matthew's, support these people as they seek to extend our Christian love and concern to others?

We do!

Will you continue to support them with your prayers during their trip?

We will!

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

#546 To Be Your Presence

Dismissal

May the power of God set us free

To love and serve all God's people.

Postlude