

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

November 19th, 2023

8:30 & 11:00 Services

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Karen Natterstad

Call to Worship

Lord God, the words "Jesus is King" may come easily to our lips, yet we often fail to grasp the significance of what they mean for us. In this service, help us worship you in spirit and truth, and give us a vision for how we may live in homage to you every day of our lives, through Christ, our Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Call to Worship Anthem

O Worship the King – Joel Raney
Piano [Heide Hughes], Organ, Bells Angels

Please stand as you are able.

Confession and Forgiveness

As servants of Christ the King, let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Steadfast and saving God,

have mercy on us. In so many ways we cause or suffer brokenness. In your compassion forgive our sins and heal our hurts. Bring forth from us a harvest of righteousness, the fruits of gentleness, peacemaking, wisdom, and justice. This we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, who gave his life for our redemption. Bestow upon us the power to become faithful servants of Christ, the King.

For his sake God hears your prayer. In him you have life and resurrection from the dead.
By him your sins are forgiven.

Amen.

Gathering Song

Crown Him with Many Crowns [Stanzas 1-3]

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2. Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3. Crown him the Lord of love, be - hold his hands and side,
 hark, how the heav'n - ly an - them_ drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim - son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 and hail him as thy match - less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894 and Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893.

Tune: Diademata, SMD

Christ the King Litany

O King of the Earth,

bless the world with your peace.

O King of heaven,

surround us with your glory.

O King of creation,

guard and protect all people and all creatures under your care.

O King of kings,

rule over all in authority and grant wisdom to the leaders of every tribe and nation.

O King of the ages,

reign supreme in our hearts both now and forever.

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

Nurturing God,

May the roots of our lives dig deep into the rich soil of your love. Nourish us with word and sacrament that we might be strengthened to carry your love out into the world in all we do and say. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Please be seated.

Anthem (8:30)

A Thanksgiving Prayer—Thank You Lord—God Is So Good – Praise Kids

Word

Today's Bible readings can be found in your pew bible; Isaiah 5:1-7 (Old Testament) on page 491 and Luke 23:33-36 on page 68 (New Testament).

Call to Listen to the Word of God

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

Softened 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

Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

A reading from the book of Isaiah.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Reading

Luke 23:33-36

A reading from the Gospel of Luke.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

Crown Him with Many Crowns [Stanzas 4-6]

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

4. Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave
 5. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose pow'r a sce-pter sways
 6. Crown him the Lord of years, the po-ten-tate of time,
 and rose vic-to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab-sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre-a-tor of the roll-ing spheres, in-e-fab-ly sub-lime.
 His glo-ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 His reign shall know no end, and round his pierc-ed feet
 All hail, Re-deem-er, hail! For thou hast died for me;
 who died, e-ter-nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 fair flow'rs of par-a-dise ex-tend their fra-grance ev-er sweet.
 thy praise and glo-ry shall not fail through-out e-ter-ni-ty.

Profession of Faith

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
 eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
 Light from Light, true God from true God,
 begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
 through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
 and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
 he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
 he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
 Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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.

...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

Offering	8:30	<i>Precious Lord, Take My Hand</i> arr. Anna Paura Page – Bells Angels, with Carol Heim, Clarinet
	11:00	<i>All Hail the Power of Jesus Name</i> arr. Dennis Johnson – Senior Choir

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

God of the vineyard, in gratitude for your tireless care and provision, we return to you
these gifts, the fruits of your labor. Use them for the sake of all who are in need.
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 **page 144**

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

Christ our King offers a feast of love for you and for all the saints.

Taste and see that the Lord is good!

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

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

Lamb of God **page 146**

Communion Hymn **#484 You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**

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

You spread for us a royal feast, O Christ our King! It is the wedding feast of the lamb – a foretaste for the feast to come. Increase in us the hunger for your heavenly food so that we may be nourished and enriched. Help us to invite the world to dine!
You are the King forevermore.

Amen.

Sending

Blessing

Almighty and merciful God, through your well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords, you have willed to make all things new. May almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

#439 Soon and Very Soon

Dismissal

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

Postlude