

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213
September 24th, 2023
8:30 & 11:00 Services

Gathering

Prelude

A Tuscan Adagio – Franklin D. Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Call to Worship

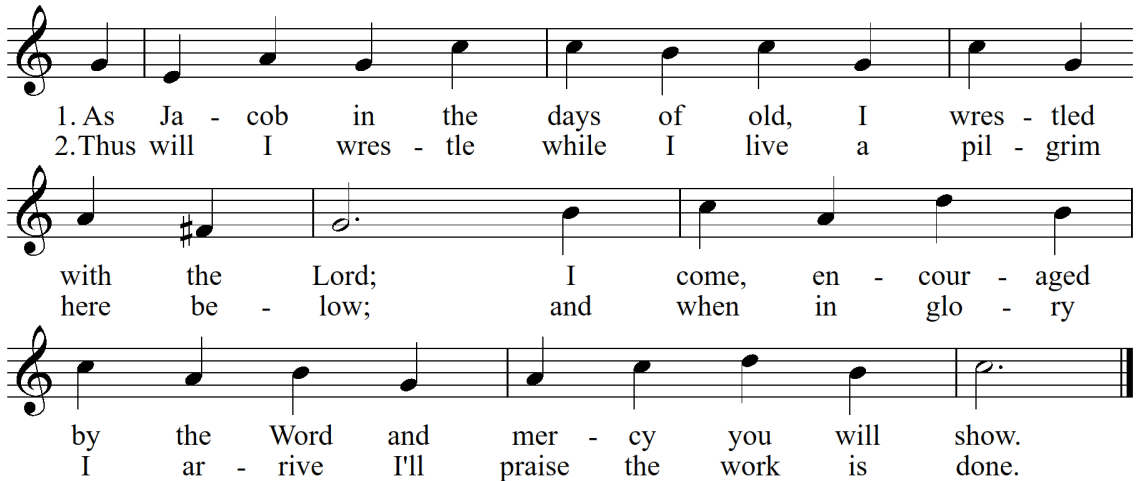
Come as you are.

Some of us come in fear and doubt, others in hope and joy.

God's arms are open wide to receive you.

Thanks be to our faithful and loving God.

As Jacob Did in Days of Old



1. As Ja - cob in the days of old, I wres - tled
2. Thus will I wres - tle while I live a pil - grim

with the Lord; I come, en - cour - aged
here be - low; and when in glo - ry

by the Word and mer - cy you will show.
I ar - rive I'll praise the work is done.

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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

Bring Many Names

1. Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in
 2. Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the
 3. Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child, feel - ing all the
 4. Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care, calm - ly pier - ing
 5. Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move, say - ing no to
 6. Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known, joy - ful dark - ness

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry,
 won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion,
 strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for - giv - ing
 e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur - pris - es,
 false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for jus - tice,
 far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than breath - ing,

liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!
 gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho - san - na,

6.
 great, liv - ing God!

Opening Litany

We wake from our sleep—we are not alone.

Our fears surround us, our worries assail.

We grapple with our regrets.

We struggle with our shame.

We can't seem to trust that God has our back.

We wrestle with God to keep control.

In the end, we know we cannot win. If we do not let go, our pain will consume us.

In the end, we have no choice but to turn everything over to God.

And when we do, something miraculous happens.

God blesses us with transformation, and with peace.

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 blessing,

We often find ourselves wrestling with ourselves, with others, and with you. Give us peace in our hearts and call us back to what you would have us be.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

Today's Bible reading, Genesis 32: (9-13) 22-30, can be found in your pew bible beginning on page 23.

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

Genesis 32: (9-13) 22-30

An all-night wrestling match with a mysterious stranger leaves Jacob with a dislocated hip, but also a new identity as the father of God's people.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

O Come, Thou Traveler Unknown

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

1. O come, thou trav - el - er un - known, whom still I
 2. With you all night I mean to stay and wres - tle
 3. My strength is gone, my na - ture dies, I sink be -
 4. Speak now, or I shall ne - ver move, and tell me
 5. The morn - ing breaks, the shad - ows flee, pure, un - i -

hold, but can - not see! My com - pan - y be -
 till the break of day. I stand and will not
 neath your weight - y hand. Speak to my heart, in
 if your name is Love. 'Tis Love! 'Tis Love that
 ver - sal Love you are. To me, to all your

fore is gone, and I am left a - lone with you.
 let you go un - til your name, your na - ture know.
 bless - ing speak, be con - quered by my fer - vent prayer.
 wres - tled me! I hear you whis - per in my heart.
 mer - cies move, your na - ture and your name is Love.

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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.**

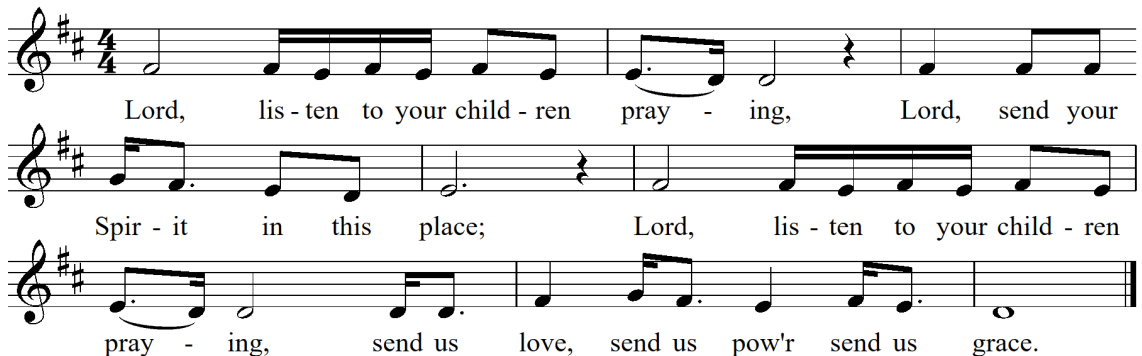
Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.

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



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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

Song of Assurance by Arnold Sherman

– Bells Angels

11:00

For Everyone Born arr. Tom Trenney

– Jan Johnson and John Schilling with Andy

Sajdak, cello

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

Generous God, you bless us with riches beyond measure. Accept now these gifts that we offer, returning to you what you have first given us. Use them as a blessing to others in our communities and around 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

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, ... 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

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

The God who blessed Jacob now blesses you with this holy meal. Come share in the bread and wine that is Christ's body and blood, 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

#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

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

#538 The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Dismissal

May the power of God set us free

To love and serve all God's people.

Postlude

Grand Chœur in C – Théodore Salomé [1834-1896]