

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave.

Wauwatosa, WI 53213

January 6th, 2019

Epiphany of Our Lord

8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Order for Confession and Forgiveness

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩one God, who shines in glory, clothes us in compassion, and bears gifts of mercy for all.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sins with confidence in God's promise of forgiveness.

(Silence is kept for meditation and self-examination)

P God, wonderful counselor,

C **we confess that we have turned from your gifts and chosen our own way. We have not made room for you in our hearts or in our world. We have lived in fear; we have not welcomed the stranger; we desire gifts that will not endure. Forgive us our sins, known and unknown, and open us to receive the peace of Jesus dwelling in and among us. Amen.**

P God's lovingkindness has appeared to us in Christ our Savior. We are saved, not by anything we have done, but by God's mercy poured out on us richly. In the name of ☩Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Through the Spirit living in you, God give you faith to trust Jesus, who is Love born for you, now and always.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Song

ELW #301 Bright and Glorious is the Sky

(Stanzas 1, 3, 5 & 6)

Apostolic Greeting page 203

Hymn of Praise

ELW #308 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
(Stanzas 1, 2, 4-6)

Prayer of the Day

- ☐ Let us pray. Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- ☑ **Amen.**

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her, because the light of God's presence is in her midst. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem and thereby declare God's praise.

- ☐ Word of God, Word of Life.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Hymn

ELW #311 Hail to the Lord's Anointed (Psalm 72)
Stanza 1 – All, Stanza 2 – Upper Voices,
Stanza 3 – Lower Voices, Stanza 4 - All

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

- ☐ Word of God, Word of Life.
- ☑ **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 205, Alleluia, Lord and Savior

Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

God's promise shines bright in the night as magi follow a star to honor a new king. Strangers from a faraway land welcome the long-awaited messiah of Israel.

☐ The Gospel according to Matthew, the 2nd Chapter

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Response

☐ The Gospel of the Lord.

☑ **Praise to you, O Christ**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

ELW #302 As with Gladness Men of Old
(Prayer cards will be collected during the Hymn)

The Nicene Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

☐ Dwelling in the presence of God with us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all in any need.

☐ ...Let us pray to the Lord.

☑ **Lord, hear our prayer.**

☐ Trusting in the presence of God by the power of the Holy Spirit, we commend all for whom we pray, dwelling in the light and hope of Christ, our Savior.

☑ **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Meal

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering (8:30) *Star Carol* by Robert Hobby - Senior Choir

Earth has many a noble city; Bethl'em thou dost all excel:

Out of thee the Lord from heaven came to rule his Israel.

Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth,

To the world its God announcing seen in fleshly form on earth.

Eastern sages at his cradle make oblations rich and rare;

See them give, in deep devotion, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

Sacred gifts of mystic meaning: incense doth their God disclose,

Gold the King of kings proclaimeth, myrrh his sepulchre foreshows.

May we lift our eyes in wonder, see the star and worship thee;

May the nations sing rejoicing, offer praise on bended knee.

Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshipped at thy glad Epiphany,

Unto thee, with God the Father and the Spirit glory be.

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory

Myrrh and Frankincense and Gold

Myrrh and frank - in - cense and gold, faith - ful saints in wor - ship
 bear - ing. Like those faith - ful saints of old, we, our trea - sures
 glad - ly shar - ing, have be - held__ your glo - ry
 bright. Lead us, Lord,__ to heav - en - ly light!

Offertory Prayer

A Let us pray. Holy God, your beauty shines forth from the manger and your love flows from the cross. As you gather us around, these signs of your love come among us, warm us to extend your care among the hungry and all in need. In Jesus' name we pray.

C **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving page 206

Proper Preface

Sanctus page 207

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer page 208 (Traditional Version)

Invitation to Communion

P Come to the table where Christ meets you. Eat, rejoice, and be glad!

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God **page 208**

Communion Anthem *"Thee We Adore"* – Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

(Please stand as you are able)

Post-Communion Prayer

L Let us pray. God of wonder, in Jesus we behold the light of the world come near. As you have come among us now, send us out in joy, hastening to share the good news of your love. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit dwelling among us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending

(Please be seated)

Today's Highlights

For more information on the church's activities, please pick up the bulletin announcements from the Welcome Center, ask an usher or go to our website, stmattslutheran.org.

(Please stand as you are able)

Blessing

P God the Creator who delights in you, Jesus the Savior who is born for you, and the lifegiving Spirit who shines on you, ☩ bless you and keep you in hope and peace.

C **Amen.**

Sending Song

ELW #677 This Little Light of Mine

Dismissal

A Go in peace. Share the joy of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Your presence has blessed our worship service. May you be strengthened by the strong word of God expressed through music and worship today. The peace of the Lord be with you as you go.

Healing Service - 9:45 a.m.

Gathering Litany

- P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with us all.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** We gather to hear the Word of God, pray for those in need, and ask God's blessing on those who seek healing and wholeness through Christ our Lord. 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,
- C** **look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.**
- P** Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness,
- C** **and light to illuminate our darkness.**
- P** We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C Amen.**

Blessing of Oil and Ministers of Healing

Invitation to Anointing for Healing

- P** Sisters and brothers, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness in the name of the triune God.

(You may come forward to a healing station, kneel as you are able, and receive a blessing)

Healing Response

- P** Let us pray. Living God, through the laying on of hands and anointing, grant comfort in suffering to all who are in need of healing.
- P** When afraid, **C** **give us courage;**
- P** When afflicted, **C** **give us patience;**
- P** When dejected, **C** **give us hope;**
- P** And when alone, **C** **assure us of the support of your holy people.**
- P** We ask this through Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Blessing

- P** The God of all consolation bless you in every way, grant you hope in all the days of your life, restore you to health and grant you salvation, fill your heart with peace, and lead you to eternal life. Almighty God bless you, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**

Please depart in peace.