

**St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church**  
1615 N. Wauwatosa Avenue, Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**November 3rd, 2019**  
**8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services**

## *All Saints Sunday*

*Feast of All Saints, [November 1] The custom of commemorating all of the saints of the church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. Our All Saints Day celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who make up the body of Christ. Our liturgy abounds with references to the saints and to our continual relationship with them. The preface for All Saints describes the relationship this way: "that moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory." Today and this week invite people to reflect on others – living and dead- who have moved and supported us in our lives of faith.*

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

### ***Gathering***

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God, the whole company of heaven, and our sisters and brothers in this community.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Holy and gracious God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have lived too often for the present, without regard for generations to come. We have sought the realms of this world, rather than your promised reign of justice and peace. Have mercy on us, forgive our sins, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

How blessed are those whose sins are forgiven. In the mercy of almighty God, I announce to you the entire forgiveness of your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

**Gathering Song****#422 For All the Saints [Stanza 1-4]***(Please be seated)*

## Remembrance of the Saints

For those who have gone before us to be with you in heaven,

**we laud and magnify your name, O Lord.**

For those who now sing your praises with angels and archangels and the whole company  
of heaven,

**we laud and magnify your name, O Lord.**

Through the years, God's faithful people have made our lives rich with meaning. Now  
their lives are enriched by your presence.

**In you, all saints shall rise.**

We remember this day the lives of those who touched our lives so deeply. Now they  
reside at your right hand.

**In you, we too, shall rise! Amen.**

**Remembrance of those who have departed since last All Saints Sunday.**

God of all time, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy,  
and walked humbly with their God. For all those who have faithfully served you,  
witnessed bravely, and died in the faith, who are still shining lights in the world,  
we praise you, O God.

*(We lift in prayer and remembrance our All Saints. Individuals may call out the names of  
saints in their lives)*

We also remember with thanksgiving saints alive today who continue to touch our lives  
and our faith journeys, and we look ahead with hope to the people whose faithful  
witness to God's love will inspire future generations.

**Keep us grateful for the witness of the saints of all generations, and make us, like  
them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with  
them to share in the inheritance of the saints of life. Amen.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Gathering Song

**#422 For All the Saints [Stanzas 5-7]**

## Apostolic Greeting

Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: God of the ages, we give you thanks for saints, those of our day and of days before, who nurtured us in faith, who told us the stories of Jesus, and who cultivated among us the sense of our own vocation to follow God's path.

**Help us not only to remember them, but also to follow their example, to nurture their expectant hope, and to live our lives so that others might see your love reflected in all that we say and do. Thank you, God, for the gift of your saints. Amen.**

Word

*(Please be seated)*

## First Reading

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

*The book of Daniel was written in the second century b.c., when the Syrian king, Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

Ephesians 1:11-23

*After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, Paul prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Processional

**#424 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones [Stanzas 1-2]**

## Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 6th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.*

Gospel Response

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Recessional

**#424 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones [Stanzas 3-4]**

*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**#423 Shall We Gather at the River**

*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)*

The Nicene Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

Surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us offer our prayers before God's throne of grace.

...Lord in your mercy.

**Hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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*Meal*

(8:30) Musical Offering  
Senior Choir

*Heavenly Home* by Mary McDonald –

*No more hunger, no more thirsting, no more weeping, no more tears;  
No more sin, no more temptation, no more doubting, no more fears.  
In that home, the Lamb shall find them; He shall lead them on their way,  
Where the living fount is flowing and shall wipe all tears away.*

*Heavenly home, happy home; never sigh or sorrow come.  
“Alleluia,” songs we raise, joys eternal, endless praise.*

*No more longing for the morning, no more watching for the day;  
No more groping in the darkness, no more mists to clear away.  
Morning splendors are eternal, for in heaven there is no night,  
All unknown are mists and shadows, for the Lamb, He is the Light!*

*No more weariness for pilgrims, no more restless tossings there;  
No more sorrow, no more sighing, no more watching, no more prayer.  
Ended every pilgrim’s journey, they have entered into rest.  
Joys eternal, endless praises! In that homeland of the blest.*

*-Jonathan Atchinson, 1840-1882*

(11:00) Musical Offering

*Keep Us Whole* by Linda Kachelmeier  
New Generation Choir

1. *If you're cold on the corner, afraid and alone, if your view is all darkness and your heart is a stone: **Congregation joins in Refrain 1***
2. *If you're searching for shelter, if you hunger within, you don't need to keep wand'ring you could just enter in. **Congregation joins in Refrain 2***
3. *If we just make a living, but we forget to live, open our eyes and our hearts to receive all you give. **Congregation joins in Refrain 3***
4. *If we live in this moment we're never alone. If we give with our hearts they will not turn to stone. **Congregation joins in Refrain 4***

**Refrain**

1. Let there be hope, \_\_\_ let there be love, \_\_\_ let there be
2. Where there is hope, \_\_\_ where there is love, \_\_\_ where there is
3. Let there be hope, \_\_\_ let there be love, \_\_\_ let there be
4. We will be hope, \_\_\_ we will be love, \_\_\_ we will spread



- peace a - mong \_\_\_ your peo - ple. \_\_\_ Let there be light \_\_\_ with-in our  
 peace a - mong \_\_\_ your peo - ple. \_\_\_ Where there is light \_\_\_ with-in our  
 peace a - mong \_\_\_ your peo - ple. \_\_\_ Let there be light \_\_\_ with-in our  
 peace a - mong \_\_\_ your peo - ple. \_\_\_ We will shed light \_\_\_ with-in the



- dark - ness, let there be faith \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ keep \_\_\_ us whole.  
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 dark - ness, let there be faith \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ keep \_\_\_ us whole.  
 dark - ness, we will have faith \_\_\_ to \_\_\_ keep \_\_\_ us whole.

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*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offertory

**#182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. God of our salvation, your faithfulness extends from generation to generation. Receive these gifts, signs of your gracious love, give us a foretaste of the feast to come, and lead us to the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Communion Invitation

This is the true bread, which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

**Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

*(Please be seated)*

*The Eucharist is a "foretaste of the feast to come" or an earthly meal that mirrors the heavenly banquet taking place even now. The saints of every time and place join us at God's table and together we make up the Body of Christ. As you come forward for communion, bring your white ribbons with you (or take another from the basket in front) and tie them to the frame at the center of the main aisle. As you tie your ribbon(s) you are invited to remember the saints in your life and then move to receive communion.*

Lamb of God

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Communion Anthems (8:30)

*In the Singing* by John Helgen – Senior Choir  
*Goin' Home* – Dvorak/Fisher – Dennis McBride

Czech composer Antonin Dvořák (1841-1904) spent several years in America in the 1890s. While here he wrote his famous "New World Symphony," inspired by various strains of American music. The inspiration for his "Largo" theme was a gospel hymn, "Jesus the Light of the World." The Largo was later put to words by one of Dvořák's pupils, William Arms Fisher (1861-1948), and became "Going Home." This version, clearly inspired by African-American music, became popular with African-American congregations, especially for funerals, because of the hymn's message of a peaceful transition to the afterlife.

(11:00)

*Just as I Am* arr. by Lani Smith – Fallen Angels

Communion Hymn

**#485 I Am the Bread of Life**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Post-Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in God's light and grace.

**Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Remember us, and all the faithful, when you come into your kingdom, O Lord. As you have fed us with holy food and drink, send us into the world to live as your holy people, until we come to the full vision of your glory, for you are Lord, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## *Sending*

*(Please be seated)*

Today's Highlights

*For more information on the church's activities, pick up the bulletin announcements from an usher or from our website, [www.stmattslutheran.org](http://www.stmattslutheran.org).*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Blessing

The church is surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. May you find strength and courage in their presence. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*It has been wonderful to have you share in the worship of our marvelous God.*

*It is our prayer that you have been strengthened and refreshed for the upcoming week.*