

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

**January 12th, 2020**

*Baptism of Our Lord Sunday*

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

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

(11:00) Temple Talk

Blood Drive, Mike Reinicker

## *Gathering*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Litany for the Baptism of our Lord Sunday

The baptism of Christ in the Jordan marked the beginning of an amazing ministry of abundant love.

**And our baptisms mark the beginning of our lives of faith.**

Through baptism, our bodies daily die to sin, and God's redeeming work has begun.

**Restore us and redeem us this day.**

Through baptism, temptation's chaos and confusion are stilled, and God's peace has begun in us.

**Grant us peace this day.**

For he who has begun a good work within us

**will bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Gathering Song

## When Jesus Came to Jordan

1. When Je - sus\_ came to Jor - dan to be\_ bap - tized by John,  
 2. He came to\_ share temp - ta - tion, our ut - most woe and loss,  
 3. Come, Ho - ly\_ Spir - it, aid\_ us to keep\_ the vows we make;

he did not\_ come for par - don but as\_ the Sin - less One.  
 for us and\_ our sal - va - tion to die\_ up - on the cross.  
 this ver - y\_ day in - vade\_ us, and ev - 'ry bond - age break.

He\_ came to share re - pen - tance with\_ all who mourn their sins,  
 So\_ when the dove de - scend - ed on\_ him, the Son of Man,  
 Come, give our lives di - rec - tion, the\_ gift we cov - et most:

to speak the\_ vi - tal sen - tence with which good news be - gins.  
 the hid - den\_ years had end - ed, the age\_ of grace be - gan.  
 to share the\_ res - ur - rec - tion that leads to Pen - te - cost.

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## Apostolic Greeting

Arise shine; for the Light has come!

**The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**

We gather in the name in which we are baptized, the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen. We give thanks to God.**

## Prayer of the Day

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through 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 42:1-9

*God's servant Israel is endowed with the Spirit in order to bring justice to the nations. The servant will not exercise authority boisterously or with violence, nor will weariness ever keep it from fulfilling its task. God's old promises have been fulfilled; the new assignment of the servant is to bring light to the nations.*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 29

*(A summons to all creatures to worship God--whose glory is seen in the storm's splendor)*

Give the Lord Glory, you spirits.

**Give Glory! Honor God's Strength.**

Honor the name of the Lord!

**Bow when the Lord, majestic and holy, comes!**

God's voice thunders.

**Above the massive seas.**

A voice, powerful and splendid.

**God shatters the cedars. Shatters the cedars of Lebanon. Makes Lebanon jump like a calf, Siren like a wild ox.**

God's voice strikes fire. It makes the desert shudder, Qadesh shudders in horror.

**The Deer writhe in labor. God strips the trees bare.**

All shout "Glory!" in your temple, Lord.

**For you rule the mighty waters; you rule over all forever.**

Give strength to your people, Lord.

**And bless your people with peace.**

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-43

*Peter crosses the sharp religious boundary separating Jews from Gentiles and proclaims the good news of God's inclusive forgiveness in Jesus' name to Cornelius and his family becomes the first Gentiles to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Let There be Light!**


Al - le - lu - ia! Let there be light! Let Christ's ap -  
 pear - ing put to flight The clouds of sin and sad - ness.  
 1. Al - le - lu - ia! The na - tions see the light that  
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! God's voice is heard: "This is my  
 dawns in Ga - li - lee; They come, their praise to  
 Son," the gra - cious word, The dawn of pro - mised  
 ren - der. Al - le - lu - ia! Day is break - ing, Grace a - wak - ing,  
 glad - ness.  
 bright - ly beam - ing, Life re - new - ing and re - deem - ing.

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## Gospel

## Matthew 3:13-17

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 3rd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Before Jesus begins his ministry, he is baptized by John, touched by the Spirit, and identified publicly as God's child.*

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**#451 We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus**

### Reaffirmation of Baptism

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, the promises of God's grace are signed and sealed to us in our baptism.

In baptism God promises by grace alone to forgive our sin;  
to adopt us into the body of Christ, the church;  
to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us;  
and to resurrect us to eternal life.

This promise is made visible in the water of baptism. Water cleanses, purifies, sustains;  
Jesus Christ is living water. (*Water is poured into the font*)

Through baptism Christ calls us to new obedience:

to love and trust God completely;  
to forsake the evil of the world;  
and to live a new and holy life.

I invite you now to remember God's promise, to turn away from all that is evil, and to reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ and your commitment to Christ's church.

### Renunciations & Affirmations

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

**I renounce them.**

Christ calls us to continue in the covenant God made with us in holy baptism. Do you intend:

to live among God's faithful people,  
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,  
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,  
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,  
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

**I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

People of God, as Christ's faithful disciple, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks, O holy and gracious God, for the gift of water.

In the beginning of creation your Spirit moved over the waters.

In the waters of the flood you destroyed evil.

You led the children of Israel through the sea into freedom of the Promised Land.

In the river Jordan, John baptized our Lord and your Spirit anointed him.

By his death and resurrection Jesus Christ, the living water, frees us from sin and death and opens the way to life everlasting.

**We thank you, O God, for the gift of baptism. In the waters of baptism you confirm to us that we are buried with Christ in his death, raised to share in his resurrection, and are being renewed by the Holy Spirit.**

Pour out upon us and on your whole church the gift of your Holy Spirit, so that all who have passed through the waters of Baptism might be dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**To God be all honor and glory, dominion and power, now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(11:00) *(Please be seated)*

(11:00) Congregation's Welcome to the Baptized

**Noah, we receive you as our own, and as God's own child. We promise to pray for you, care for you and speak God's Word to you. We promise to support your parents as they set about the holy task of raising you up in Christ. Welcome to God's Family!**

Baptismal Charge

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *[Ephesians 4:1-2]*

**Amen.**

Baptism Acclamation

**You Belong to Christ**

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu ia.

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Prayers of Intercession

Filled with the power of the Holy Spirit through baptism, and called to be a light to the nations, let us pray for God's justice, peace, and healing.

...Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Receive these prayers in the name of Christ, the light of the world, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ                      page 218

## *Thanksgiving*

*(Please be seated)*

(8:30) Offering

*The Baptism Carol* by Donald Busarow - Senior Choir

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Canticle of Thanksgiving

**#456 Baptized in Water**

Thanksgiving for the Word                      page 220

Lord's Prayer                                      page 221 (Contemporary Version)

**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.**

## *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, [www.stmattslutheran.org](http://www.stmattslutheran.org).*

(8:30) Temple Talk                              Blood Drive, Mike Reinicker

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Benediction

God, who through water and the Spirit has made us beloved daughters and sons, strengthen you in your baptism. The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Almighty God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

**#454 Remember and Rejoice**

## Dismissal

Go forth as light into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**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.*