

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

January 13th, 2019

Baptism of Our Lord Sunday

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

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

(11:00) Temple Talk

Jim Yee, Blood Center of Wisconsin

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Gathering Hymn

ELW #448 This is the Spirit's Entry Now

Thanksgiving for Baptism *(adapted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship)*

- A** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- C** **Amen.**
- A** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
- C** **Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**
- A** We give you thanks, O God,
- C** **For in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**
- A** We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
- C** **To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen!**

Hymn of Praise

ELW #453 Baptized and Set Free

Apostolic Greeting

- P** We gather in the name in which we are baptized, the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed him as your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

*Word**(Please be seated)*

First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Near the end of Israel's exile in Babylon, God promises to bring them home. They need no longer be afraid, because the one who formed, created, and called them by name now redeems them from all their enemies. God declares them precious and honored, and God loves them.

- A** Word of God, Word of Life.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

Peter and John are sent to support the new Christians in Samaria, a group that was recently baptized after hearing the good news of Christ through the preaching of Phillip. Here the Samaritans received the gift of the Holy Spirit in the laying on of hands.

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- C** **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

ELW p. 205, Alleluia, Lord and Savior



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

Gospel

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

- Ⓟ The Gospel according to Luke, the 3rd Chapter.
- Ⓞ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The reading opens with questions about the identity of the Messiah. John the Baptist insists that he is not the Messiah; instead he points ahead to one who is coming. And whether the voice of God was heard by all or only by Jesus, God settles the matter: Jesus is God's beloved Son.

Gospel Response

- Ⓟ The Gospel of the Lord.
- Ⓞ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

Sermon

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(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

ELW #396 Spirit of Gentleness

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)

(Rite of Sprinkling, aspersion, will occur during the hymn)

Affirmation of Baptism

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Presentation

- P** Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for the siblings we share in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called us to yourself, enlightened us with the gifts of your Holy Spirit, and nourished us in the community of faith. Uphold us, your servants, in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
- C** **Amen.**

Profession of Faith

- P** I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.
- P** Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
C **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
C **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
C **I renounce them.**
- P** Do you believe in God the Father?
C **I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**
- P** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
C **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.**

P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C **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.**

P You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

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?

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

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for one another in your life in Christ?

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

P Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in your people the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

- P** United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.
- P** We pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, hear our Prayer.**
- P** Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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Thanksgiving

Offering

(8:30)

Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized
by Kenneth Lowenberg – Senior Choir

Offertory

**ELW #686 We Give Thee But Thine Own
(Stanzas 1 & 4)**

Offertory Prayer

- P** Let us pray. Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

(8:30) Temple Talk

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(Please stand as you are able)

Blessing

☐ The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✝ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

☑ **Amen.**

Sending Song

ELW #459 Wade in the Water

Dismissal

☐ Go in peace. Christ is your light.

☑ **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.