

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

December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

*The First Sunday of Christmas*

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

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

## Gathering

Call to Worship

*On Christmas Night All Christians Sing*  
arr. by Linda Lamb – Linda Chadwick, Bell Tree

*(Please stand as you are able)*

- P** Joy to the World, the Lord has come!
- C** **Let earth receive her King.**
- P** All God's people.
- C** **Come and worship!**
- P** Shepherds, Magi, saints, and angels.
- C** **Come and worship Christ, the newborn King!**

Gathering Hymn

**#275 Angels, from the Realms of Glory**

Apostolic Greeting

- P** Good news of great joy, light and grace and peace be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

Hymn of Praise

**#289 Angels We Have Heard on High**

Apostolic Greeting

- P** Good news of great joy, light and grace and peace be with you all.
- C** **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

*In the Beginning was the Word*

## Word

*(Please be seated)*

First Reading

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

*Having dedicated her son Samuel to God's service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband, Elkanah, come to the Lord's house to offer sacrifices. God grants Hannah more children and Samuel himself gains favor in the sight of all.*

**A** Word of God, word of life.

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

Second Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

*Just as newly baptized Christians, in the early church, were clothed with white robes upon arising from the baptismal waters, so all who have received God's gift of life in Jesus Christ are covered with the character of Christ.*

**A** Word of God, word of life.

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

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Gospel Acclamation

**#274 On Christmas Night** [Stanzas 1 & 2]

Gospel

Luke 2:41-52

**P** The holy gospel according to Luke, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus grew up in a family that went to the Passover festival each year. It was in this environment of faithful adherence to the law that Jesus grew into spiritual maturity and an understanding of his identity and mission.*

Gospel Response

**P** The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Gospel Response

**#274 On Christmas Night** [Stanzas 3 & 4]

*(Please be seated)*

Gospel Message

Pastor Christopher Manke

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**#282 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear**

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

## Prayers of Intercession

- P** Blessed by the light of Christ incarnate, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.  
**P** ...Lord in your mercy.  
**C** **Hear our prayer.**  
**P** Hear our prayers, gracious God, and bathe us always in light of your Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

- P** At the birth of Christ the angels sang a song of peace and goodwill. May the peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**C** **And also with you.**

*And the Word was Made Flesh*

## Thanksgiving

*(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

Matthew Thorne, Organ

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offering Carol

**#278 Away in a Manger**

Offertory Prayer

- A** Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Son to join our human family.  
**C** **“Why were you searching for me?” he said. “Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?”**  
**A** And by our Savior's presence here, you offer us entry into your holy family.  
**C** **We are your children. Accept these gifts with joy.**  
**A** Teach us, by the example Jesus, to give more fully of ourselves. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.  
**C** **Amen.**

**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.**

## *And Dwelt Among Us*

### *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).*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

New Year's Litany

- P** As a new year begins, we ask ourselves, "Where are we headed? What's in store for our lives?"
- C** **Lead us, O Lord, in the way we should go.**
- P** Joseph listened to the angel of the Lord and took Mary and Jesus to Egypt.
- C** **May we too be ready to listen and go where you guide.**
- P** The shepherds on the hillside heard the words of the angel of God and ran to Bethlehem to see the Savior.
- C** **May we too heed the call and go with haste to where you are.**
- P** The disciples followed what you said, O Lord, and went into all the world proclaiming the good news.
- C** **May we too be prepared to spread the Gospel message to people everywhere.**
- P** With the Lord directing our ways, our journey through life will be blessed.
- C** **We will go out in joy and be led back in peace.**

## Blessing

☐ God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. May God grant you grace and peace at the dawn of this new year. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

☑ **Amen.**

## Sending Song

**#267 Joy to the World**

## Dismissal

☐ Glory to God in the highest!

☑ **Peace on God's people on earth!**

☐ Filled with the joy of Christ's birth go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*And of His Reign There Will Be No End!*

*As we leave today, we remember that our worship of God continues in all that we say and do this week. We value your presence here this morning and pray that you have experienced God's presence through your worship. God's favor be with you as you go.*