

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

January 5th, 2020

The Second Sunday of Christmas

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

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The True Light came into the world, but the world did not recognize him.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the Word made flesh, the Lord and giver of life. Let us come into the light of Christ, confessing our need for God's mercy.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

God of peace,

we confess that we are not at peace—with others or with ourselves. We bring to you all that tears us apart: discord in our families, violence in our world, our own conflicted hearts. In your mercy, mend us. Reconnect us to one another and to you. Let peace reign over all the earth, through the Prince of peace, our Savior Jesus Christ.

In the Word who has come to dwell with us, God has given us grace upon grace:

forgiveness that is stronger than our sins, love that can heal every broken heart.

Hear this word of God's pardon and peace: in the name of Jesus our Savior, you are free from all your sins. Rise, shine, for your light has come.

The glory of the Lord has shone upon us, in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Gathering Song

#655 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Apostolic Greeting

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have filled us with new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:7-14

God promises to bring Israel back to its land from the most remote parts of exile. In Zion Israel will rejoice over God's gift of food and livestock. Young women will express their joy in dancing; God will give gladness instead of sorrow.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

In Jesus, all of God's plans and purposes have been made known as heaven and earth are united in Christ. Through Jesus, we have been chosen as God's children and have been promised eternal salvation.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o - ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

Verse



Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born; and



God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ - mas morn._____ *to Refrain*

Music: African American Spiritual. Tune: Go Tell It 78 76 76 76. Text: African American Spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr. 1872-1925, stanzas, alt.

Gospel

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

The holy gospel according to John, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

John begins his gospel with this prologue: a hymn to the Word through whom all things were created. This Word became flesh and brought grace and truth to the world.

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Gospel Message

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#295 Of the Father's Love Begotten

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)

The Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

Filled with wonder and joy that God's gift of grace has been given in the Son born for us,
let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

...Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Into the manger of your love, holy God, we lay our prayers, trusting in your promise
made known to us in Jesus the Christ, our brother and Savior.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

At the birth of Christ the angels sang a song of peace and goodwill. May the peace of the
Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Meal

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering

(Please stand as you are able)

Offering Carol

#276 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Good and loving God, we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the
poor to bring the riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let
them be blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven,
we shout for joy at the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory.

**Make yourself known to us, O Christ, in the breaking of the bread and the sharing
of the cup.**

(Please be seated)

Communion Carol

#300 The First Noel

(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. We give you thanks, O God, that in this bread and cup of Christ's very life, you give us food for our journey. As you led the magi by a star, as you brought the holy family home again, guide us on the way unfolding before us. Wherever we go, may our lives proclaim good news of great joy in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

(Please stand as you are able)

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. **Amen.**

The past, the present, and the future rest in God's hands. May God guard your coming in and your going forth, this new year and forevermore. **Amen.**

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.**

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.

Prelude

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.