

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213
February 2nd, 2020
Presentation of Our Lord Sunday
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

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Gathering Song **#417 In His Temple Now Behold Him**

Litany for the Presentation of Our Lord

Lord, now let your servant go in peace according to your word.

Your Word, O God, has come to life through the Good News that we share.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,

Your salvation, O God, is made known to us through the work of the Holy Spirit.

which you have prepared before the face of all people,

Your people, O God, are ready to welcome the Savior in our hearts with joy.

a light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.

Your light, O God, brightens the lives of all people on earth.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise

#167 Now the Feast and Celebration

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Almighty and ever-living God, your only-begotten Son was presented this day in the temple. May we be presented to you with clean and pure hearts by the same Jesus Christ, our great high priest, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Malachi 3:1-4

This reading concludes a larger section [2:17-3:5] in which the prophet speaks of the coming of the God of justice. Malachi looks for that day when the wondrous power of God will purify the priestly descendants of Levi who minister in the temple at Jerusalem.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Hebrews 2:14-18

Jesus shared human nature fully so that his death might be for all humans a liberation from slavery to death's power. Here the writer uses the image of priestly service in the temple as a way of describing the life and saving death of the Lord Jesus. He is the high priest who offers his life on behalf of his brothers and sisters.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Arise, Be Clothed in the Light

A - rise, be clothed in the light. A - rise, be clothed in the light.

Your light has come, your light has come. Al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel

Luke 2:22-40

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

This story is a study in contrasts: the infant Jesus with the aged prophets; the joy of birth with the ominous words of Simeon to Mary; the faithful fulfilling of the law with the presentation of the one who will release its hold over us. Through it all, we see the light of God's salvation revealed to the world.

Gospel Response

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

#313 O Lord, Now Let Your Servant

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)

The Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

Guided by the light of Christ, who has been made known to the nations, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

...Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Radiant God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Meal(8:30) *(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

Nunc Dimittis by René Clausen - Senior Choir*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offertory

#181 **Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. As Joseph and Mary brought gifts to the temple in thanksgiving for the birth of their son, so we offer tokens of our thankfulness for the blessings of that same Son. Accept them for the sake of the Child who was presented this day, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving & Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
 Lord, God of pow-er, God of might: heav-en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
 he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - - est.

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.

We join in the feast.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God

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(8:30) Communion Anthem

Now We Join in Celebration – Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

#477 I Received the Living God

(Please stand as you are able)

Post-Communion Response

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

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. God our Father, source of all light, you revealed to aged Simeon your light that enlightens all nations and have now filled our hearts with the light of faith through this holy supper. Lighten our path that we may walk in the way of holiness until we come to the Light that shines forever, your Son, 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, www.stmattslutheran.org.

(Please stand as you are able)

Benediction for the Epiphany Season

May Christ, whose epiphany revealed God's glory to the world, deepen your faith and make your hearts glad. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

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.