

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018

*Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**8:30 a.m. Service**

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering Song

**#389 Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing**

*Gathering*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the † holy Trinity, the one who fashions us, the one who heals us, the one who reforms us again and again.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

**P** Source of all life,

**C** **we confess that we have not allowed your grace to set us free. We fear that we are not good enough. We hear your word of love freely given to us, yet we expect others to earn it. We turn the church inward, rather than moving outward. Forgive us. Stir us. Reform us to be a church powered by love, willing to speak for what is right, act for what is just, and seek the healing of your whole creation. Amen.**

**P** God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, † God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Hymn of Praise

**#167 Now the Feast and Celebration**

Apostolic Greeting

Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray. God our helper, hear our prayer and uphold your church in times of testing. In the time of trouble, and in the day of deliverance, may we never cease to offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Jeremiah 11:18-20

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Psalm

Psalm 54 (Read Responsively)

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Second Reading

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

*The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy and impartiality toward others.*

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Gospel Acclamation

page 216, **Alleluia! Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?**

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

Gospel Response

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*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

Pastor Christopher Manke

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**#843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness***(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)*

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Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

**P** Freed by God in Christ to live and love and serve, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's beloved creation.

**P** . . . We pray to the Lord.

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**G** **Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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## *Meal*

*(Please be seated)*

Offering

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"* Bell Tree

Linda Chadwick

**#465 As the Grains of Wheat**

Offertory Hymn

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offertory Prayer

**P** God of life, you give us these gifts of the earth, these resources of our life and our labor. Take them, offered in great thanksgiving, and use them to set a table that will heal the whole creation; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Light.

**G** **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

**P** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**P** Lift up your hearts.

**G** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**G** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

**#191 Holy, Holy Holy**

Eucharistic Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer page 182 (Traditional Version)  
 Invitation to Communion

**P** Speak to us, O Lord, in the breaking of the bread and make us one with you.

**G** **Amen.**

*(Please be seated)*

Lamb of God **#195 Lamb of God**

Communion Hymns **#815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**  
**#781 Children of the Heavenly Father**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Post-Communion Response

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

**G** **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

**A** Let us pray. Holy and compassionate God, in bread and wine you give us gifts that form us to be humble and courageous. May your words come to life in our serving and in our witness, that we might speak a living voice of healing and justice to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

**G** **Amen.**

## *Sending*

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Benediction

**P** May God, creator of all things, speaking reformation into being; Jesus Christ, savior of the world, raising the dead; Holy Spirit, living voice, calling and enlightening the church: Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

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Dismissal

**P** Go in peace. Sound the good news.

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Postlude

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**Glory to God, ELW p. 213**

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## *Thanksgiving*

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Offering

*The Servant Song* by David Schwoebel – Senior Choir  
Chris Zello, Clarinet

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Canticle of Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving for the Word

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The 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.**

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