

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave.

Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**February 16th, 2020**

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

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

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

## *Gathering*

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Gathering Song

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Prayer of the Day

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### Prayers of Intercession

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**Amen.**

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## *Thanksgiving*

*(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offertory

**#185 Create in Me a Clean Heart**

Thanksgiving for the Word

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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*

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### Today's Highlights

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### Sending Song

**#713 O God of Every Nation**

### Dismissal

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### Postlude

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Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

**Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

God who searches us and knows us,

**you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way.**

**We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin, and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; † your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

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Hymn of Praise

**#167 Now the Feast and Celebration**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. O God, the strength of all who hope in you, because we are weak mortals we accomplish nothing good without you. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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Sharing the Peace of Christ

## *Meal*

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Musical Offering

*Day by Day* arr. by Janet Janzen (Hymn #790 for text)  
Senior Choir with Amy Hartman, Flute

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Offertory

**#183 Let the Vineyards**

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. O Lord, if it were not enough that you have given us all things: life, love, moments of laughter, you have opened your heart to us as well. We thank you for your holy law, a law of love. United in your own love we bring these gifts before you today. Accept them, not as requirements of your law, but as signs of our love. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## 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  
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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

**#195 Lamb of God**

Communion Anthem

*I Received the Living God* by David Schelat  
 Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

**#470 Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

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. At your table, O Christ, we witness the fulfillment of the Law your body given, your blood shed for us. Nourish us with this gift. Make your will our own. You are the Lord forevermore.

**Amen.**

## *Sending*

Sending Communion

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence.

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