

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave.

Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*Sixth Sunday after Epiphany*

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

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

## Gathering

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Thanksgiving for Baptism *(adapted from Evangelical Lutheran Worship)*

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, who gave us birth, our light, and our salvation.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

**C** **Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.**

**P** We give you thanks, O God,

**C** **for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

**P** Pour out upon us and on your whole church the gift of your Holy Spirit, so that all who have passed through the waters of Baptism might be dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

**C** **To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen!**

Gathering Song

**#705 God of Grace and God of Glory**

Apostolic Greeting

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Opening Response

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**P** For this reason the wicked cannot withstand judgment, nor can sinners join the assembly of the righteous.

- C** Certainly the LORD knows the way of the godly, but the way of the wicked ends in destruction.

Hymn of Praise  
Prayer of the Day

page 204, Glory be to God in Heaven  
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## Word

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First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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Gospel

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*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

Gospel Response

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

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

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Sermon

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Hymn of the Day

**#806 O God, My Faithful God**

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

The Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

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## *Welcoming of New Members*

*(Please be seated)*

Calling Forward our New Members

Welcoming our New Members

**P** We are here this morning to welcome these new members into the community which is St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. We are not a building, but the gathered family of God. We are brothers and sisters in Christ, given this new identity through our baptism into Jesus' death and resurrection. Today we welcome you as members of this family in the larger body of Christ.

**P** And so we ask, do you desire to join the membership of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church? If so please answer: "We do."

**P** Let us pray. Gracious God, as you called James and John, Simon and Andrew to fish for people, so you have called us to serve you with our own talents and resources. We thank you for bringing to us these new members. You have told us that wherever two or more are gathered in your name, there you are with them. Help us, we pray, to see and feel that presence and that others may come to know you through their interactions with us.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** As active followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to spread the Good News. We encourage you to accept that call through your involvement in the church.

- ☒ **We welcome you as brothers and sisters in Christ, and thank God for this unique opportunity to serve God and one another. May the God to whom we belong equip us for every good work that we do together in his name.**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Sharing the Peace of Christ

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## Thanksgiving

*(Please be seated)*

Musical Offering

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Canticle of Thanksgiving

**#186 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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- ☐ The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

☒ **Amen.**

Sending Song

**#546 To Be Your Presence**

Dismissal

- ☒ Go forth as light into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Postlude

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Order for Confession and Forgiveness and Thanksgiving for Baptism

- P** In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
- C** **Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism and forgiveness.**
- P** "Blessing" and "Woe," both are the Word of the Lord.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

- P** Gracious God,
- C** **Have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
- P** We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.
- C** **Those who trust in the Lord are blessed, like trees planted by water. Amen.**

Gathering Hymn

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## ***Meal***

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Musical Offering

*Blest are They* by David Haas – Senior Choir

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Canticle of Thanksgiving

**#181 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful**

Offertory Prayer

- A** Let us pray. O Lord, we are truly blessed in body, mind and spirit. You have made us so. Accept these gifts, and with them this hope: That we might find the opportunities to bless, to fill, to ease and to comfort, as you have done these things to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C Amen.**

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Words of Institution

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Invitation to Communion

*(Please be seated)*

Lamb of God **page 208, 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)*

### Post-Communion Response

- P** May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in God's light and grace.
- C** **Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

- A** Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, you have filled your hungry people with the goodness of your grace. Fill now our mouths to sing your praise, so that everyone, everywhere, might join their praise with ours, at the wedding feast of the Lamb. There we shall praise you here and there and evermore.
- C** **Amen.**

## *Sending*

### Prayer of Communion Sending

- P** Let us pray. Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist those who set forth to share your word and sacrament with those who are sick, homebound, and imprisoned. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those who will receive this sacrament, and give us all the comfort of your abiding presence through the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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