

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave.

Wauwatosa, WI 53213

**January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

*Third Sunday after Epiphany*

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

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

## Gathering

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us,  
who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

**P** Mighty and loving God,

**C** **we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts, and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

**P** Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength, and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.

**C** **Amen.**

Opening Hymn

**ELW #669 Rise Up, O Saints of God!**

Apostolic Greeting

**P** We gather in the name in which we are baptized, the name of God, the Father,  
the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise

**ELW #239 Hark, the Glad Sound!**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Blessed Lord God, you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
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*Word*

*(Please be seated)*

First Reading

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*The exiles have returned. Under Nehemiah they have rebuilt the city of Jerusalem and its walls. Now the people ask Ezra, the priest, to read the Law of Moses to them in the public square. When they hear it they weep for their sins, for the long years in exile, and for the joy of the Lord that was their strength.*

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- P** Keeping God's decrees enriches me; they bring me light. Yet faults hide within us; forgive me mine.

- C** Keep my pride in check, break its grip; I shall be free of blame for deadly sin.  
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## Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

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Gospel Acclamation

ELW page 205, Alleluia, Lord and Savior

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

(Please be seated)

Gospel Drama

Luke 4:14-21

Near the beginning of Jesus' public ministry, he visits his hometown of Nazareth. In the words of Isaiah, he clearly states his purpose and mission.

## Gospel Response

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

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Hymn of the Day

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

## The Nicene Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

## Prayers of Intercession

- P** United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.  
  
**P** We pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
  
**P** Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**C** **Amen.**

## Sharing the Peace of Christ

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***Meal****(Please be seated)*

## Offering

Rob McWilliam

*(Please stand as you are able)*

## Offertory

**ELW #870 We Praise You, O God (Stanzas 1 & 2)**

## Offertory Prayer

- P** Let us pray. God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord  
**C** **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving page 206 (Spoken)

Sanctus **page 207**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer page 145 (Traditional Version)

Invitation to Communion

**P** Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

*(Please be seated)*

Lamb of God **page 208**

Communion Hymn

**ELW# 479 We Come to the Hungry Feast**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Prayer after Communion

**P** Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## ***Sending***

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Today's Highlights

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Benediction

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

## Sending Song

## Sing a New Church (NETTLETON)

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## Dismissal



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## Postlude

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Baptism

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**Naomi Kitoi Harrison**

*(Please stand as you are able)*

Apostles' Creed

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*(Please be seated)*

Congregation's Welcome to the Baptized

**C** **Naomi, we receive you as our own, and as God's own child. We promise to pray for you, care for you and speak God's Word to you. We promise to support your parents as they set about the holy task of raising you up in Christ. Welcome to God's Family!**

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## Thanksgiving

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Offering

*One Body in Christ* by Andrew Fowler – Senior Choir

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Canticle of Thanksgiving

**ELW #870 We Praise You, O God (Stanzas 1 & 2)**

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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