

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

November 17th, 2019

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Call to Worship

Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

Here may the faithful be awakened.

Here may the doubting find faith, and the anxious be encouraged.

Here may the sorrowful find comfort.

Here may the weary find rest, and the strong be renewed.

Here may the despairing find consolation and the yearning be inspired.

Gathering Song

#796 How Firm a Foundation

Opening Litany for the 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

When the world began you set the sun and moon in their courses and created day and night.

Time is in your hands, Lord God.

When the time was right, you sent your Son.

And when the time is right, your Son will come again.

For to you a day is like a thousand years and a thousand years are like a day.

Prepare us to receive you with joy and not fear.

Make us ready, O Lord.

Prepare us most of all to see you face to face.

For then all will be fulfilled and all will be made known.

Come quickly, O Lord. Amen.

Apostolic Greeting

The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

(Please be seated)

Anthem

Jesus, We Worship You by Pat Ballard

We Thank You God by Glenn and Susan Eernisse

Praise Kids

Word

First Reading

Malachi 4:1-2a

Malachi, whose name means "my messenger," warns that the day of the Lord is coming and that it will bring doom to the evil but vindication to those who fear God.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 98 - Read Responsively

O sing to the Lord a new song, for marvelous things have been done.

God's right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

The Lord has been victorious and vindication has been revealed in the sight of the nations.

God has remembered the steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord.

God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Some members of the Thessalonian community, because of their belief in the nearness of Christ's return, had ceased to work, preferring to live on the generosity of other members of the community. Paul warns that if they want to eat, they need to work.

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Gospel Acclamation

#512 Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

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The holy gospel according to Luke, the 21st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

As history moves toward God's fulfillment there will be frightening signs and events. Before the end, believers will draw strength from their relationship to God and shall be given the words they need to testify and to endure without fear.

Gospel Response

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Christopher Manke

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#749 O God of Love, O King of Peace

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)

(Please be seated)

Baptism

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Lukas Matthew Zellmer

(Please stand as you are able)

The Apostles' Creed

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(Please be seated)

Congregation's Welcome to the Baptized

Lukas, 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!

(Please stand as you are able)

Prayers of Intercession

Knowing the one in whom we trust, and with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

...We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Trusting and delighting in you, we commend all our lives into your loving hands. We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

As God has given us peace through Christ, so let us pass the peace of Christ to each other. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Thanksgiving

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering

Fairest Lord Jesus arr. by Lloyd Larson
The EmbELLishments

(Please stand as you are able)

Canticle of Thanksgiving

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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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Blessing

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Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love God and serve your neighbor.

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Postlude

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A Merry Heart by Cynthia Dobrinski
Righteous Ringers

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence is kept for meditation and self-examination)

God of justice and compassion,

We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves, we have not been faithful stewards of your creation, we have not persisted in prayer. We pray you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, your faithful Son, heal us of our unrighteousness, that we may rise to live before you in true righteousness and holiness.

Our gracious God has given us the faith we need to live in this world, to resist temptation, and to live with God eternally. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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Inside back cover of the Hymnal

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Meal

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Musical Offering

Lord, I Believe by Larry Shackley – Senior Choir

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory Response

#183 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, you have given us every good thing. More than we need, more than we deserve. Accept these signs of our love. And fill us with your Holy Spirit, that we may never be weary in doing what is right. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

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Sanctus

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Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

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Invitation to Communion

(Please be seated)

Call to Communion

All Are Welcome [Stanza 3]

Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where peace and jus - tice
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and
 space; as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

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Communion Anthem

In the Singing arr. John Helgen – Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

#479 We Come to the Hungry Feast

(Please stand as you are able)

Post-Communion Response

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which you have now just received,
strengthen you and keep you in God's love and grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, the workings of this world instill fear in our hearts. But at
your table we find comfort and grace. Give your people peace, O Lord. Make us
heavenly ambassadors to this dying world. You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.

Sending

Sending of Communion

Let us pray. O God of tender compassion, as you healed the sick and welcomed the
stranger, bless those who leave this assembly to share the gifts of this table with
our sisters and brothers who are sick, homebound, or imprisoned. May they be
sustained by the love and prayers of this community, and by the Bread of life that
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**You are invited to stay for a healing service that will take place
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