

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Avenue

Wauwatosa, WI 53213

October 27th, 2019

Reformation Sunday

8:30 a.m. Service

Prelude

Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

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

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

Source of all life,

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 it 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.

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.

Amen.

Gathering Song

#504 A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Congregation, Bells Angels, Brass, and Percussion

Introduction – Brass and Organ

Stanzas 1 and 2 – Congregation

Stanzas 3 – Organ Only

Stanzas 4 – Congregation

Opening Litany

Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; praise is fitting for the upright.

Sing for the LORD a new song; play your instrument skillfully with joyful sounds.

For your word, O LORD, is right, and faithful are all your works.

If God is for us, who can be against us?

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose.

In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, your faithful people. Keep us steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us against all our enemies, and bestow on your Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the Lord means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy [Jer. 22:16]. The renewed covenant is possible only because the Lord will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

Responsive Psalm

Psalm 46, Read Responsively

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Mighty Fortress, saving God:

even if the earth shudders, even if mountains tumble into sea depth, making the waters churn and seethe, we shall not be afraid.

You are with us, God our stronghold, God of Jacob.

Joy streams through your city, through your sacred dwelling.

You are with us, God; the city cannot fall.

At dawn you scatter the enemy; kingdoms topple, earth crumbles at the sound of your voice.

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Come! Let us see God's wonders, God's saving deeds!

God breaks the bow, snaps the spear, burns the shield, and stamps out war.

"Be still!" says God, "Know that I hold power over all peoples."

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Second Reading

Romans 3:19-28

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A Word of God, Word of Life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

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 God is our sal - va - tion. Al - le - lu - ia! _____

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

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

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

#511 Thy Strong Word

Congregation, Senior Choir, Brass, and Percussion

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(Prayer cards will be collected during the Hymn)

Apostles' Creed

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Prayers of Intercession

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...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.

Meal

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering

Meditation on "Neumark" [If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee] arr. by Julie Stitt; Bells Angels; Robert Hughes, Trumpet; Abigail Hughes, Horn

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory Response

God Is Our Refuge

The musical notation consists of two staves of music in 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written on a five-line staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lyrics 'God is our re - fuge and our strength, Our help - er ev - er near.' are written below the first staff. The second staff begins with a treble clef and continues the melody: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), G5 (quarter), F#5 (quarter), E5 (quarter), D5 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter). The lyrics 'The Lord of hosts is at our side To shel - ter us from fear.' are written below the second staff. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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Offertory Prayer

Let us pray. Almighty God, we do not offer you our works as they are prescribed by the Law. For such works cannot save us. We offer, instead, these gifts, motivated not by fear or obligation, but by faith, faith in your grace, faith in your Son. Accept them as our gifts of love. Use them that your Word might grow. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving page 144

Sanctus page 144

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer page 145 (Traditional Version)

Invitation to Communion

Luther's statement on Holy Communion

What is communion? It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, under the bread and the wine, instituted by Christ himself for us Christians to eat and drink. In this sacrament is given to us the forgiveness of sins, and where there is forgiveness of sins there is life and salvation.

We have, therefore, two principal sacraments in the church, baptism and the bread. Baptism leads us into a new life on earth; the bread guides us through death into eternal life.

Finally, the blessing of this sacrament is fellowship and love, by which we are strengthened against death and all evil. This fellowship is twofold: on the one hand we partake of Christ and all saints, on the other hand we permit all Christians to be partakers of us, in whatever way they and we are able; so that by this sacrament all self-seeking love is uprooted and gives place to love which seeks the common good of all, and through this mutual love there is one bread, one drink, one body, one community, --that is the true union of Christian brethren.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God **page 146**

Communion Hymn **#654 The Church's One Foundation**

(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 only begotten Son of God, you have made us free, and
we are free indeed. Keep us far from the temptation to sin. And cultivate your
Word within us. You are the Lord forevermore.

Amen.

Sending

(Please be seated)

Today's Highlights

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the Welcome Center, ask an usher or go to our website, www.StMattsLutheran.org.*

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Blessing

People of God, you have been called to be Disciples of Christ. Whatever you do, in word
or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God
through him. Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit bless you now and
forever.

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Dismissal

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Baptism

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Aria Jane Daul

(Please stand as you are able)

Apostles' Creed

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(Please be seated)

Congregation's Welcome to the Baptized

Aria, 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 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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

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