

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213
May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services

Prelude
Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, One God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

Amen.

Gathering Song

#367 Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

Mother's Day Litany

For the women who gave us life and for all the women who have mothered us along the way,

We give God thanks and praise.

For mothers who have died but whose light shines on in our hearts and memories. For women who have lost children born or unborn,

We pray for those who mourn.

For mothers who struggle, who are vulnerable or tired. For foster mothers and adoptive parents. For those who are anxiously waiting to be mothers, for those unable to conceive and for those who choose not to raise children,

We pray for peace and contentment.

For all the women in our lives who guide, nurture, strengthen, challenge, teach and lead us. For aunts, stepmothers, grandmothers and mentors. For mothers in their wide variety and myriad forms,

We give God thanks and praise. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

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Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our risen Savior, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be
with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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Word

(Please be seated)

First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing was well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23 (Read Together)

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;

for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

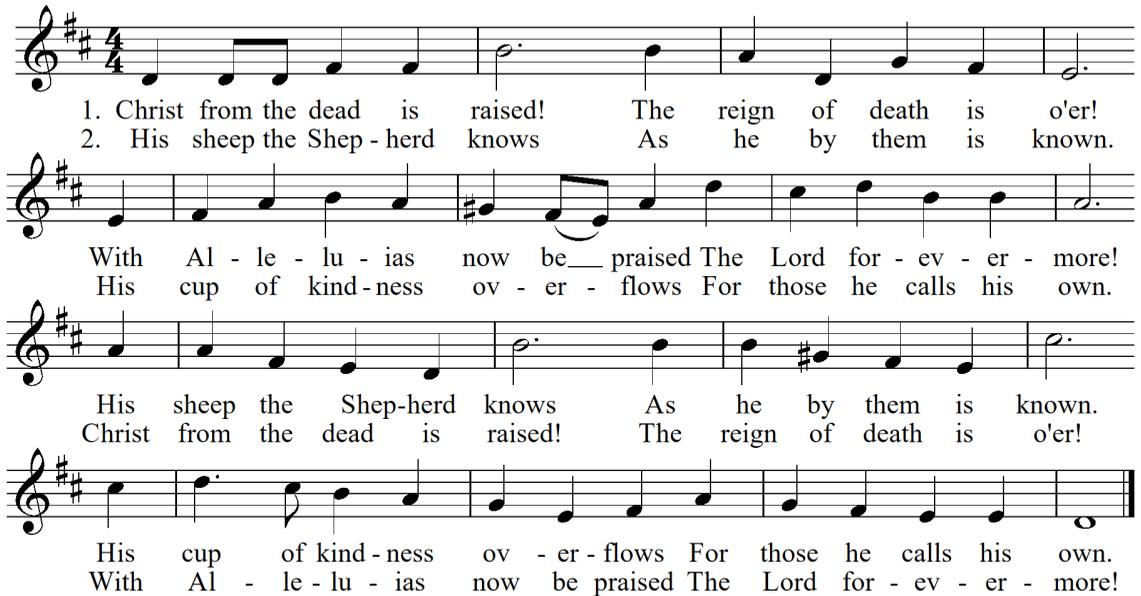
Christ is the Shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering, in whose blood the saints have washed their robes and made them white.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Christ From the Dead is Raised


1. Christ from the dead is raised! The reign of death is o'er!
 2. His sheep the Shep-herd knows As he by them is known.

With Al - le - lu - ias now be__praised The Lord for - ev - er - more!
 His cup of kind - ness ov - er - flows For those he calls his own.

His sheep the Shep-herd knows As he by them is known.
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Gospel

John 10:22-30

The holy gospel according to John, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

Children's Sermon
 Sermon

Pastor Christopher Manke
 Pastor Christopher Manke

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

#782 My Shepherd, You Supply My Need
(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn)

The Nicene Creed
 Prayers of Intercession

Inside back cover of the Hymnal

Trusting in God's promise of new life, we pray for the renewal of the church, the world, and all of creation.

...We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Holy God, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life, abundant renewal, and salvation. Hear our prayers for the sake of the one who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled." The peace of the risen Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Thanksgiving

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering

(8:30) *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

arr. by Dan Forrest, Senior Choir

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory

God, Gather Us from Many Strands

1. God, ga - ther_ us from man - y___ strands, to___ form the__
 2. God, fash - ion_ us by your own_ Word, to___ wear the__
 3. God, spread us___ out in faith, to___ act as___ com - fort -

pat - tern of your hands; that, in the__ weav - ing__
 im - print of our Lord, and, make of___ us, in___
 ers to all who've lacked the__ strength to___ seek, the__

you have done the__ han - di - work is yours a - lone.
 all our_ days, a___ fab - ric_ of un - ceas - ing praise.
 will to___ cope. O___ make of___ us a source of hope!

Stitches of Love Quilt Ministry Blessing

Let us pray. Lord, bind us together in one community of love, founded on the faith that your love and grace is everlasting. We ask for your presence today as we present these blankets for your blessing. We wrap these pews with offerings of cloth and thread.

Bless these quilts, O Lord, we pray.

We wrap these pews with offerings of time, energy, love and care.

Bless these quilts, O Lord, we pray.

We send these quilts to wrap the people of this world.

Bless those wrapped, O Lord, we pray.

We send these quilts as fabric signs of warmth and care.

Bless those warmed, O Lord, we pray.

We are a blessed and warmed people. We give thanks for the many blessings out of which we share.

Continue to warm and bless us, O Lord, we pray.

Into your Hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The 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

(Please be seated)

Today's Highlights

For more information on the church's activities, please pick up the bulletin announcements from the Welcome Center, ask an usher or go to our website, www.StMattsLutheran.org

(Please stand as you are able)

Blessing

As Christ burst forth from the tomb, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. Almighty God – Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer – The Father, Son and Holy Spirit ✠ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Sending Song

#640 Our Father, by Whose Name

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Serve the risen Christ!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Your presence has blessed our worship service. May you be strengthened by the strong word of God expressed through music and worship today. The peace of the Lord be with you as you go.