

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

January 23rd, 2022

11:00 am Service

3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Introduction God's glory is revealed in the reading of scripture. People stand at attention. People weep. People prostrate themselves in prayer. The unity of the church is another reflection of God's glory. Most gloriously, the promises of God are fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. Gather round. Listen up. Glimpse the glory of God.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Ann Williams

Gathering

Please stand as you are able.

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

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

Amen.

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

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

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.

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.

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

#815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Litany for the Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Those who are poor in spirit, rejoice!

For Christ has come to bring good news to the poor.

He will enrich our spirit!

He has the power to heal.

Christ has come to release us from our sins.

Christ has come to release us from our fears.

Christ has come to free us from our oppressions.

For Christ's presence in our lives makes our lives worth living!

Apostolic Greeting

Arise shine; for the Light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!

The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

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.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Word

First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 19

The teaching of the LORD revives the soul. (Ps. 19:7)

Let us read responsively and sing from Psalm 19.



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The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,

their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of the world, where God has pitched a tent for the sun.

It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat. Refrain

The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb. Refrain

By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer. Refrain

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The apostle and pastor Paul uses the metaphor of the human body to describe how intimately connected we are in the church. For this struggling congregation in Corinth, Paul delivers a vital message of unity that is a mark of the church today.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Glory Be

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to the Lord who sets us free
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es sing un - to Christ, our Lord and King!

from all e - vil, pain, and ill in ac - cord - ance with God's will.
 Al - le - lu - ia! What God willed in our hear - ing is ful - filled:

Al - le - lu - ia! Whom we seek is with us, God's Word to speak!
 on the One our God does send God's own Spir - it now de - scends.

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Gospel

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.

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 4th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Please be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Ann Williams

Please stand as you are able.

Hymn of the Day

#843 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)

Profession of Faith

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

...God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

Thanksgiving

Musical Offering

Will You Come and Follow Me arr. by Tom Trenney

– Senior Choir

Please stand as you are able.

Canticle of Thanksgiving

#185 Create in Me a Clean Heart

Cre-ate in me__ a clean heart, O God,_ and re - new a right spir - it with - in__
 me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take__ not your
 Ho - ly Spir - it from__ me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -
 va - tion, and up - hold me with your free__ Spir - it. Cre - ate in me__ a clean
 heart,__ O God,__ and re - new a right spir - it with - in__ me.

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Thanksgiving for the Word

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke
 light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being.

For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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

Christian Unity Week

God of love, through Christ you said to us: "You did not choose me, but I chose you."

You seek us, you invite us to receive your friendship and abide in it.

Teach us to respond more deeply to this invitation and grow in a life that is ever more complete.

God of life, you call us to be praise in the midst of the world and to welcome one another as a gift of your grace.

May your loving gaze, which rests upon each person, open us to receive each other just as we are.

God who gathers, you knit us together as one vine in your Son Jesus. May your loving Spirit abide in us .

Grant that together we might celebrate you with joy.

God of the one vineyard, you call us to abide in your love in all we do and say. Touched by your goodness, grant us to be a reflection of that love.

The joy of our heart is in God.

Sending Song

#314 Arise, Your Light Has Come!

Blessing

Go forth as children of the light. Shine forth in the darkness. Let the Gospel become flesh in you, and may the love, peace, and joy of Christ radiate from your life. The blessings of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever.

Amen.

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

You are invited to stay for the healing service at this time. Please come to the front of the sanctuary.

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 [not printed]

Psalms 119

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body,

but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ^{31a}But strive for the greater gifts.

GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release
to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."
²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Luke 4:21-30.

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