

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022

11:00 am Service

## *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Epiphany*

**Introduction to the Day:** The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Sheila Rawn

Temple Talk

Stephen Ministry

### *Gathering*

*Please stand as you are able.*

Order of Confession and Forgiveness for the Third Sunday after Epiphany

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you and your beloved children. We have turned our faces away from your glory when it did not appear as we expected. We have rejected your word when it made us confront ourselves. We have failed to show hospitality to those you called us to welcome. Accept our repentance for the things we have done and the things we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe in the glory of your Son born among us, and reflect your love for all creation.**

Rejoice in this good news: In ✠ Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven. You are descendants of the Most High, adopted into the household of Christ, and inheritors of eternal life. Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

**Amen.**

Gathering Song

**#836 Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee**

Litany for the Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

The gifts of Christ are given out, not always in the way that we want.

**Help us to trust you to give us what we need according to your will.**

Christ may work in ways that are mysterious to us.

**Help us to trust in your divine wisdom and design.**

Christ may share gifts in ways that we think are not right or fair.

**Help us to trust in your judgment and believe in your grace.**

Christ may cause some to react in anger.

**Help us, O Lord, to speak out in love.**

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

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 1:4-10

*God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 71:1-6

*From my mother's womb you have been my strength. (Ps. 71:6)*

Let us read responsively and sing from Psalm 71.



In you, O Lord, have I tak - en re - fuge.

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In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.

**In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

**Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. Refrain.**

For you are my hope, O Lord GOD, my confidence since I was young.

**I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you. Refrain.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

*Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.*

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 e - ter - nal - ly!  
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es sing un - to Christ, our Lord and King!

On the\_ One our God does send God's own Spir - it now de - scends.  
 Good Phy - si - cian, come to share life and heal - ing ev - 'ry - where.

Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Word now by all in faith be heard.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise is due to God's Pro - phet, good and true.

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Gospel

Luke 4:21-30

*People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.*

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Sheila Rawn

*Please stand as you are able.*  
Hymn of the Day

**Today This Scripture is Fulfilled for You**  
*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*

1. "To - day this scrip - ture is ful - filled for you."  
2. Such gra - cious words from Je - sus' lips brought praise,  
3. Here in His own town Peo - ple set a - side  
4. Great pro - phets of the past were like wise scorned  
5. When you re - joice to hear Christ's gra - cious word,

These words of Je - sus are for - ev - er true.  
Yet with con - tempt - some did their voice now raise.  
The ob - vious truth that would for - e'er a - bid:  
By peo - ple who re - fused to be fore - warned,  
May you in faith be - lieve what you have heard.

God's Spir - it had a - noint - ed Him to preach,  
He is the son of Jo - seph, this we know;  
That Je - sus is the Christ who came from God.  
Who sought sal - va - tion in their works a - lone,  
Con - fess that in this Christ you are, in - deed,

Set free the cap - tives and the lost to reach.  
How can these words so free - ly from Him flow?  
They must be - lieve this, though it seemed so odd.  
Re - fused God's mer - cy with their hearts of stone.  
For - e'er from sin and Sa - tan's pow - er freed.

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## 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.*

## *Meal*

Musical Offering

*Love Never Fails* by K. Lee Scott - Senior Choir

Offertory Response

**#183 Let the Vineyards**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Offertory Prayer

Holy God, though the people of his own home town did not recognize him, we acknowledge Jesus Christ to be your Son! Accept our humble gifts, we pray. We lay them before you, and with them, our lives. We give them to you and to those in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Words of Institution

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.**

Invitation to Communion

Come to God's table.

**There is a place and enough for all.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Please be seated.*

Communion Anthem

*Thee We Adore* by Ralph Johnson – Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

**#644 Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in His light and grace.

**Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, in this Eucharist you reveal your faithfulness to us, your beloved children.

Anoint us with your Spirit, that we may be signs of your grace and compassion for the world. Grant this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## *Sending*

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

**FIRST READING: Jeremiah 1:4-10**

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

<sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,

and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

<sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me,

“Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you.

<sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD.”

<sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,

“Now I have put my words in your mouth.

<sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

**Psalm 71:1-6****SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.

<sup>3</sup>If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup>Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup>It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup>Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup>For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup>but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

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**GOSPEL: Luke 4:21-30**

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**Next Sunday’s Readings:** Isaiah 6:1-8 [9-13]; Psalm 138; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11.

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