

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

8:30 am Service

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

Introduction to the Day: Blessings and curses abound on the sixth Sunday after Epiphany. We would do well to listen closely to whom the “blessed ares” and the “woe tos” are directed and to find our place in the crowd among those who desire to touch Jesus. The risen Christ stands among us in the mystery of the holy supper with an invitation to live in him, and offers power to heal us all.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Sheila Rawn

Temple Talk

Undie Sunday

### *Gathering*

*Please stand as you are able.*

Order of Confession and Forgiveness

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

**Amen.**

Let us give thanks for the gift of forgiveness.

**“Blessing” and “Woe,” both are the Word of the Lord.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

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 to reflect your love for all creation. Amen.**

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.

**Those who trust in the Lord are blessed, like trees planted by water. Amen.**

Gathering Song

**#533 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty**

Litany for the Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

In this world, the rich are exalted, but Jesus said,

**“Blessed are the poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.”**

In this world, we do all we can to keep from getting hungry. But Jesus said,

**“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.”**

What we see going on in the world makes us sad. But Jesus said,

**“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.”**

Blest are those whose trust is in the Lord,

**whose trust is the Lord.**

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

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## Word

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

*These verses compose a poem that is part of a larger collection of wisdom sayings that contrast two ways of life. Life with God brings blessing; the power and vitality of God is active in our life. Life without God brings a curse, the power of death.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

*For Paul, the resurrection of Christ is the basis for Christian hope. Because Christ has been raised, those who are in Christ know that they too will be raised to a new life beyond death.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation

**page 171, Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?**

Al - le - lu - ia.\_\_\_\_ Lord, to whom\_\_\_\_ shall we go?\_\_\_\_ You have  
the words\_\_\_\_ of e - ter - nal life.\_\_\_\_ Al - le - lu - ia.

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Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

*After choosing his twelve apostles, Jesus teaches a crowd of followers about the nature and demands of discipleship. He begins his great sermon with surprising statements about who is truly blessed in the eyes of God.*

The holy gospel according to Luke, the 6<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

**Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit**  
(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)



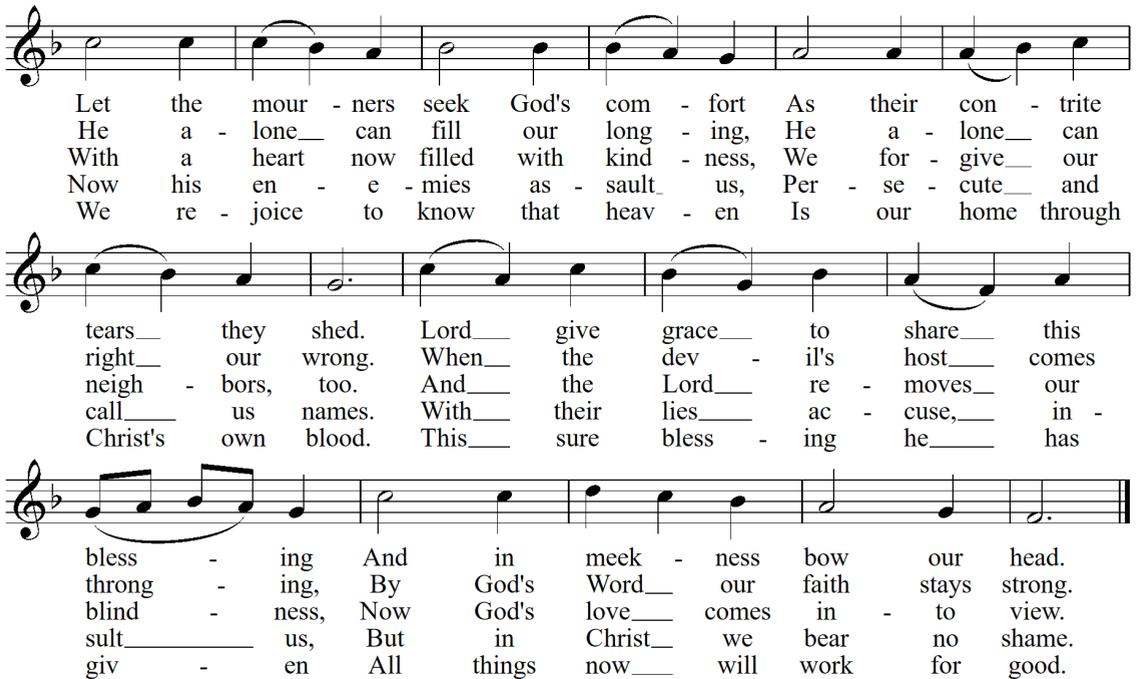
1. Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, Bless - ed
2. Bless - ed are the ones who hun - ger, Bless - ed
3. From the throne of God flows mer - cy, God has
4. With great peace the Lord has blessed us, Now we
5. Christ has blessed our hearts with glad - ness, He has



are the ones who mourn, For the pen - i -  
 are the ones who thirst, Not for earth - ly  
 blessed the pure in heart. For these bless - ings  
 share this peace of God. And as heirs he  
 blessed us with his name. He is with us



tent in - her - it Heav - en's king - dom when re - born.  
 wealth or splen - dor, But the right - eous - ness of Christ.  
 give God glo - ry And in peace we may de - part.  
 has ad - dressed us We no long - er fear his rod.  
 in all sad - ness, He the fierc - est storms can tame.



Let the mourners seek God's comfort As their con - trite  
 He a - lone\_\_ can fill our long - ing, He a - lone\_\_ can  
 With a heart now filled with kind - ness, We for - give\_\_ our  
 Now his en - e - mies as - sault\_ us, Per - se - cute\_\_ and  
 We re - joice to know that heav - en Is our home through

tears\_\_ they shed. Lord\_\_ give grace\_\_ to share\_\_ this  
 right\_\_ our wrong. When\_\_ the dev - il's host\_\_ comes  
 neigh - bors, too. And\_\_ the Lord\_\_ re - moves\_\_ our  
 call\_\_ us names. With\_\_ their lies\_\_ ac - cuse,\_\_ in -  
 Christ's own blood. This\_\_ sure bless - ing he\_\_ has

bles - ing And in meek - ness bow our head.  
 throug - ing, By God's Word\_\_ our faith stays strong.  
 blind - ness, Now God's love\_\_ comes in - to view.  
 sult\_\_ us, But in Christ\_\_ we bear no shame.  
 giv - en All things now\_\_ will work for good.

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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

*Be Glad and Rejoice* by Paul A. Tate

– Senior Choir with Suzanne Freshley, Flute

#### Offertory Response

**#465 As the Grains of Wheat** [Refrain]

*Please stand as you are able.*

#### Offertory Prayer

O Lord, we are truly blessed in body, mind and spirit. Accept these gifts, and with them this hope: That we might find the opportunities to bless, to fill, to ease and to comfort, even as you have done these things to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Words of Institution

## Healing Liturgy

*Healing was central to the ministry of Jesus. It was a sign of God's kingdom, bringing renewal and wholeness of life to those who turned to God in their need. Jesus sent out his disciples with the commission to 'proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal' (Luke 9:2).*

Call to Healing

Let us pray: great God our healer, by your power, the Lord Jesus healed the sick and gave hope to the hopeless. As we gather in his name,

**look upon us with mercy and bless us with your healing Spirit.**

Bring us comfort in the midst of pain, strength to transform our weakness,  
**and light to illuminate our darkness.**

Assure us of your power to heal us and restore us.

**Amen.**

Blessing of Oil and Ministers of Healing

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 Anointing for Healing and Communion

Friends, I invite you to come and receive a sign of healing and wholeness.

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

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*Please be seated.*

*If you wish a healing blessing, you may come forward to the healing station, kneel as you are able, and receive a blessing. Then proceed back to your pew or on to receive Communion.*

Lamb of God

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Communion Anthem

*I Received the Living God* by David Schelat

– Senior Choir

Healing Hymn

**In This Place**

1. There is a wel - come for the wea - ry; There is a rest,  
 2. There is a heal - ing for the hurt - ing; There is a balm,  
 3. There is a com - fort for our sor - row; There is a hope



for it is here we Find the pow - er of our fam - 'ly's heal - ing love;  
 for it is cer - tain That our God who feels our pain is here to heal;  
 for each to - mor - row God's com - pas - sion reach - es to our deep - est needs;



For as Christ has wel - comed all by grace, There is a wel - come in this place.  
 For as God has healed us all by grace, There is a heal - ing in this place.  
 For as Christ brings com - fort through God's grace, There is a heal - ing, in this place.

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*Please stand as you are able.*

Healing Prayer

Let us pray. O Creator and Mighty God,

**you have promised strength for the weak, rest for the laborers, light for the way,  
 grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love.**

O Creator and Mighty God, help us to continue in your promise.

**Amen.**

Communion and Healing Response

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

**Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, gracious God, for we have feasted on the abundance of your house.  
Send us to bring good news and to proclaim your favor to all, strengthened with  
the richness of your grace in your Son, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Sending

## Blessing

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness, who rejoices over you, and who calls  
you by name, + bless your going out and your coming in, today and forever.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song

**#548 Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen**

[stanzas 2 and 4]

2. Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter  
4. Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age

Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are  
be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -

hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -  
na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia; Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

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## Dismissal

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

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude