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Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

January 28 & 29, 2023

“The Savior’s Sermon – Trust in God’s Strength”

OUR MISSION

The mission of every Christian and this congregation is to serve all people in God’s world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.

OUR FACILITIES

A restroom is located in the Mother’s Room at the back of church and also in the church basement. There is also a handicapped accessible restroom in the back of church. Ask an usher for help and directions.

The members of St. Matthew’s believe that families should be allowed to worship together. If the need arises, we have an audio-equipped children’s room just outside of the church doors to your left.

If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

PRAYER BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in your presence to hear your holy Word. We pray that you would open our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of your Word we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus, and grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Jesus’ sake. Amen.

Out of courtesy for your fellow worshipers, please silence all electronic devices.

386 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

CW 386 sts. 1-4



1 Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and
 4 Sun and moon shall dark - ened be, stars shall fall, the



you we raise, man - i - fest - ed by the star
 King su - preme, and at Ca - na, wed - ding guest,
 faint - ing soul; man - i - fest in val - iant fight,
 heav'ns shall flee. Christ will then like light - ning shine;



to the Ma - gi from a - far, branch of roy - al
 in your God - head man - i - fest; man - i - fest in
 quell - ing all the dev - il's might; man - i - fest in
 all will see his glo - rious sign. All will then the



Da - vid's stem, in your birth at Beth - le - hem.
 pow'r di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine.
 gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill.
 trum - pet hear, all will see the judge ap - pear.



An-thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 An-thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 An-thems be to you ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 You by all will be con-fessed, God in man made man-i - fest.

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 Tune: Jakob Hintze, 1622-1702
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Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for meditation and reflection

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father,

I am sinful by nature

and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;

I have not loved others as I should.

I deserve your punishment both now and forever.

But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins

with his innocent suffering and death.

Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the

Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



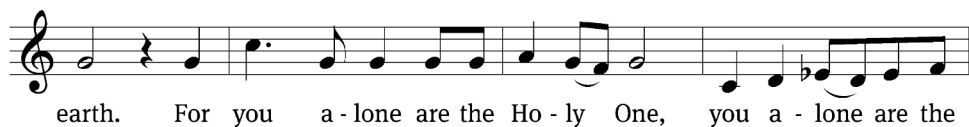
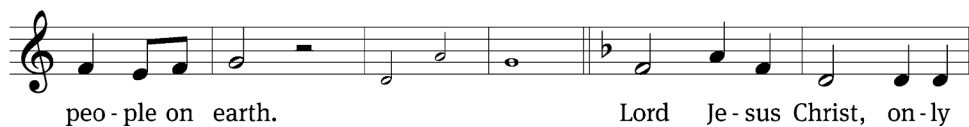
Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther. We

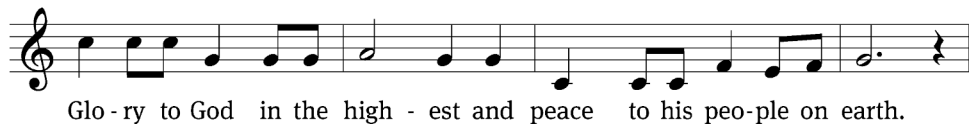


wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his





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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, look with mercy on our weaknesses, and in all our dangers and needs stretch out the right hand of your majesty to help and defend us; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Be seated

First Reading

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:11-13

³Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands.
Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the
LORD's anger.

¹¹On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done
to me, because I will remove from you your arrogant boasters.
Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill.

¹²But I will leave within you the meek and humble. The remnant of Israel will trust in
the name of the LORD.

¹³They will do no wrong; they will tell no lies. A deceitful tongue will not be found in
their mouths. They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid."

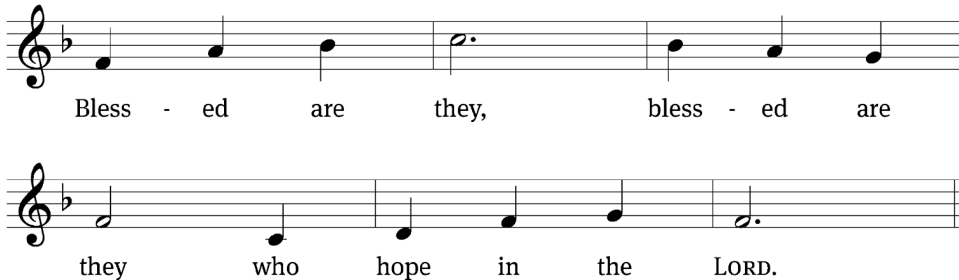
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

1A Blessed Are They

Psalm 1A

Refrain



Tone



Blessed is the one who / does not walk

in step with the / wicked
or stand in the way that / sinners take
or sit in the company of / mockers,
but whose delight is in the law / of the LORD,
and who meditates on his law / day and night.
That person is like a tree planted by streams of / water,
which yields its fruit in / season
and whose leaf does not / wither—
whatever they do / prospers. *Refrain*

Not so the / wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind / blows away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous. *Refrain*

For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,
but the way of the wicked leads to de- / struction.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

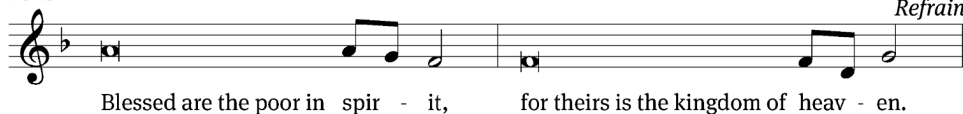
Matthew 5:3



Refrain



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Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

¹Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ²and he began to teach them.

He said:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

Children’s Message

690 Blest Are They

CW 690



1	Blest	are	they,	the	poor	in	spir - it,	theirs	is	the
2	Blest	are	they,	the	low - ly	ones,	_____	they	shall	in -
3	Blest	are	they	_____	who	show	mer - cy,	mer -	cy	
4	Blest	are	they	_____	who	seek	peace,	_____	they	are
5	Blest	are	you	who	suf - fer	hate	_____	all	_____	be -



king - dom	of	God.	Blest	_____	are	they,	_____
her - it	the	earth.	Blest	_____	are	they	who
shall	_____	be	theirs.	Blest	_____	are	they,
chil - dren	of	God.	Blest	_____	are	they	who
cause	_____	of	me.	Re -	joice	and	be
							glad,



full	_____	of	sor - row,	they	_____	shall	be	con -	soled.
hun - ger	and	thirst,	_____	they	_____	shall	have	their	fill.
pure	_____	of	heart,	they	_____	shall	see	God!	
suf - fer	in	faith,	_____	the	glo - ry	of	God	is	theirs.
yours	is	the	king - dom;	_____	shine	_____	for	all	to
								see.	

Refrain

Re - jice and be glad! Bless - ed are
 you, ho - ly are you! Re - jice and be glad!
 Yours is the king - dom of God!

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Sermon

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:11-13

The Christian Seek Righteousness & Lives Humbly

Stand

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

Thank Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Our offerings will be collected today at the church entrance and brought forward during the hymn verse. To give by phone send a text message to 844-703-3129 with the amount you would like to contribute and you will be sent further instructions.

386 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

CW 386 st. 5



5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mir - rored in your
ho - ly Word. May our lives and all we do
im - i - tate and hon - or you that we all like
you may be at your great e - piph - a - ny
and may praise you, ev - er blest, God in man made man-i - fest.

Prayer of the Church

Brief intercessory prayers may be added in a fitting place.

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, [*especially . . . here name the person and the cause of the petition*]. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, [especially . . . here name the person]. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

Amen.

529 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

CW 529



1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tow'r - ing
2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure by the



o'er the wrecks of time. All the light of sa - cred
ceive and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no



sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.

Text: John Bowring, 1792–1872
Tune: Ithamar Conkey, 1815–1867
Text and tune: Public domain

Stand

One of the following prayers or another prayer is spoken:

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

928 May the Grace of Christ Our Savior

CW 928

May the grace of Christ our Sav - ior and the Fa - ther's
bound - less love with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor
rest up - on us from a - bove. Thus may we a - bide in
un - ion with each oth - er and the Lord, and pos - sess in
sweet com - mun - ion joys which earth can - not af - ford.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn, the second staff the second line, the third staff the third line, the fourth staff the fourth line, and the fifth staff the fifth line. The score ends with a double bar line.

Text: John Newton, 1725–1807

Tune: The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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Announcements

January 28 & 29, 2023



**ST. MATTHEW'S
CHURCH**

Organist – Saturday – Dale Hampton

Sunday – Tricia Bain

Councilmen on Duty this Weekend

Saturday 6PM- Bob Mueller

Sunday 9AM – Jim Mendell

Ushers on Duty this Weekend

Saturday 6PM – Tom & Rose Drazkowski

Sunday 9AM – Dave Gerdes group

Altar Committee – Mary Schmoker & Bonnie LaGrow

Last Week Attendance: Saturday –43 Sunday – 105

This Week

Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Bible Class & Kids for Christ
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM
Monday		
Tuesday		Finance #5
	7:00 PM	Senior Choir
Wednesday	12:00 PM	Circle 8
	3:00 PM	Board of Elders
	4:00 PM	Public School Confirmation
	7:00 PM	Worship Service broadcasted on HBC Channel 20
Thursday	11:30 AM	Women's Bible Study at Benos
	6:00 PM	Building & Grounds
Friday		
Saturday	6:00 PM	Worship
Next Sunday	9:00 AM	Worship
	10:15 AM	Bible Class & Kids for Christ
	11:00 AM	Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM

Financial News

Weekly Budget for Envelope Offerings: \$8,173.08

Envelope offerings received January 21 & 22: \$3,389.00

December Electronic Giving : \$4,181.25

Church Announcements:

We remember in our prayers Duane Koehler, Bob Frank, Maurine Holzworth, Lila Nelson and Karl Gurgel and all others who are in need of healing of body or mind.

A Call Meeting will take place Sunday January 29, after the worship service. We will be calling for a Principal/5-8 grade Teacher.

Women's Bible Study meets on Thursdays at 11:30AM at Beno's Deli in the meeting room at 78 East 4th Street. After finishing the book, "More Tough Questions", we will begin "Stories to Change Your Lives". Books are available in class. All women are welcomed. (920-988-4493)

Offering envelopes for 2023 are available to pick up in the sanctuary entrance.

Contribution statements are ready to be picked up. You will find them located behind the back pew across from the handbell tables.

Hymnal Project Contributions If you contributed to the hymnal project a separate contribution letter will be available next week in the back of church.

Relaunch of Club 3:16!

Club 3:16 was founded as the youth group of St. Matthew's in 2010. We are excited to reestablish Club 3:16! We plan to offer weekly Bible Class with other fun sprinkled in throughout the new year!

Upcoming Plans Include:

February 5th—the start of our **BRAND NEW Teen Bible Class** at 10:15am

February 12th—Teen Bible Class at 10:15am followed by a **SUPER BOWL PARTY** at 11:15am.

Join us for either or both of these events!

Use the Wabasha St entrance to the school—join us on the second level

More information will be shared about Club 3:16 on February 12th.

Teenagers are not just the future of our congregation; they're already a cherished part of our church family.

Club 3:16 includes youth in our congregation in Grades 7-12

Scan here to check
out our website!



School Announcements:

Scrip News A new Kwik Trip card is now available at 15% - a \$25.00 grocery-only card. The grocery-only card can be used to purchase in-store merchandise. It is not eligible for fuel, tobacco, alcohol, lottery tickets or stamps. Stop after church or in the office to make a purchase.

Ways to Serve

Stay in and Stay Warm – In lieu of a January meeting, Women’s Fellowship will collect your offering during the month. Envelopes are provided for this on the table in the church entrance.

Don’t forget to designate your Thrivent Choice dollars! The process is simple. It still can be done two ways:

1. Talk with a representative by calling 1-80-847-4836 and saying “Thrivent Choice.” Have your Social security or account number handy.
2. Visit Thrivent.com and select “Direct Choice Dollars”. Choose either “organizations previously directed to” or “Direct to new organizations”. This process takes only about a minute to complete.

Bulletin Sponsorship is welcomed and needed throughout the year. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, you may email the information to Tamara Koenig tkoenig@stmatthewswinona.org or contact Lindsey in the office @507-454-3083 or email smoffice@stmatthewswinona.org.

Today’s bulletin is sponsored by John and Sue Berg in recognition of Linda Berg’s birthday!

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Setting Four from Christian Worship

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