



## *Transfiguration of Our Lord*

February 19, 2023  
8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

*ELW Setting 4*

*“Living God’s Love”*

**St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church**

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# GATHERING

*\* Please stand as you are able.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Good News Moment

Todd Costello

### Commissioning of Dandelion Team

### Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness *(You may stand or kneel.)*

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One, source of our renewal,

**C: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Gathering Song:** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Hymn 834

### \*Greeting

D: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** Page 147

**\*Hymn of Praise** *This is the Feast* Page 149

### \*Prayer of the Day

**O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,**

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Dandelion Team, Bob Maas

## WORD

### First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

<sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

Psalm 2

<sup>1</sup>Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

**<sup>2</sup>Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,**

**against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?**

<sup>3</sup>"Let us break their yoke," they say;

"let us cast off their bonds from us."

**<sup>4</sup>God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;  
the LORD holds them in derision.**

<sup>5</sup>Then in wrath God speaks to them,  
and in rage fills them with terror.

**<sup>6</sup>"As for me, I have anointed my king  
upon Zion, my holy mountain."**

<sup>7</sup>Let me announce the decree of the LORD,  
who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

**<sup>8</sup>Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance  
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**

<sup>9</sup>You shall crush them with an iron rod  
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

<sup>10</sup> **And now, you kings, be wise;  
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

<sup>11</sup> Submit to the LORD with fear,  
and with trembling bow in worship;

<sup>12</sup> **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.  
Happy are all who take refuge in God!**

## Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

<sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup> For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup> So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

R: The word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## \*Gospel Acclamation

*Listen, God is Calling* (vs. 1)

Hymn 513

## \*Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

P: The holy gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup> While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

**Apostle's Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

**\*Prayers of Intercession** (*You may stand or kneel.*)

D: Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

D: Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor and local leaders, our governor and state legislators, our president and national legislators. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out

dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated especially Ruth, Adam and Family, Bill, Carl, Pat, Dorothy, Sandi, Judy, Steve, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

D: Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,

**C: receive our prayer.**

D: We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sharing of the Peace**

D: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**MEAL**

**Offertory**

*Lord, I Know I Been Changed*  
Larry Shackley

Luther Choir

**Offering Prayer**

P: Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**C: Amen.**

**\*Great Thanksgiving**

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P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**\*Proper Preface**

**\*Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**\*Eucharistic Prayer**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

**\*Invitation to Communion**

P: Come and taste the joy of God!

**Lamb of God**

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**Communion Hymns**

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*  
Beautiful Savior

Hymn 815

Hymn 838

**\*Prayer after Communion**

P: Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you.

**C: Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**\*Blessing**

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod  
+ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**C: Amen.**

**\*Sending Song:**

*How Good, Lord, to Be Here*

Hymn 315

**\*Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Postlude**

## WORSHIP SERVANTS

Date	Sunday February 19	Sunday February 19	Sunday February 26	Sunday February 26
<b>Service</b>	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
<b>Acolyte</b>	Reagan Stuchal	Emma Kotick	Faith Taraschke	
<b>Reader</b>	Delores Ivan	Peg Huber		Beth Johnson
<b>Ushers</b>	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan Bruce Reed	Kotick Family	Alan Ivan Delores Ivan	Melody Costello Todd Costello
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Melanie Brown Jen Knaggs	Peg Huber Cindy Rickly		Scott Johnson
<b>Sound</b>	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler	Joe Obermeier	Larry Mohler
<b>Video</b>	Rex Rickly	--	Melody Costello	--
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Nancy McNeal & Julie Crow			

## NEW WORSHIP SERVICE ROTATION EFFECTIVE MARCH 5, 2023

Week 1	Now the Feast	- Both services
Week 2	ELW	- Both Services
Week 3	Praise	- Both Services
Week 4	ELW	- Both Services
Week 5	Rhythm & Blues	- Both services



## **PRAYERS**

**Altar Flowers This Morning** are given to the glory of God in celebration of Jimmy's 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by the Neate family.

**Memorial Flowers This Morning** are given to the glory of God in memory of Persis Snoke, mother of Mary Dunham, by Mary and Andy Dunham.

**Prayers for Healing:** Ruth, Adam and Family, Pastor Bill Lucht, Carl Ulich, Pat Straub, Dorothy Ulich, Sandi, Judy McLaughlin, and Steve Combs.

## **TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS**

**Today, Transfiguration of Our Lord**, we worship in person at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 4* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

**Dandelion Sunday** - Let's grow together as disciples.

**Sunday School** for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

**First Communion Instruction** - Youth and parents, 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. in the Brown Room. Lunch provided.

## **NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, AT ST. MATTHEW**

**Next Sunday, First Sunday in Lent**, we will worship in person at 8:30 with *Rhythm & Blues liturgy* and at 11:00 a.m. with *ELW Setting 3* and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30 a.m.

**Sunday School** for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

**First Communion Instruction** - 12:15 - 1:00 p.m. in the Brown Room.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Gift Cards Are Needed!** Walmart, Buehler's, Aldi, Giant Eagle or Fast Food cards are needed for local residents in need. Cash or checks may also be donated for the purchase of gift cards. Please make checks payable to St. Matthew, indicating that it is for gift cards. Thank you for your generosity!

**High School Lock-In** - February 24-25. Stay tuned for further details!

**Roller Skating** - February 26, from 1-3 p.m. Discounted rate - \$8.00 for admission and skate rental. Admission only - \$4.00. Invite a friend! All are welcome! Sign up in the narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-roller>.

**Dementia Support Group Meeting** - Tuesday, February 28, 2023, 6 - 7 pm. At the Echelon of Medina, 629 N. Huntington St, Medina (2nd building). "Private Dining Room". If you need to bring your loved one, contact Carolyn, Director of Memory Care Unit at 330-591-2777. Questions or concerns? Call Brenda Disbrow, Parish Nurse at the church office 330-725-8885.

**Wednesday Lenten Meals** - Each week for Lent (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29) we are requesting four pots of soup to share, two people to help set up each week (need to arrive at 5:40 pm) and one person to provide bowls and spoons. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-lent1>

Please BYOB and bring any extra food items you wish to partake for solely yourself and/or family. If you have any questions please contact a member of Small Groups or Congregational Life. Thank you!

**St. Matthew Wine Night** - Friday, March 10, 7pm. Forest Meadows Villa, 574 Leisure Lane, Medina. You MUST be 21 or older to attend. Please bring two of the same bottles of your favorite wine to share and taste test. We will hold a separate taste testing for beer for those interested. Please provide either an appetizer or dessert to share for the event. We will plan a St. Patrick's Day/Mardi Gras theme. Sign up in the Narthex or at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-stmatthew2>. Games and activities planned. See you there!

**Progressive Dinner** - St. Matthew is hosting an adult Progressive Dinner on Saturday, April 29, beginning at 4 pm. All adults are welcome. There will be three courses: appetizer, soup/salad or entree and we all come together for dessert. Please sign up on the poster in the narthex or this Sign Up Genius and mark if you are willing to host at your home or assist a host. **YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO HOST IN YOUR HOME** as there are many other ways to participate such as: making an appetizer, being a driver for others as needed, etc. Everyone will have a role in some capacity, nothing is too small. If you have a concern about driving, let a member of Small Groups know and we will make arrangements for you to pair up with someone.

Please sign up no later than April 9th. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A45AFAE2CABFF2-progressive> The week prior to the dinner, you will be contacted with your location for the first two courses.

We are working on babysitting services at the church and are planning to provide very capable teenagers at our church with fun games and activities for the kiddos. Stay tuned on that component.

**Worship assistants are needed** each week to help make our services run smoothly. We need readers, ushers and communion assistants for each service. Please consider how you or your family can help (kids are welcome to help usher). Sign up in the narthex or scroll to the link below. If you have questions about any of the opportunities, please see Sandy Andrews or Melody Costello.

**Altar Flowers** - 2023 Flower charts are posted in the Narthex. When signing up for Memorial or Altar Flowers, please fill out a form (located at the bottom of the charts) for the office. The form will include your name, the date you selected, and the dedication that you would like to appear in the bulletin. (One sheet for each day chosen.) Please place completed forms and payment in the office administrator's mailbox or the mail slot on the office door. Price per arrangement is \$15.

**Hearing Assistance Available** - We have upgraded our audio equipment in the sanctuary to include a hearing Loop System. Most persons with hearing aids can tune in to the Loop. Some 85% of hearing aids have a T-coil channel already installed. You may need to have your hearing aid specialist activate the T-coil in your hearing aid. Look for the Hearing Loop symbol around town. Other venues have also installed the loop system and we are happy to be on board. If you don't have assistive devices or an active t-coil, we have temporary devices to wear during a church service. Ask an usher for assistance.



## **Lenten Worship Schedule**

**Ash Wednesday** - February 22, Worship at 7:00 p.m.

**Lenten Worship** - Wednesdays, March 1,8,15, 22, 29. Meal at 6:00 p.m.  
Worship at 7:00 p.m.

**Palm Sunday** - April 2, Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

**Maundy Thursday** - April 6, Worship at 7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday** - April 7, Worship at 7:00 p.m.

**Easter Sunday** - April 9, Worship at 8:30 & 11:00 p.m.

## **St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff**

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
Deacon Lindsay Bailey	Director of LGL Ministries
John Burke	Organist
Deb Musil	Office Administrator
Joyce Davis	Maintenance Supervisor
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### **St. Matthew invites you to join us in celebration of Holy Communion!**

The Lord's table is open to all who believe and are baptized.

Please join us as we receive the means of grace, where Jesus promises to meet us in the bread and the wine.

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Friday 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Hearing Loop  
System available.