

Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 27, 2022

8:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

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In response to current case numbers and in an effort to continue being able to worship in person, we request that everyone mask when inside the building regardless of vaccination status.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us, redeems us, and calls us by name. C **Amen.**

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C 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. Amen.

P 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. C **Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P *Let us pray ...* Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. C **Amen**

FIRST READING: Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 99 (*To be read responsively.*)

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

L The word of the Lord. **C Thanks be to God.**

***Gospel:** Luke 9:28-36

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Traci

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

(For quiet reflection.)

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

ELW # 315



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we hail your bod - y glo - ri - fied and our re - demp - tion see.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: POTS DAM, W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

***CREED**

P Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C 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 THE CHURCH**

- P 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.
- P Transform us by your greatness, O God. Send us down the mountain to share joy with all people. Make us agents of change, confident that your hope will vanquish despair and your goodness will conquer evil. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P The mountains and valleys sing your praise. Dazzle us with your presence in every landscape: bluffs built by ancient glaciers, canyons carved by flowing rivers, flat horizons with uninterrupted views, and sands shaped by ocean tides. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P You love justice and establish equity. Strengthen leaders of local governments, community nonprofits, and grassroots campaigns. Bless them with gifts of integrity, creativity, and sound conscience. Build up safe and joyful communities where all people may thrive. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P Heal those who are in distress. Give patience to those waiting for answers. Grant hope to those who have reached the limits of treatment. Give compassionate hearts to those who accompany loved ones through illness and uncertainty. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P Today we shout alleluia from the mountaintop; this week we enter the wilderness of Lent. Bless all who prepare and lead us in worship during this change of season: pastors, deacons, musicians, and all who contribute to our worship life. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P Blessed are they who listened to Christ's voice in this life and now rest with him. Transform us from glory into glory, and give us your peace, that we do not lose heart. God of grace, **C hear our prayer.**
- P 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. **C Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- 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 our thanks and praise.**

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **C Amen.**

*LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C 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

P Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

Communion Hymn

(For quiet reflection.)

Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair

ELW # 316



1 Oh, won - drous im - age, vi - sion fair of
2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh the in -
3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray, Christ
4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high by
5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son, and



glo - ry that the church may share, which Christ up - on the
car - nate Lord holds con - verse high, and from the cloud, the
deigns to man - i - fest to - day what glo - ry shall be
this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y; for which in joy - ful
Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one, we pray you, bring us



moun-tain shows, where bright - er than the sun he glows!
Ho - ly One says, "This is my be - lov - ed Son."
theirs a - bove who joy in God with per - fect love.
song we raise the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
by your grace to see your glo - ry face to face.

Text: Sarum, 15th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: DEO GRACIAS, English ballad, 15th cent.

Post Communion Prayer

P 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. **C Amen.**

Blessing

P 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.

C Amen.

Everyone Is Invited to Sing The Sending Hymn While Remaining Masked

***SENDING SONG**

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

ELW # 318



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - ges - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Music: PRAISE, MY SOUL, John Goss, 1800–1880

Dismissal

P Go with Christ into a weary world. Share the good news. **C Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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**Please be advised that worship services are recorded and/or
live-streamed on social media.**

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God in honor of my children and grandchildren by Peggy Steinfurth.

Winter Weather

If we experience severe winter weather on a Sunday morning, please check Facebook and your email to see if in-person worship and Sunday school are canceled. Please always use caution when driving and remember that services are available by livestream and video. If in-person worship is canceled, a brief Service of the Word will be livestreamed on Facebook.

Please notify the office if you need a telephone call when worship is canceled.

Photo Directory

Mike Lamborn and Carlos Lamborn will provide one more session for the new Photo Directory **today**, February 27 after the 10:30 a.m. service.

2021 Offering Statements are located in the Narthex. Please pick up your statement and review it. If there are any questions, please contact Lori in the church office at 793-2413 between 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. If statements are not picked up by **today**, February 27th, they will be mailed.

Church Messenger

The March 2022 *Messenger* is now available at the St. Matthew **Website** (stmatthewlc.com), and on your recent **Email** message from St. Matthew by using the link listed in the body of the message. A paper copy of the *Messenger* is available in the news rack in the church Narthex. By calling the church office at (814-793-2413), you can request a paper copy to be sent by mail to your home. Do not hesitate to call the church office if you need help in securing a copy of the *Messenger*. Your readership, and articles are always appreciated.

Office Hours This Week:

Pastor Traci – Tues. 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Office Hours – Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Lori Tremmel

This Week Events

- Today – Worship in Sanctuary 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.
 Picture taking in the Fellowship Hall following worship
- Monday – Boy Scouts 6:30 p.m. FH
 Christian Ed. Meeting, via Zoom 6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday - Stewardship Meeting, via Zoom 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary 12:00 p.m.
 Yoga, Fellowship Hall 5:00 p.m.
 Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday – Worship in Sanctuary 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Worship in Sanctuary 10:30 a.m.

In order to protect our staff during this current surge in Covid cases, please visit the office by appointment only at this time.

Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew

Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott

Our Pianist – Dr. Adam Smith

Our Organist – Mary Nelson

Our Missionary Family – On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson

Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel

Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orceck

Our Sexton – Phil Claar

Our Acolytes/Torch Bearers – Gavin Kuster, Ben Decker, Norah Kuster

Our Lector – Michael Lamborn

Our Audio/Video Tech – Camden Kuster

Our Offering Counters – Jim Barley, Beth Garner

First Quarter Ventures in Faith to “Local Needs”

Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church will be helping at the Food Pantry on the first and third Thursdays, March 3 and March 17. The Food Pantry will be open to distribute food items from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on these days and other times by appointment.

The March items most needed are: Sunny D Juice, Cereal, Ravioli, Jello, and Dish Detergent. These or any items can be placed in the basket at church. Thank You!

Linda Smith

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Carl & Dawn Alexy, John Aljets, Vivian Beach, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Mary Creps, Betty Helsel, Jere Hess, Audrey Hite, Ruth Johnson, Audrey & Dan Kensinger, Janet Kreider, Ginny Sell, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Bill Stahl, Norm Tremmel, Joy Williams.

Prayer Concerns: Amy & Family, Pastor Denise Arpino, Randy Barrett, Diane Cappel, Greg Comer, Brian Fleck, Jim Fritz, Shelby Gerrity, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Darren Kreutzer, Carrie Lively, Mike Lovell, Kristen Malloy, Karrie McCall & Family, Betty McDowell, Rick McIntyre, Nathan, Aunt Mica, Deb Peters, Linda Piper, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Don Smith, Luther Steele, Cindy Thomas, Jean White, Pete Williams, Jim & Ginny Zeek, Jody Zelanko, and for our **Missionaries:** **Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Our college students: Christopher Bush, Olivia Day, Jacob Orczeck.

Those Serving in the Army Overseas: Nathan Smith (Germany)

Volunteers Needed

Worship and Music Committee is looking for a volunteer to serve as Head Usher. Responsibilities include scheduling ushers for worship services; maintain a current list of volunteers for ushers; and mentoring ushers on new procedures, etc. Please contact Jane Fagans at 793-4401 or text at 327-0786 if you would like to fill this vacancy.

Since it has been several years since ushers were needed for worship, the committee thought perhaps it might be a good time to generate a new list of usher volunteers. If you would like to continue to volunteer or if you would like to sign up as a new volunteer, please sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the narthex. Thank you for your service as usher in St. Matthew's ministry.

Worship and Music Committee will soon begin to have one usher available in the Narthex for the 10:30 a.m. worship services. Primary responsibilities will include greeter, handing out bulletins, and offering assistance with communion elements and name badges when necessary.

David Lehman has resigned his long-standing position as Head Usher after diligently serving in this capacity for more than 35 years. Thank you Dave for your dedication, your willingness to serve whenever needed, and your generosity in giving your time to St. Matthew's ministry.

Wednesday Yoga Sessions Time Change

The session on Wednesday, March 2nd is 5:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Then March 9, 16, 23, and 30 the time will be 4:45 p.m. and Yoga practice will take place upstairs in the Nursery so as not to conflict with preparations for the 6:00 p.m. meals in the Fellowship Hall.

Summer Camp at Sequanota

Reminder: The Early Bird Deadline for Camp Sequanota is April 1st. Campers' families are asked to pay the \$100 online deposit and St. Matthew will cover the rest of the cost of regular cabin camp (or 100% of the fee for Confirmation Camp); campers can bring a friend and St. Matthew will also cover their cost, less the deposit. Registering early is the most economical option and helps us help you get to camp.