

## ***St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church & School***

(Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod)

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*Worship for the Transfiguration of our Lord*

*February 8 & 11, 2024*

**Opening Hymn: "Oh, Wondrous Type!"** (*sung to tune of CW, #306*)

**1 Oh, wondrous type! Oh, vision fair  
Of glory that the Church may share,  
Which Christ upon the mountain shows,  
Where brighter than the sun he glows!**

**2 With Moses and Elijah nigh  
Th' incarnate Lord holds converse high,  
And from the cloud the Holy One  
Bears record to the only Son.**

**3 With shining face and bright array  
Christ deigns to manifest today  
What glory shall be theirs above  
Who trust in his atoning love.**

**4 And faithful hearts are raised on high  
By this great vision's mystery,  
For which in joyful strains we raise  
The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.**

**5 O Father, with th' eternal Son  
and Holy Spirit ever one,  
we pray you, bring us by your grace  
to see your glory face to face.**

## Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## Confession of Sins

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

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

P: 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.**

P: 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 Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## Song of Praise *(sung to tune of CW 412)*



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;

for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!  
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.

Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;  
 With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,  
 we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
 you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

**Prayer of the Day**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

P: Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-10**

Now Moses was shepherding the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, a priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>The Angel of the LORD appeared to him in blazing fire from within a bush. Moses saw that the bush was on fire, but the bush was not burning up. <sup>3</sup>So he said, "I will go over and look at this amazing sight—to find out why the bush is not burning up."

<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that Moses had gone over to take a look, God called to him from the middle of the bush and said, "Moses! Moses!"

Moses said, "I am here."

<sup>5</sup>The LORD said, "Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." <sup>6</sup>He then said, "I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob."

Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup>The LORD said, "I have certainly seen the misery of my people in Egypt, and I have heard their cry for help because of their slave drivers. Yes, I am aware of their suffering. <sup>8</sup>So I have come down to deliver them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup>Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. <sup>10</sup>Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Verse of the Day** (*sung to tune of CW 412*)

♪ **Christ comes with rescue speedy  
to those who suffer wrong,  
to help the poor and needy  
and bid the weak be strong,  
to give them songs for sighing,  
their darkness turn to light  
whose souls, condemned and dying,  
are precious in his sight.**

**Epistle: II Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup>To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

P: This is the Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

### 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 fully 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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian 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.

Hymn: Down from the Mount of Glory CW 388

### Sermon Text: Mark 9:2-8

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John with him and led them up a high mountain where they were alone by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became radiant, dazzling white, whiter than anyone on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And Elijah appeared to them together with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>He did not know what to say because they were terrified.

<sup>7</sup>A cloud appeared and overshadowed them, and a voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him."

<sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus alone.

*Climb The Mount Of Transfiguration To Prepare For Jesus' Passion*

*I. See the glory in his Passion*

*II. See the need for his Passion*

*III. See the object of his Passion*

**Response to God's Word: Down from the Mount of Glory** CW 388

♪ Then hail the double glory of Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
and let the wondrous story full peace and joy afford!  
The holy mount acclaim him the majesty divine;  
Mount Calvary proclaims him Redeemer—yours and mine.

**Offering**

**Prayer of the Church for Transfiguration Sunday**

P: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the miracle of the Transfiguration in which we see your glory, the glory that is yours as the only true and living God, shining brightly in the body of Jesus. Though a veil of humbled humanity hid Jesus' majesty for most of his earthly ministry, on this day you lifted that veil to reveal Jesus' true glory as God. We thank you also for proclaiming from heaven for us to hear that Jesus is your beloved Son. In this way you have confirmed the faith that we confess when we say:

**C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

P: Lord Jesus, we thank you for seeing us in the misery of our sins and for hearing us when we cried out for mercy from the guilt of our sins and the fear of death that oppresses us. You left the Mount of Glory and laid aside the glory that is yours as God. Then you carried your cross to Mount Calvary where you suffered and died to set us free from our sins. As this Epiphany season with its message of your divine glory ends and we prepare to join you on your journey to the cross in the season of Lent, keep in our hearts all we have seen and heard at your Transfiguration so that we will be confirmed in the faith we confess when we say:

**C: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.**

P: O Holy Spirit, our highest comfort in every need, transform us by all that we have seen and heard on the Holy Mountain. Transform our weak, sinful lives by your power and make them shine with the radiance of your goodness, purity and righteousness. In our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and tears, our anger and fears, keep before our eyes the vision of glory we have seen today and remind us that when our Savior comes again our grief will be transformed into gladness and our sighs into songs of everlasting joy and gladness. Confirm us in the hope we confess when we say:

**C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true. Amen.**

### Lord's Prayer

**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.**

### The Sacrament

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord**

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

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

P: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

## Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of heav - en - ly hosts:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he,  
bless - ed is he, bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## Words of Institution

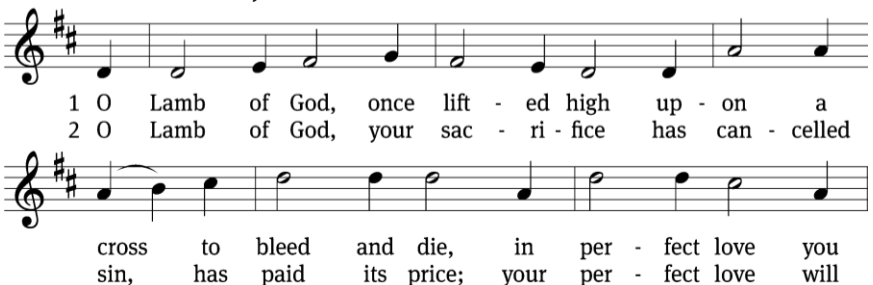
P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**

## Lamb of God *(tune of CW 316)*



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled  
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will





took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

### Distribution

**Distribution Hymn: Draw Near and Take** *CW 661*

**1** Draw near and take the body of the Lord,  
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Saved by his body and his holy blood,  
with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God.

**2** Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son,  
has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.  
He gave his life for greatest and for least,  
himself the off'ring and himself the priest.

**3** Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere  
and take the pledges of salvation here.  
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends,  
gives all believers life that never ends.

**4** With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole,  
gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow,  
in this great feast of love be with us now.

**Distribution Hymn: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star** *CW 370*

**1** How lovely shines the Morning Star!  
The nations see and hail afar  
the light in Judah shining.  
O David's son of Jacob's race,  
my Bridegroom and my King of grace,  
for you my heart is pining.  
Lowly, holy, great and glorious, O victorious  
Prince of graces, filling all the heav'nly places.

- 2 O highest joy by mortals won,  
true Son of God and Mary's son,  
the highborn King of ages!  
In your blest body let me be,  
e'en as the branch is in the tree,  
your life my life supplying.  
Sighing, crying for the savor of your favor,  
resting never till I rest in you forever.
- 3 O mighty Father, in your Son  
you loved me ere you had begun  
this ancient world's foundation.  
Your Son has made a friend of me,  
and when in spirit him I see,  
I joy in tribulation.  
What bliss is this! He is living, to me giving  
life forever; nothing me from him can sever.
- 4 Oh, joy to know that you, my friend,  
are Lord, beginning without end,  
the first and last, eternal!  
And you at length—O glorious grace—  
will take me to that holy place,  
the home of joys supernal.  
Amen, amen! Come and meet me, quickly greet me!  
With deep yearning, Lord, I look for your returning
- 5 Lift up the voice and strike the string,  
let all glad sounds of music ring  
in God's high praises blended.  
Christ will be with me all the way,  
today, tomorrow, ev'ry day  
till trav'ling days are ended.  
Sing out, ring out triumph glorious, O victorious  
chosen nation; praise the God of your salvation.

## Thanksgiving

### Song of Simeon *CW '93, p.61*

In peace, Lord, you let your ser-vant now de-part ac-cord-ing  
to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which  
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,  
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

P: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

**C: And his mercy endures forever.**

P: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

P: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### Benediction

P: 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 give you peace.

**C: Amen**

### Closing Hymn: Beautiful Savior *CW 522*

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,  
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
 robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;  
 Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
 he makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
 bright the sparkling stars on high;  
 Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
 than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations  
 Son of God and Son of Man!  
 Glory and honor, praise, adoration  
 now and forevermore be thine!

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**Communion Registration** *Communicant members of St. Matthew's are reminded to register for Holy Communion on the "Care Card" found in the pews. If you are visiting St. Matthew's today, we request that you please speak with the Pastor before communing. Questions and answers which will assist you in preparing for partaking of the Lord's Supper are found beginning on page 295 in the hymnal.*

**Members, Visitors & Guests—Welcome to St. Matthew's!**

Let us prepare for Jesus' passion by climbing the Mount of Transfiguration and see the glory in Christ's passion, our own need for his passion, and the ultimate object of his passion!

If you are visiting our service, please sign a "care card" in the church pew or our guest book and come back to visit again soon.

Attendance Last Week — 228 (55/172)

Bible Class – 63

Offering Last Week—\$11,479.03

Sunday School – 17

Finish the Work - **\$85,237.75**

*(Meeting our 2024 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00.)*

*"Praise the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great;  
 you are clothed with splendor and majesty" Psalm 104:1.*

## Announcements:

1. **Sunday Morning Bible Class** – We have begun a study of the Minor Prophets in Bible Class. We are currently studying the book of the prophet Joel. Bible class meets at 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship area downstairs. You are invited to join us.
2. **Women’s Bible Class** Women’s Bible Class is held Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. We are currently working on our handouts regarding Pastor Mark Paustian’s books “Prepared to Answer” and “More Prepared to Answer”. We hope to have the lessons ready to print in 2024. When we aren’t doing these lessons we are using a Women’s Bible Study Book from NPH called “In God’s Orchard- Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit-Filled Life. If you have any questions, please contact Deb Lenser at 608-728-3120.
3. **Ash Wednesday** Please note that this coming Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday, which is the first day of Lent. We observe this sacred season with special midweek Lenten services. Our first service will be on Ash Wednesday beginning at 6:30 p.m. Our theme for this year’s Lenten services will be “Glory Be to Jesus”. *“Jesus, I will ponder now on your holy passion.”* A light supper is served prior to the service beginning at 5:00 p.m.
4. **A Call Meeting** was held on Sunday, January 21 after the 10:30 service. Mr. Joel Sonntag was called to be our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and principal. Mrs. Emily Fleming was called to be our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and Athletic Director. Please keep these people in your prayers as they deliberate their calls to St. Matthews.
5. **Evening Guild** – February 12<sup>th</sup> the Evening Guild would like to invite the ladies of the congregation to join them for a Valentine get-together at Mac’s Pizza Shack on Milton Avenue at 6:00 p.m. It is an evening where ladies invite and treat their husband, a friend or guest or just come and enjoy. There is a signup sheet on the lower bulletin board if you are able to attend. If you have any questions, you may contact Carol Hirsch (608-756-0160 or Sally Wellnitz (608-752-2037).
6. **Wednesday Evening Confirmation Class** Wednesday evening confirmation class will meet at 5:00 p.m.

7. **Cabin Fever Bingo!** Winter doldrums got you down? Missing the football season already? Sick of the snow? Need something to raise your heart rate? We've got the perfect afternoon for you planned. Join us on **Sunday, February 25** for an exciting, heart-pumping, and invigorating afternoon of BINGO! Prizes will be awarded. Snacks will be provided. Fun WILL be had! Invite your friends and family and get ready for a great time. Sign up on the bulletin board in the lower lobby - hope to see you there!
8. **Easter for Kids!** **Please consider volunteering for Easter for Kids on March 9, 2024.** In order to make this event successful we need your help! If you are interested in teaching, helping, or setting up please contact Cathy Sonntag at 754-3994 or sign up on the board in the lower hallway.
9. **Easter for Kids Registration has begun. Early registration is needed for planning.** Please sign your child (age 4 through 6<sup>th</sup> grade) up by **Wednesday, March 6**. Signup sheets are located in the narthex (next to the mailboxes) and you can also signup ONLINE at [www.stmathewsjanessville.org](http://www.stmathewsjanessville.org) by clicking the link Event and following the directions. Please take extras (to give to neighbors & friends). Since this program is an outreach event, we strongly encourage invitation of your child's friends and neighbors. Enrollment can also be done by calling the church at 752-1304.
10. **Finish the Work** Perhaps you have noticed that we are running regular updates for the special "Finish the Work" debt retirement/reduction offering. **To date offerings given to this special effort total over \$85,000.00!! We have received 64 special offering envelopes.** For this we thank our gracious God and his generous people here at St. Matthews. If you would still like to participate in the offering, special "Finish the Work" envelopes are still available on the counter in the narthex. Thank you again to all for your prayers and support.

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## Assisting with Worship

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### Organist:

Meredith Moeller

### Ushers:

8:00 a.m. – Gerald Wellnitz, Evan Burnside, Alex Schmitt

10:30 a.m. – Jim Langkamp, Grant Langkamp

### Next Week Ushers:

Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. - Doug McIlvain, Dane McIlvain,  
Jeff Burandt, Nathan Wagner

8:00 a.m. – Mark Schulz, Mike Lenser, Kevin Paasch

10:30 a.m. – Tom May, Ben May, Eddie May

### CODS:

Thursday, February 8, 6:30 p.m. – Briton Peterson

Sunday, February 11, 8:00 a.m. – Brian Hartwig

Sunday, February 11, 10:30 a.m. – Karl Kroening

### Next Week CODS:

Wednesday, February 14, 6:30 p.m. –

Sunday, February 18, 8:00 a.m. –

Sunday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. –

### Greeters

Sunday, February 11, 8:00 a.m. – Judy Fanning

Sunday, February 11, 10:30 a.m. – Jean Ruppier

### Next Week Greeters:

Sunday, February 18, 8:00 a.m. – Tim & Sue Probst

Sunday, February 18, 10:30 a.m. – Scott & Kathi Hendee

### Church Cleaning:

February 17, 2024 – Jim Heiman & Scott Hendee families

February 24, 2024 – Tom Heth & Roger Howard families

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## This Week at St. Matthew's

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### **Sunday**

Worship with Communion 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

### **Monday**

Evening Guild Outing to Mac's Pizza Shack 6:00 p.m.

School Pep Rally 2:30 p.m.

### **Tuesday**

Fellowship/Outreach Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Elder's Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### **Ash Wednesday**

Women's Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Public School Confirmation 5:00 p.m.

Lenten Meal 5:00 p.m.

Sr. Choir 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service with Communion 6:30 p.m.

### **Thursday**

Teacher's Conference in Oconomowoc – No School

Council Meeting 6:30 p.m.

### **Friday**

Teacher's Conference in Oconomowoc – No School

LLHS Boy's A Tournament at LLHS

### **Sunday**

Worship 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School & Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

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