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*Worship for the Transfiguration of our Lord
February 16 & 19, 2023*

Opening Hymn: "Oh, Wondrous Type!" (*sung to tune of CW, #84*)

**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 Renew us, O eternal Light,
And let our hearts and souls be bright,
Illumined with the light of grace
That issues from your holy face.**

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

P: O Lord, open my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.

P: Hasten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

Confession of Sins

P: Dear friends, let us approach God with true hearts and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins.

Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

P: St. John says of our God: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." He also says: "We have one who pleads with the Father in our defense— Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world." Therefore, upon this your confession, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory he has as the only-begotten from the Father: let us worship him.

Oh, Come, Let Us Sing To The Lord

C: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord, let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion. Let us come into his presence with thanks - giv - ing, let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great king a - bove all gods. The deep places of the earth are in his hand; the heights of the hills are al - so his. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hand formed the dry land. Oh, come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our mak - er. For he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Salutation

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, walk in the light that shines in the inspired Word, and at last be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Old Testament: Exodus 3:1-8

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. ²The 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. ³So he said, "I will go over and look at this amazing sight-to find out why the bush is not burning up."

⁴When 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."

⁵The LORD said, "Do not come any closer. Take your sandals off your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground." ⁶He 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.

⁷The 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. ⁸So 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. ⁹Now indeed, the Israelites' cry for help has come to me. Yes, I have seen how the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰Come now, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

Verse of the Day: *(sung to tune of CW, #84)*

All: (sing) 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.

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:10-21

¹⁰Therefore, brothers, be more eager to make your calling and election sure for yourselves. For if you do these things, you will never stumble. ¹¹In fact, in this way you will be richly supplied with an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

¹²That is why I intend always to keep reminding you of these things, even though you already know them and are established in the truth you now have. ¹³I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to keep you wide awake by reminding you, ¹⁴because I know that the putting off of my tent is going to happen soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. ¹⁵I will also make every effort so that after my departure you always have a reminder of these things.

¹⁶To 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. ¹⁷For 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." ¹⁸We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹We 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, ²⁰since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. ²¹In 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!

Apostles' Creed

**All: 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.

Hymn: #97 "Down From the Mount of Glory"

1 Down from the mount of glory Came Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Recall the wondrous story, Rich gem in sacred Word.
Again your faith will view him In double glory here;
The greater homage due him Will in your life appear.

2 Transfigured, Christ, the lowly, Stood radiant in the light,
Light found in Godhead solely, For human eyes too bright.
Then came a voice from heaven, Confirmed what here we see;
The words "my Son" were given To seal his deity.

3 Yet mark this glory hidden! See him the mount descend
And, by the Father bidden, His willing footsteps bend
To seek humiliation In deepest depths of woe,
To suffer degradation No mind can probe or know.

4 Strange how his journey ended! In love that is his fame
Our Lord again ascended A mount—the hill of shame.
Upon the cross he proffered Himself to agony;
His holy soul he offered To set the guilty free.

Sermon: Matthew 17:1-9

Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. ³Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him."

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. ⁷Jesus approached and as he touched them, he said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” ⁸When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone.

Climb the Sacred Mountain with the Savior

I. Rejoice at everything you see at the top

II. Remember what you've seen as you head back down

Our Response to the Word of God

**5 Then hail the double glory Of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
And let the wondrous story Full peace and joy afford!
The holy mount acclaims 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.

The 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.

Hymn: #95 "How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

**1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.**

**2 How good, Lord, to be here Your beauty to behold,
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.**

**3 Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be,
We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.**

**4 Before we taste of death, We see your kingdom come;
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.**

**5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.**

Prayer

P: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through 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: #369 "Beautiful Savior"

**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!**

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

May the taste of heaven we get this morning on the Mount of Transfiguration lead us to long for it with Peter and look for it from Jesus!

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 — 195 (33/162) Bible Classes — 57

Offering Last Week — \$14,559.00 Sunday School — 14

(Meeting our 2023 Ministry Plan requires weekly offerings of \$14,735.00)

*“O LORD my God, you are very great;
you are clothed with splendor and majesty”*

Psalm 104:1.

Announcements

1. **Bible Class** We will continue a study of Daniel. Bible class meets in the fellowship area downstairs. Please join us as we “Book Through the Bible.”
2. **Baptism** Emma Ann Cordall-Gonzales was baptized at St. Matthews on Saturday, February 11, 2023. Emma is the daughter of John and Kayla Cordall-Gonzales. Emma was born on January 5, 2023. Serving as sponsors for Emma were Skyler Christianson and Samantha Kluever. *He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior. Titus 3:5-6*
3. **Woman’s Bible Class** – We will continue with the book “More Prepared to Answer” by Mark Paustian. Each lesson stands alone so feel free to join at any time. Hope to see you there! *Debbie Lenser.*
4. **Ash Wednesday** Please note that this coming Wednesday, February 22 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 “Psalms of the Savior’s Suffering”. *“Jesus, I will ponder now on your holy passion.”* A light supper is served prior to the service beginning at 5:00 p.m.

5. **Wednesday Evening Confirmation Class** Wednesday evening confirmation class will meet at 5:00 p.m.
6. **Call for Mr. Craig Sonntag** We would like to inform the congregation that Mr. Craig Sonntag has received a Call to teach Math, Religion, English, and some technology along with coaching at Lakeside Lutheran High School in Lake Mills, Wisconsin. Please provide encouragement and keep him in your prayers as he deliberates where the Lord wants him to serve in the future.
7. **Meredith Moeller's Call** We would like to inform the congregation that Miss Meredith Moeller has returned her Call to teach grades 7 and 8, play organ, and teach music at Trinity Lutheran in Brillion, Wisconsin. We thank the Lord for this special blessing and pray that Trinity Lutheran will find someone to fulfill the needs of their school.
8. **St. Matthew's Trivia Afternoon:** Are you constantly impressing (or boring) your friends and family with your vast knowledge of random trivia facts? We have the event for you! All are welcome to come and compete at our St. Matthew's Trivia Afternoon on **Sunday, February 26th at 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.** Invite your friends and family, form your teams, and get ready for a great time - there will be trivia questions galore from a wide variety of topics, snacks, and prizes for the winning teams! It's an afternoon you won't want to miss! Sign up on the bulletin board in the lower lobby - hope to see you there!
9. **A New Banner!!** Take a look in the narthex at the banner designed specifically for St. Matthew's. Pastor and others worked on what the design should include, and that information was sent to the graphics department at MLC in New Ulm, MN. John Ring, their graphic designer, came up with the final product which was produced on vinyl for a nominal price. This banner will travel to La Crosse in June for the LWMS Convention to be displayed with banners from other churches in the Rock River Circuit and the Crow River Circuits who are co-chairing the convention. At the convention's end, it will travel back to its home here in Janesville. It might be seen in different places around the church and school!

Assisting with Worship

Organist:

Kathi Hendee

Ushers:

8:00 a.m.– Michael Borchardt, Ryan Borchardt, Kyle Stade

10:30 a.m. – Steve Sage, David Johnson, Jason Carlson

Next Week Ushers:

8:00 a.m.– George Ehlers, Bob Williams, Mike Fox

10:30 a.m. – Fred Shadoski, Russ Scott

Ash Wednesday – Tim Stirmel, Connor Stirmel, Austin Schultz

CODS:

6:30 p.m. – Tim Stirmel

8:00 a.m. – Tom Timmermann

10:30 a.m. – George Ehlers

Next Week CODS:

Ash Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. – Phil Fry

8:00 a.m. – Jim Daley

10:30 a.m. – Marc Augsburg

Greeters

8:00 a.m. – Mike & Bethann Borchardt 10:30 a.m. – Art & Linda Hilker

Next Week Greeters:

8:00 a.m. – Bev Boughton 10:30 a.m. – John & Joanne May

Church Cleaning:

February 25, 2023 – Mike Fox & Phillip Fry families

March 4, 2023 – Kevin Foster & Brian Hartwig families

This Week at St. Matthew's

Sunday

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

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

Monday

Mother/Daughter 6:00 p.m.

& Father/Son 6:45 p.m.

Games

Wednesday

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

Confirmation Class 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday (continued)

Lenten Meal 5:00 p.m.

Sr. Choir Practice 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Service

with Lord's Supper 6:30 p.m.

Sunday

Worship with Lord's

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

SS/Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

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