



Transfiguration of Our Lord

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8:30 & 11:00 a.m.

ELW Setting 4

“Living God’s Love”

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church

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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.

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"Pages" are in the front of the hymnal.

"Hymns" are located toward the back of the hymnal.

*Please stand as you are able.

GATHERING

Prelude

Laudes Domini

Dale Wood

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved.

C: Amen.

*Gathering Song:

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hymn 853

*Greeting

P: 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

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*Hymn of Praise

This is the Feast

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*Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, 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 Sermon

Pastor Steve Mahaffey

WORD

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

¹Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¹The mighty one, God the LORD, has spoken;
calling the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

²**Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God shines forth in glory.**

³Our God will come and will not keep silence;
with a consuming flame before, and round about a raging storm.

⁴**God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgment of the people.**

⁵"Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice."

⁶**The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause,
for it is God who is judge.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Gospel Acclamation

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

Hymn 513

*Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

D: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.

⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

D: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

*Hymn of the Day

How Good, Lord, to Be Here

Hymn 315

*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 truly 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 with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic 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.**

*Prayers of Intercession

P: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing
on the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

P: We pray for the church, that the transformational power of God enters the hearts of all people. May its leaders serve as examples of your grace and healing across time and space. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for the creation, that we will humbly observe the swirl of wind and the heat of the bright sun. Teach us to honor all you have made and to care for the animals, plants, air, and bodies of water of this planet. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for those charged with leadership, lawmaking, and governance of our towns, states, and countries, that they will strive for goodness and justice all the days of their lives and callings. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for any who are sick and suffering especially June, Liliana, Tom, Una Mae, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Stevie, Rosemary, Clarence, the Gibeault Family, Ingrid, Judy, Jerry, Todd, Logan, Sandi, and those we now name aloud or hold tenderly in our hearts. Guide us to offer hospitality, shelter, friendship, and care to any in need. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We pray for this congregation and its ministry in the wider community. May we share the transforming beauty and love of God in ways that honor the dignity of all whom we encounter. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Trusting that all the saints, prophets, and those who die in faith are held in your care, we remember in thanksgiving those who have died. Grant us your gift of salvation as we await your coming again in glory. God of grace,

C: receive our prayer.

P: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

***Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

MEAL

Offertory

Lord, I Know I've Been Changed (8:30)
Shackley

Luther Choir

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (11:00)
Aaron David Miller

Jane Irvine

Offering Prayer

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray.

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: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

Lamb of God

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Communion Hymn

*Christ, Be Our Light
Beautiful Savior*

Hymn 715

Hymn 838

Table Blessing (*"The body and blood..."*)

***Prayer after Communion**

P: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body. Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING

***Blessing**

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, + bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

***Sending Song:**

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Hymn 671

***Dismissal:**

D: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

***Postlude**

Nettleton
Al Roberts

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WORSHIP SERVANTS

Acolyte:	8:30 - Bennett Alt	11:00 - Trace Thompson
Reader:	8:30 - Delores Ivan	11:00 - Julie Shrader
Communion Servers:	8:30 - Carol Elkins	11:00 - Thompson Family
Ushers:	8:30 - Linda & Jeff Taraschke	11:00 - Thompson Family
Sound:	8:30 - Joe Obermeier	11:00 - Larry Mohler
Video:	8:30 - Rick Sullivan	
Altar Guild:	Kelly Obermeier	

PRAYERS

Altar Flowers This Morning are given to the glory of God.

***Prayers for Healing:** June Trenty, Steve Combs, Liliana, Tom, Thornton, Una Mae Gill, Adam and Family, Elizabeth, Rosemary, Clarence, Gibeault Family, Judy Weir, Jerry Jakovcic, Todd Costello, Logan, and Sandi.

**If you, a relative, or friend would like to be added to the prayers, please contact the church office. Your request will be added to the bulletin and Shout-Out, as well as the list of prayers for our Thursday afternoon Prayer Group. Names will be removed from the bulletin and Shout-Out after one month, unless a specific timeframe is requested, but will remain in our Prayer Group's prayers. If you wish to have a name added back to the prayers once it is removed, please contact the office.*

TODAY'S WORSHIP & EVENTS

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

Welcome and Thank you to Jane Irvine, our guest accompanist this morning.

Noisy Offering - For Souper Bowl of Caring at both services.

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

NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, AT ST. MATTHEW

Next Sunday, First Sunday in Lent, we will worship in person at 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. with Praise and holy communion. Livestream at 8:30.

Blood Pressure Screening before and between services in Brenda's office.

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

Blanket Tying between services in the Fellowship Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Deacon Lindsay on Vacation February 12-20. She will be out of the country and unable to tend to any texts, calls, emails or emergencies.

“Loads of Love” - St. Matthew will be spreading joy and covering the cost of laundry for all clients at North Court Laundry, 739 W. Liberty St., from 10 am - 2 pm on Saturday, February 17. Use the Sign-Up Genius link in your Shout-Out (www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544ADA629AAFD0-47171581-loads) if you would like to volunteer your time to hand out coins and spread the JOY! The Evangelism & Communication Committee will provide further details to the volunteers.

Loads of Love Noisy Offering was a success!! Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, 333.67 was donated and Pastor Steve received a \$250 Thrivent grant for this service project. In addition, there is \$ 243 left over from our last Loads of Love outreach. We are grateful to be able to extend the love of this congregation outside the walls of the church. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

Blanket Tying - We will be making fleece tie blankets for children at Akron Children’s Hospital. This inter-generational project will take place on Sunday, February 18 between services in the Fellowship Hall. We will also be precutting the blankets on Saturday, February 17 from 10:00-Noon. If you have some time and scissors, we would welcome extra hands to help cut. Material for the blankets was purchased using a Thrivent Action Grant. We were able to secure material for 22 blankets. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Shrader or Melody Costello.

Blood Pressure Screening - Sunday, February 18th, before and between services. Brenda will be returning to the office on Tuesday, February 13.

Drive Thru Food Drive - The Evangelism & Communication Committee will hold a drive-thru food drive in the church parking lot on Saturday, March 9, 10 am - Noon. Pull up, pop your trunk, and volunteers will be here to unload without you having to get out of your car. Food donations to benefit local food pantries.

Hats for Cups Café - We are going to start working on hats for Cups Café and we need more help to get them done for fall. Judy Weir will be starting a class soon to show folks how to make them on a loom. She has several extra looms, so you do not need to buy one. We also have extra yarn to get everyone started. Please call Judy at 440-789-8178 to let her know you would like to help.

“Getting to Know You” - St. Matthew started featuring a St. Matthew family in our weekly Shout-Outs as a way to get to know our fellow St. Matthew members. We would love to feature your family! Go to your most recent Shout-Out to access the link to complete your profile. If you have any questions, please send a text to Beth Johnson (Communication Evangelism) at 301-501-0473. We look forward to *GETTING TO KNOW YOU!*

Finance Committee - Good News from the Good News Moment!!

I am pleased to announce that Steve Pamer will be serving as the Finance Committee Chair! Members of the Finance Committee are:

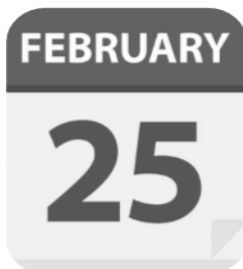
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Heather Rohde
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Pastor Steve
Deacon Lindsay
Bruce Reed, Council-At Large
Austin Stertzbach
Jen Knaggs

We always welcome additional committee members. If you are interested in joining the Finance Committee, please contact a committee member for more information.

Thank you, Steve and all the members of the committee, for your willingness to serve.

Teri Uttech, Treasurer



Our Annual Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, February 25 in the church sanctuary. We will vote to ratify the updated constitution and bylaws document. All members of St. Matthew are encouraged to attend.

We will have one worship service at 9:30 am, with the meeting immediately following.

St. Matthew Evangelical Lutheran Church Staff

The Rev. Steven Mahaffey	Pastor
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Hearing Loop
System available.