

# TODAY'S BULLETIN

**As We Gather:** Listen to Him

Within the pandemonium of the transfiguration, the voice speaks: "This is My beloved Son; listen to Him" (Mark 9:7). Moses is there and gone. Elijah is there and gone. The disciples are with Him on the mount and then head down into the valley. But the glory of the Lord will not depart. It will remain: lifted high upon the cross, revealed in the empty tomb, and placed upon the followers of Jesus. It is the Word that endures forever, the Word made flesh, and the Word who speaks through the voice of Scripture. The call remains: "Listen to Him."

## **ASH WEDNESDAY AND LENTEN MIDWEEK**

**CHURCH SERVICES:** Ash Wednesday Daytime church service will be held this week, February 14th, here at Saint Matthew's beginning at noon. The evening church service will be held at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 340 Palisade Avenue, Garfield, NJ beginning at 7:30 pm.

Our Midweek church services here at Saint Matthew's will be held on Thursdays beginning on February 22nd at 11:00 am and 7:00 pm.

## **SAINT MATTHEW'S CHINESE NEW YEAR DINNER:**

On Saturday, February 17th beginning at 5:45 pm, Saint Matthew's will hold its annual Chinese New Year Dinner. Tickets are \$20 per person. All profit this year will be donated to the Lighthouse Pregnancy Resource Center. For more information or how to purchase tickets, please speak with Pastor Iovine or Ed Geiger after church. Thank you.

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK:** Our verse is taken from Mark 9:7

**And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."**



## **Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church**

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Saturday  
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Transfiguration

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**Serving in Our Church Service This Sunday:**

Stephanie Coppola, Elder

**Sunday's Reader:** Pastor Iovine

**Serving Next Sunday:** Jody Wangerin

**THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS:** This week, we will continue to review the coming weekend's Lectionary Readings. Starting the following Thursday, February 22nd, we will begin a Lenten Study of our Midweek theme on Psalm 41. Please join us at noon in the Upper Classroom.

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

- Genesis 22:1–18 (God spares Isaac.)
- James 1:12–18 (Every good and perfect gift comes from God.)
- Mark 1:9–15 (Jesus is baptized, tempted, and begins His ministry.)

**HYMNS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:**

- "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" - Hymn 657
- "God's Own Child, I Gladly Say it" - Hymn 594
- "O Christ, You Walked the Road" - Hymn 434

**NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP SERVICES**

February 17 & 18 - Lent 1

- At Saint Matthew's - Saturday, February 17, beginning at 5:00pm
- At Saint Matthew's - Sunday, February 18, beginning at 9:30am
- At Holy Trinity - Sunday, February 18, beginning at 11:30am
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**FOOD PANTRY UPDATE:**

We do not need peanut butter & jelly, macaroni and cheese, pasta, or marinara sauce

- Packaged mashed potatoes
- Stuffing
- Crackers
- Chips & jarred or canned dip
- Hot chocolate
- Canned or jarred fruit
- Syrup
- Canned mushrooms
- Canned chicken
- Paper towels
- Iced tea mix
- Parmesan cheese
- Small sugar packs
- Small flour

# Transfiguration Saturday

Blended Church Service - Divine Services 3, 4, and Creative Worship

## Welcome & Church Announcements

## Moment of Prayer

### Invocation

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

C: **Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

Psalm 99:4, 9

P: The King in His might loves justice.

C: **You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

P: Exalt the Lord our God, and worship at His holy mountain;

C: **for the LORD our God is holy!**

*Silence for reflection.*

P: Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **O most merciful God, who has given Your only-begotten Son to die for us, have mercy upon us and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us true knowledge of You and of Your will and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

P: Almighty God has had mercy upon you and has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. In the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I, a called and ordained servant of the Word, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit. He who began this good work within you will bring it to completion on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

## Salutation and the Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray: O Lord, our God, You shone Your love to us through Your Son and in His light is our hope and joy. Take us up to the mountain of His brightness that when we descend in the valleys of our lives, His light may remain upon us to guide our way. Grant that we may receive the testimony of Moses and Elijah fulfilled in Christ and make known Christ's light to the world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 34:29–35

(Moses comes down the mountain with the Law in his hands and the glory of the Lord upon his face.)

L: The Old Testament Reading for Transfiguration Sunday is taken from Exodus, Chapter 34:

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face.

Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **Epistle Reading**

2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

(We all, with unveiled face, behold the glory of God.)

L: The Epistle Reading is taken from 2nd Corinthians, Chapters 3 and 4:

Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In 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. For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Holy Gospel Reading**

Mark 9:2–9

(With Moses and Elijah at His side, Jesus reveals His glory.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th Chapter:

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

And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **The Nicene Creed**

A: **I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the**

third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Today's Sermon

## Prayer of the Church

### Service of the Sacrament

#### Preface

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.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we give You thanks and praise, O Lord, Father of mercy, through Christ, our Lord, for in Him You have manifested the fullness of Your saving glory. Because He has kept the Law of Moses and fulfilled the promise of Elijah and all the prophets, we know Him as Savior and confess Him as Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Holy Lord, mighty God, everlasting is Your power and great is Your mercy. You made from nothing all that exists and still preserve what You have created. You bore with us sinners who deserved only Your wrath and, as You promised our first parents, raised up Your own Son in our flesh to be our Savior and Redeemer. He fulfilled Your holy will and bestowed upon us a righteousness not our own and in Him we have been born from above to everlasting life. Bidden by His promise, we come to His Table there to receive in bread His flesh and in wine His blood, given and shed for us and for our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

## The Words of Our Lord

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\mp$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\mp$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

**P:** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

**C:** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

**P:** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

## The Lord's Prayer

**A:** **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.**

## Pax Domini

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

**C:** **Amen.**

## Distribution

## Post-Communion Prayer

**P:** Let us pray: O Lord, You have brought us to the mountain where the glory of Christ has been revealed in the Gospel preached and in the Sacrament administered. Lead us now down the mountain that we may not be lost in the darkness of doubt or fear nor surrender to the shadow of death without faith in Him who died that we might live and lives that we might never die. Keep us in this glory of Christ until time surrenders to eternity, finding perfect fulfillment in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **Benedicamus and 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 upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **Moment of Prayer**