

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."



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Sunday

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Transfiguration Sunday

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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 Sunday

Divine Service 3 from Lutheran Service Book - begins on page 184

Opening Hymn

"Beautiful Savior" - Hymn 537

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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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Invocation & Confession and Absolution - page 184

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgression unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-evaluation

P: O Almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter**

sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

 **Kyrie** - page 186

**Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

 **Gloria in Excelsis** - page 187-189

P: Glory be to God on high:

C: **And on earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee
We glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory
O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
That takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sin of the world, receive our prayer
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us
For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord.
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost
Art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Salutation and the Collect of the Day - pages 189-190

E: The Lord be with you.

C: **And with thy spirit.**

E: 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 be to Thee, 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 be to Thee, 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.

Hymn of the Day

“O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair” - Hymn 413

O wondrous type! O vision fair
Of glory that the Church may share
Which Christ upon the mountain shows
Where brighter than the sun He glows!

With Moses and Elijah nigh
The incarnate Lord holds converse high
And from the cloud the Holy One
Bears record to the only Son.

With shining face and bright array
Christ deigns to manifest today
What glory shall be theirs above
Who joy in God with perfect love.

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.

O Father, with the eternal Son
And Holy Spirit ever one
We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace
To see Thy glory face to face.

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Sermon

 **Offertory** - page 192

A: Create in me a clean heart, O God
And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation
And uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

The Service of the Sacrament

Preface - page 194

 P: The Lord be with you.

 C: **And with thy spirit.**

 P: Lift up your hearts.

 C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

 P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

 C: **It is meet right so to do.**

Proper Preface - page 194

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. Therefore with angels and archangels, patriarchs and prophets, saints and martyrs, and with the whole company of heaven we join their unending hymn, evermore praising You and singing:

Sanctus - page 195

**A: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabbaoth
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He, blessed is He,
blessed is He who cometh in the name of the Lord
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest**

Lord's Prayer - spoken, page 196

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.

The Words of Our Lord - spoken, page 197

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.

Pax Domini - page 197-198

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

C: **Amen.**

Agnus Dei - page 198

A: **O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world
Have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world
Have mercy upon us
O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world
Grant us Thy peace. Amen.**

Communion Distribution

Communion Dismissal - page 198

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart \mp in peace.

C: **Amen.**

Nunc Dimittis - page 198-199

A: **Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace
According to Thy word
For mine eyes have seen Thy salvation
which Thou hast prepared before the face of all people
A light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Thy people Israel
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.**

Thanksgiving - page 200

E: O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

C: and His mercy endureth forever.

E: 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.

Salutation and Benedicamus - page 202

E: The Lord be with you.

C: And with thy spirit.

E: Bless we the Lord

C: Thanks be to God.

Benediction - page 202

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

 **C: Amen, amen, amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness” - Hymn 417

**Alleluia, song of gladness, Voice of joy that cannot die
Alleluia is the anthem Ever raised by choirs on high
In the house of God abiding Thus they sing eternally.**

**Alleluia, thou resoundest, True Jerusalem and free
Alleluia, joyful mother, All thy children sing with thee
But by Babylon’s sad waters Mourning exiles now are we.**

**Alleluia cannot always Be our song while here below
Alleluia, our transgressions Make us for a while forgo
For the solemn time is coming When our tears for sin must flow.**

Therefore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, blessed Trinity

**At the last to keep Thine Easter With Thy faithful saints on high
There to Thee forever singing Alleluia joyfully.**

We are mourning exiles who long to be in the heavenly Jerusalem, here referred to as "joyful mother." During Lent, the Church refrains from songs of "alleluia."

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