

# St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church

1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

8:30 am & 11:00 am Services

## *Transfiguration Sunday*

**Worship Notes:** Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

Prelude

*Neno lake Mungu – Listen, God Is Calling* arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Karen Natterstad

Call to Worship

### **God Is Here Today**

*This song of Invitation comes to us from Javier Gacias Mateo, theologian and musical composer, born in Albacete (Spain) in 1956, currently resides in Zaragoza, where he continues to compose his new songs. God is here is the news of "good news." A resounding affirmation of God's presence not only in the heavens, but also in nature and in the creatures of the earth thirsting for their Creator.*



Dios es - tá a quí, tan cier-to co-mo el ai - re  
God is here to - day; as cer - tain as the  
que res - pi - ro, tan cier-to co-mo la ma - ña - na se le -  
air I breathe, as cer - tain as the morn-ing sun that  
van ta, tan cier-to co-mo que le can - to y me pue-de o - ír.  
ris - es, as cer - tain when I sing you'll hear my song.

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## Gathering

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Confession & Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the eternal voice from heaven, the anointed and beloved one, the Spirit moving over the waters.

**Amen.**

As we approach the mystery of God, let us come in confession, trusting the love of Christ crucified and risen.

**If we walk in the light we have fellowship with one another, Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

Today we see our Lord Jesus Christ in unveiled glory, a foretaste of the glory of our own resurrection.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

God who searches us and knows us,

**you have shown us what is good, but we have looked to other lights to find our way.**

**We have not been just in our dealings with others. We have chosen revenge over mercy. We have promoted ourselves instead of walking humbly with you. With what shall we come before you? Forgive us our sin and show us your salvation in the face of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

Beloved of God, you have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, poured out for you in the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. Receive the promise of baptism: You are God's child; ☩ your sins are forgiven. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the reign of heaven.

**Amen.**

## Gathering Song

**Making Their Way – Komt Nu Met Zang**

*Komt Nu Met Zang is a lively and spirited “renaissance-like” dance tune composed by Dutchman Adrianus Valerius. (1575-1625) He is most well-known for the hymn tune “We Gather Together.”*

1. Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have  
 2. Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble  
 3. Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney

heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,  
 on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,  
 till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,

Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing  
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in  
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful -

thanks, the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.  
 love, they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.  
 filled, to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

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## Litany for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Peter, James and John saw the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ  
**on the Mount of Transfiguration.**

They would later see the glory of God at work  
**when Christ was on the cross.**

And they would see God's fullest glory  
**in the resurrection of Christ.**

Today we see God's glory

**in the faces of the people gathered here.**

May the glory of God

**surround us and astound us every day of our lives.**

#### Apostolic Greeting

The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### Prayer of the Day

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us with the king heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through your Son, Jesus, Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

Anthem

11:00

*Fe y Esperanza* arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

- New Creation & New Generation Choirs

*1./3. Fe y esperanza, we live by faith and hope. Fe y esperanza, we live by faith and hope. We have faith in God who loves us and in Jesus, God's son. And we hope that our world will someday live as one.*

*2. Fe y esperanza, we live by faith and hope. Fe y esperanza, we live by faith and hope. We have faith in God has giv'n us many blessings and gifts to share with our brothers and our sisters in the world ev'rywhere.*

## Word

First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

*At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The "glory of the LORD" settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

*At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.*

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

Gospel Acclamation

### Syrian Hallelujah

*To sing a song from Syria in these days when Syrians have been displaced from their homes by violence offers a reminder of the ancient and beautiful worship practices of Syrian Christians and Jews and makes this Hallelujah both a song of praise and a song of solidarity.*



Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. \_\_\_\_\_

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu jah, hal - le - lu - jah!

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Gospel

### Matthew 17:1-9

*Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.*

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Karen Natterstad

*Please stand as you are able.*

Hymn of the Day

## When Jesus Stood in Glory

*(Prayer Cards will be collected during the Hymn of the Day)*

1. When Je - sus stood in glo - ry up - on that ho - ly hill,  
 2. That glimpse of glo - ry fright - ened dis - ci - ples who were there,  
 3. The bless - ings of the pre - sent re - veal God's glo - ry, too.  
 4. Lord, grant us such a bless - ing that through all toil and pain,  
 No one dared tell this sto - ry for he must first ful - fill  
 And yet they longed to tight - en their hold on views so rare.  
 All these though e'er so plea - sant are earth - ly gifts for you.  
 With faith and hope un - ceas - ing e - ter - nal life we gain.  
 The will of God His Fa - ther as pro - phets long had said,  
 It's good for us to be here, we'd dear - ly love to stay,  
 There is a great - er glo - ry re - served for you in heav'n;  
 For you have gone be - fore us, pre - pared for us the way,  
 The Son must die for oth - ers and then rise from the dead.  
 For all that we can see here is free from sor - row's day.  
 But first be - lieve Christ's sto - ry, may praise to him be giv'n.  
 And you have pro - mised to us the re - sur - rec - tion day.

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Profession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

Inside Back Cover of Hymnal

*Usher Volunteers gather for Offering Collection at the Welcome Center.*

Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

...Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed  
 in Christ crucified.

**Amen.**

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## Meal

Offering

8:30

*Hope for Resolution* by Lee Afdahl – Bells Angels

11:00

*Meditation No. 1 [Lotus Garden]*

by James Michael Stevens

*Please stand as you are able.*

Canticle of Thanksgiving

**Come and Sing the Praise of the Lord**

*This traditional Hebrew song of praise and thanks comes to us from Israel.*

English Come and sing the praise of the Lord, sing hal - le -  
 Hebrew Ha - l' - lu' - hu, ha - l' - lu - hu b' - zil - z' -  
 lu - jah! Come and sing the praise of the  
 le sha - ma. Ha - l' - lu - hu, ha - l' - lu -  
 Lord, sing hal - le - lu - lu - jah!  
 hu b' - zil - z' - le t'ru - a.  
 Let all that lives, all that has breath, sing the praise of  
 Kol ha - n'sha - ma t' - ha - lel ja, ha - l' - lu -  
 God, hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that lives,  
 ja, ha - l' - lu - lu - ja. Kol ha - n'sha - ma  
 all that has breath, sing the praise of God.  
 t' - ha - lel ja, ha - l' - lu - lu - ja.

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### Offering Prayer

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior,

**Amen.**

### Words of Institution

#### Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come, your will be done,  
 on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**



as we forgive those who sin against us.  
 Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
 For the kingdom, the power,  
 and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

(11:00 Service)

## *First Communion*

We celebrate with Aiden Hunter, Ebben Tanem, Kaden Bitar, and Hadley Meier their First Communion today.

Today this community of faith rejoices because Sunday is the day Christ arose from the dead. Once again Jesus calls us to join him for a meal. We celebrate with those who today, join in sharing of the Lord's Meal—Holy Communion.

**We welcome you to the Table for the Sacrament of Holy Communion. We thank God for your lives. We pray that you will find joy and strength in this meal. Come among us, O God, as we gather to worship you.**

(8:30 & 11:00 Services Continue Here)

Invitation to Communion

We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

**We join in the feast.**

Come. Be filled with light and life.

*Please be seated.*

Call to Communion

**In This Feast of Love – *Tässä pöässä***

*This contemporary Communion invitation, from 2017, comes to us from Finnish author and composer Jarkko Maukonen.*

1. Täs - sä pöy - däs - sä, \_\_\_\_\_ täs - sä pöy - däs -  
 1. In this feast of love, \_\_\_\_\_ in this feast of  
 2. In this bread and wine, \_\_\_\_\_ in this bread and  
 sä \_\_\_\_\_ syn - ti - sil - le it - se - si -  
 love, \_\_\_\_\_ Lord, you share your blood and your  
 wine, \_\_\_\_\_ you have prom - ised, Lord, to be  
 an - nat, Ju - ma - lan Ka - rit - sa! \_\_\_\_\_  
 bod - y, Je - sus, Lamb of God. \_\_\_\_\_  
 with us, Lamb of God div - ine. \_\_\_\_\_

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Communion Anthem 11:00

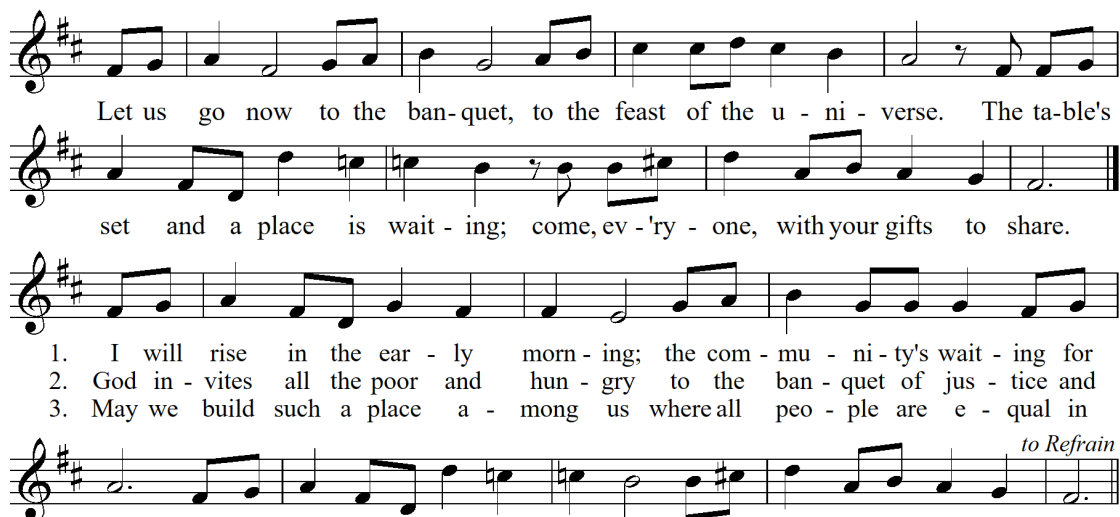
*Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* [ELW 489]

- Senior Choir

Communion Hymn

**Let Us Go Now to the Banquet/Canto de entrada**

*The spirit of community, of putting all things in common, is what this song is about. The words of this El Salvadorean songs are based on a sermon given by Father Rutilio Grande about a month before he was killed by the death squads.*



Let us go now to the ban-quet, to the feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta-ble's  
set and a place is wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.

1. I will rise in the ear - ly morn - ing; the com - mu - ni - ty's wait - ing for  
2. God in - vites all the poor and hun - gry to the ban - quet of jus - tice and  
3. May we build such a place a - mong us where all peo - ple are e - qual in

me. With a spring in my step I'm walk - ing with my friends and my fam - i - ly.  
good where the har - vest will not be hoard - ed so that no one will lack for food.  
love. God has called us to work to - geth - er and to share ev - 'ry - thing we have.

*to Refrain*

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, Misa popular salvadoreña; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956. Music: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955. Tune: Vamos Todos al Banquete, 99 98 Refrain. Copyright © Text © 1988, 1996 GIA Publications, Inc. Podcast/Streamed/Reprinted with permission under One License A-703603. All rights reserved.

*Please stand as you are able.*

### Communion Response

May the body of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his light and grace.

**Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus we have seen you shining in glory on the mountaintop and joining us in bread and cup here at this table. Strengthen us by these glimpses of your glory, that your kingdom might be known, and your love be shown shining brightly in our lives and in our world, until the day of your full appearing.

**Amen.**

## Sending

### Farewell to Alleluia

*Historically the saying and singing of "alleluias" has been suspended during the 40 days of Lent because of the penitential character of the season. It is suggested that the joyful nature of alleluia is more appropriately reserved for Easter celebrations when it can be given full and jubilant voice. The omission of alleluias during Lent goes back at least to the 5th century in the Western Church. The custom of actually bidding it farewell was developed in the Middle Ages. The hymn "Alleluia, Song of Gladness" contains a translation of an 11th century Latin text that compares an alleluia-less Lent to the exile of the Israelites in Babylon. The text then anticipates the joy of Easter when glad alleluias will return in all their heavenly splendor.*

I heard a great voice from heaven, saying: Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power be to the Lord our God.

**And again, they said: Alleluia!**

From the Mount of Transfiguration, the Lord God reigns!

**Alleluia!**

They came down in the valley of life where there is a time for all things, a time to laugh a time to cry, and a time to look at the cross. Jesus said, "If anyone wants to follow me, let one forget oneself, take up one's cross and follow me." Today the church buries its Alleluia until Easter morning when it rises with Christ at his glorious resurrection.

**Until that day when we celebrate Christ's resurrection with joy, we commit our Alleluia to the God who gave it.**

O God you give us reason to praise your name with Alleluia. As we enter a Lenten season to reflect upon our human nature and the way you have given yourself for us, we withhold our Alleluia until we celebrate Easter. We await to be people alive in you.

**Amen.**

Sending Song                      8:30

**#318 Alleluia! Song of Gladness**

*Please be seated at the 11:00 service.*

Anthem                              11:00

*Farewell to Alleluia* by Donald Busarow  
Senior Choir with Carol Heim, Clarinet

## Blessing

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod bless,  
strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Almighty God the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Dismissal

Go forth as light into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

*Toccata: Komt Nu Met Zang* by Jan Mulder

**FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18**

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." <sup>13</sup>So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**Psalm 2****or Psalm 99****SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21**

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." <sup>18</sup>We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

<sup>19</sup>So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. <sup>20</sup>First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup>because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. <sup>3</sup>Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>5</sup>While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup>And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."