

St. Matthew's Ev. Lutheran Church
1615 N. Wauwatosa Ave., Wauwatosa, WI 53213

March 3rd, 2019

The Transfiguration of Our Lord
8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services

Prelude
Welcome to Worship

Gathering

(Please stand as you are able)

Confession & Forgiveness

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

C **Amen.**

P God is light, where there is no darkness at all.

C **Walking in the light of Christ, we have fellowship with one another; the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.**

P 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)

P Most merciful God,

C **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We stand in need of light. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and let your light shine upon us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

P Jesus Christ, who died for you and rose again, is God's beloved Son. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by Christ's authority, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

Gathering Song

#315 How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

Litany for the Transfiguration of Our Lord

- P** Peter, James and John saw the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ
C **on the Mount of Transfiguration.**
- P** They would later see the glory of God at work
C **when Christ was on the cross.**
- P** And they would see God's fullest glory
C **in the resurrection of Christ.**
- P** Today we see God's glory
C **in the faces of the people gathered here.**
- P** May the glory of God
C **surround us and astound us every day of our lives.**

Apostolic Greeting

- A** Arise shine; for the Light has come!
C **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!**
- A** The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. 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.
C **Amen.**

Word*(Please be seated)*

First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses' face shone with the reflected glory of God after he received the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. The sight caused the Israelites to be afraid so Moses wore a veil to mask the radiance of God's glory, taking it off when he spoke directly with God.

- A** Word of God, word of life.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

In his debates with the Corinthians, Paul contrasts the glory of Moses with the glory of Christ. The Israelites could not see Moses' face because of the veil. But in Christ we see the unveiled glory of God and are transformed into his likeness.

A Word of God, word of life.

C **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand as you are able)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Glory Be

1. Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to the Lord e - ter - nal - ly!
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Prais - es sing un - to Christ, our Lord and King!

Al - le - lu - ia! By God's grace we be - hold the Sa - vior's face.
 He who_ comes, the Migh - ty One, Je - sus, God's be - lov - ed Son.

Come a - mong us, Light di - vine; let your face up - on us shine!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry be to the Lord e - ter - nal - ly!

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Gospel

Luke 9:28-36 [37-43a]

P The holy gospel according to Luke, the 9th chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The conversation about Jesus' suffering and death is enclosed in a dazzling foreshadowing of the resurrection. God affirms Jesus' identity, the disciples are stunned speechless, and Jesus resumes his mission with a demonstration of his power over evil.

P The Gospel of the Lord for you this day.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

(Please be seated)

Gospel Message

Pastor Matthew Schlake-Kruse

(Please stand as you are able)

Hymn of the Day

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*[Prayer cards will be collected during the Hymn]*

1. We have come_ at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2. Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3. Strengthened by___ this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our



ho - ly place, where we wait___ with hope and
 flesh - joined Word, Mo - ses and___ E - li - jah
 faith___ de - cline, we, like Pe - ter, find it



long - ing for some to - ken of___ God's grace.
 mar - vel as the heav - enly voice___ is heard.
 tempt - ing to re - main and build___ a shrine.



Here we pray_ for new as - sur - ance that our faith_ is
 Eyes and hearts be - hold with won - der how the Law_ and
 But true wor - ship give us cour - age to pro - claim_ what



not___ in vain, search - ing like___ those first___ dis -
 Proph - ets meet: Christ_ with gar - ments drenched in
 we___ pro - fess, that___ our dai - ly lives___ may



ci - ples for a sign___ both clear and plain.
 bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 prove___ us peo - ple of___ the God we bless.

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Prayers of Intercession	page 143
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Meal

(Please be seated)

Musical Offering

(8:30) *This is My Beloved Son* by Pepper Choplin
Senior Choir

Long, long ago, the prophets spoke to ancient generations. But in these days, God shows His ways and through the Son He's spoken. The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.

You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten. The heavens you made, your hand has laid the very earth's foundation. The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority. The Son your sins has lightened, He sits upon the right hand of power and majesty.

The first begotten One, this is my high and holy Son.

On earth one day, John, Peter, James followed Him up a mountain. Before their eyes, His face would shine with light as bright as morning. His garment shone and brightened. The disciples were so frightened, their faces on the ground. A bright cloud overwhelmed them, a voice came forth to tell them, "Now listen to this one, for this is my beloved Son!"

You are my Son, beloved one, you are my first begotten. The heavens you made, your hand has laid the very earth's foundation. The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority. The Son your sins has lightened, He sits upon the right hand of power and majesty.

For this is my Son, for this is my beloved Son. This is my Son.

(11:00) *Come Christians Join to Sing* arr. By Hal Hopson
New Generation Choir

(Please stand as you are able)

Offertory

#182 Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

(Please stand as you are able)

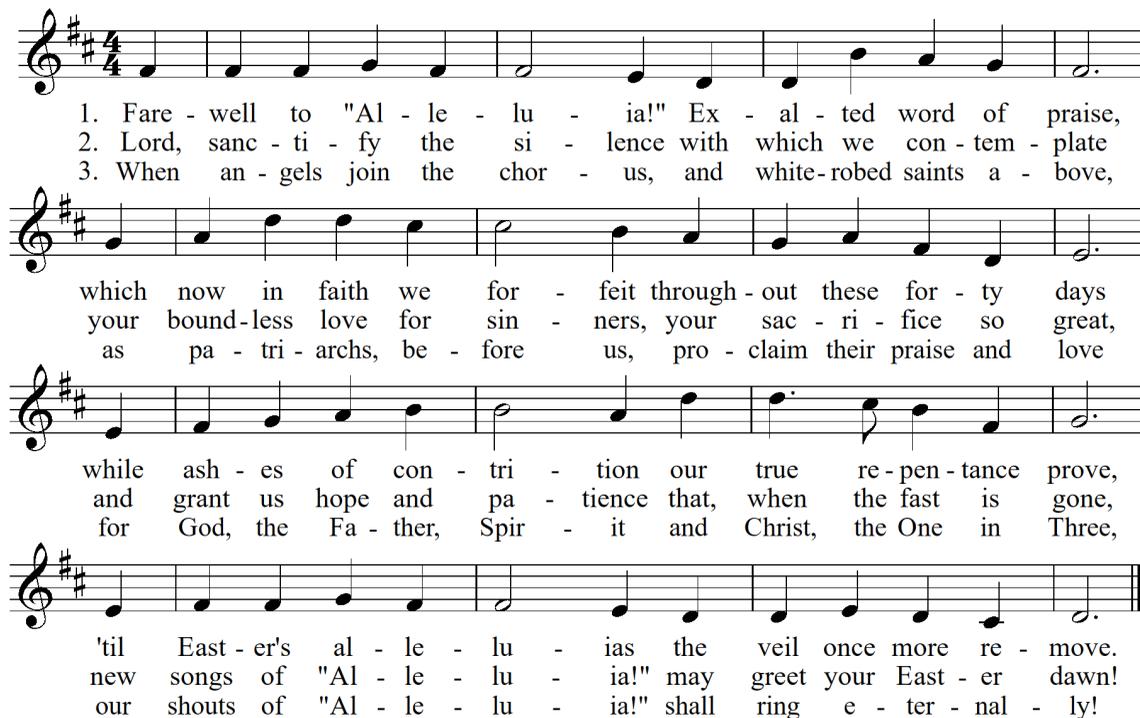
Farewell to Alleluia

- P** I heard a great voice from heaven, saying: Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power be to the Lord our God.
- C** **And again they said: Alleluia!**
- P** From the Mount of Transfiguration the Lord God omnipotent reigns!
- C** **Alleluia!**
- P** 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.
- C** **Until that day when we celebrate Christ's resurrection with joy, we commit our Alleluia to the God who gave it.**
- P** Let us pray. 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.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** The blessings of God the Father, Son +, and Holy Spirit be upon us and give us peace.
- C** **Amen!**

Closing Hymn

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.



1. Fare - well to "Al - le - lu - ia!" Ex - al - ted word of praise,
 2. Lord, sanc - ti - fy the si - lence with which we con - tem - plate
 3. When an - gels join the chor - us, and white-robed saints a - bove,
 which now in faith we for - feit through - out these for - ty days
 your bound - less love for sin - ners, your sac - ri - fice so great,
 as pa - tri - archs, be - fore us, pro - claim their praise and love
 while ash - es of con - tri - tion our true re - pen - tance prove,
 and grant us hope and pa - tience that, when the fast is gone,
 for God, the Fa - ther, Spir - it and Christ, the One in Three,
 'til East - er's al - le - lu - ias the veil once more re - move.
 new songs of "Al - le - lu - ia!" may greet your East - er dawn!
 our shouts of "Al - le - lu - ia!" shall ring e - ter - nal - ly!

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Dismissal

- A** Go in peace. Christ is with you.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Your presence has blessed our worship service. May you be strengthened by the strong word of God expressed through music and worship today. The peace of the Lord be with you as you go.