

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

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Transfiguration of Jesus

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“The ultimate test of a moral society is the kind of world that it leaves to its children.” Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Opening Song “Joyful, Joyful We Adore You”

Joyful, joyful we adore You, God of Glory, Lord of love!
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before You, Praising You their sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, Drive the gloom of doubt away.
Giver of immortal gladness, Fill us with the light of day.

All Your works with joy surround You, Earth and heav'n reflect Your rays,
Stars and angels sing around You, Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain Call us to rejoice in You.

You are giving and forgiving, Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, Ocean depth of happy rest!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Fountain-head of love divine:
Joyful, we Your heav'n inherit! Joyful, we by grace are Yours.

Invocation & Prayer

God's Word Is Proclaimed

Exodus 24:8-18	Thanks be to God
II Peter 1:16-21	Thanks be to God
Matthew 17:1-9	Glory to You, O Lord Praise to You, O Christ

Video about the Transfiguration

We Declare What We Believe

All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hades. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will return to judge both the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church – the fellowship of saints – the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song “It’s Good, Lord, to Be Here” # 135

Message “Would You Like to Know Why?” Matthew 17:1-9

Presenting Our Tithes & Offerings (We rise to sing the Doxology)

Prayers & Lord’s Prayer

All: Our Father Who is in heaven, holy be Your name, Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. **And forgive our sins as we forgive the sins of others.** And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Ashes of Confession & Forgiveness

Pastor: Now let us confess our refusal to live only by God’s will. May we do so with the full confidence that He will hear us and forgive us.

Congregation: I have rebelled against God in my thoughts, my words, and my living. I have sinned in ways that I am aware, and I have sinned in ways that I am not aware. I know there is nothing that I can do to make up for my sinful attitude and behavior. But I sincerely regret all my sin and beg You to have mercy on me through the death of Jesus as He died on the cross in my place. Amen.

The Words of Jesus

Sharing the Sacrament

We believe that in, with, and under the simple elements of the consecrated bread and wine we truly receive the body and blood of Jesus and His forgiveness for our disobedience. If you have questions, please speak to the Pastor.

Prayer & Blessing

Song **I Lay My Sins on Jesus**

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
Clean in His blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in Him;
He heals all my diseases; My soul He does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, my burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine;
His right hand me embraces; I on His breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

Video

Announcements:

Doing the Works of God:

Canned fruit; fruit cups or pouches; toilet paper