



Jesus' Transfiguration

St. Matthew Lutheran Church

Transfiguration of Our Lord

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

March 3, 2019

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9:15 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Worship

Large Print Bulletins are available at the Usher's Station.

To all, welcome in Jesus' name! May your presence in the Lord's house this day afford you God's peace in the coming week. We ask that all present sign our Friendship Sheet. After you add your name to the sheet, please pass it toward the center aisle. Then return it to the outside aisle so that you become familiar with our family in Christ. These sheets help our pastor and congregation with our ministry. If you are looking for a church home, we invite you to join us here at St. Matthew to worship and serve Christ together!

Christ calls the children to come to him! We invite all children to worship with their parents. **Children's bulletins** and **worship bags** are available for our younger members. Ask an usher. Should you have need of the nursery for your child (under 5 years of age), it is located upstairs.

Today's Altar Flowers are placed to the Glory of God.

—◆—
Prayer throughout the week:

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

Psalm 99:9
—◆—

This Week at St. Matthew . . .

Today

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|-------------|--|
| Monday | - Strong Women, Fellowship Hall 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- Scouts, Scout Rooms & Fellowship Hall 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | - TABS Bible Study, Window Room 3:00 p.m.
- Worship & Music Meeting, Window Room 6:30 p.m. |
| Wednesday | - Strong Women, Fellowship Hall 9:00-10:00 a.m. |
| Thursday | - Cub Scout Planning Meeting, SR 6:30 p.m. |
| Saturday | - Administrative Workshop, Synod Office 9:00 a.m.
- Fellowship Hall in Use by The Snyder Family
- Before you go to bed turn your clocks AHEAD 1 HOUR |
| Next Sunday | - Sunday School 9:15 a.m.
- Holy Communion Service 10:30 a.m.
- April Messenger Deadline for Articles |

AN * INDICATES TO STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed by the Holy Trinity, † one God, who creates us and forms us, who redeems us and calls us, who unites us and sends us. **C** Amen

P Gathered in God's presence, let us confess our sin. *Silence is kept for reflection.*
Mighty and loving God,

C we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ. In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us. Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts and everything that we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen

P Hear the voice of Jesus: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives." In the name of † Jesus Christ, I proclaim to you that your sins are forgiven and you are released. The joy of the Lord is your strength and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever. **C** Amen

*GATHERING HYMN

Alleluia, song of Gladness

ELW # 318



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, voice of joy that can - not die;
2 Al - le - lu - ia you are sound - ing, true Je - ru - sa - lem and free;
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4 In our hymns we pray with long - ing: Grant us, bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



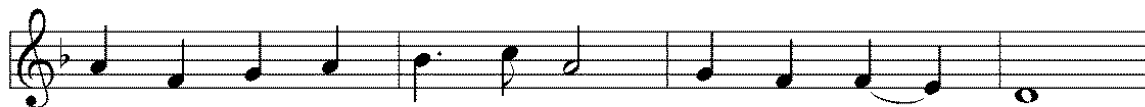
al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er, bring us to your ju - bi - lee;
al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a while for - go;
at the last to keep glad Eas - ter with the faith - ful saints on high;



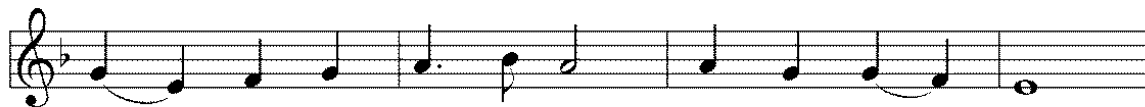
in the house of God a - bid - ing thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
here by Bab - y - lon's sad wa - ters mourn - ing ex - iles still are we.
for the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin shall flow.
there to you for - ev - er sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** And also with you.

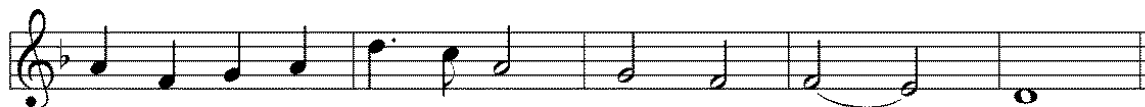
***KYRIE**



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:



A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, have mer - cy:

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to God



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



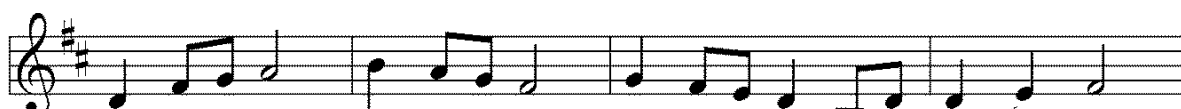
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



F Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



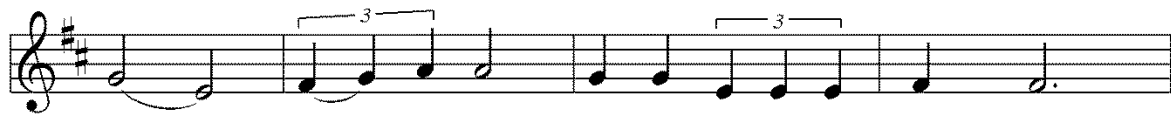
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



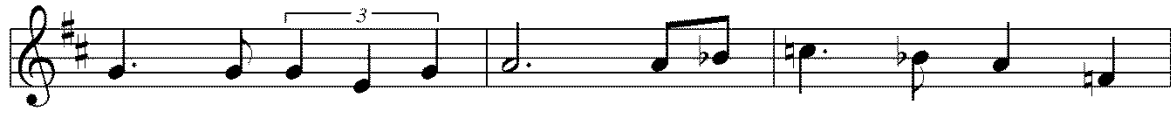
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



II Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



I For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.



III Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

☐ Let us pray . . . Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. ☑ Amen

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING *Exodus 34:29-35*

²⁹Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. ³³When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; ³⁴but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

After the reading: ☐ The word of the Lord. ☑ Thanks be to God.

PSALM 99 (*To be read responsively.*)

¹The LORD is king; let the people tremble. The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

²**The LORD, great in Zion, is high above all peoples.**

³Let them confess God's name, which is great and awesome; God is the Holy One.

⁴**O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God's footstool; God is the Holy One.

⁶**Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD, they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

SECOND READING *2 Corinthians 3:1—4:2*

¹²Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

^{4:1}Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

After the reading: ☩ The word of the Lord. ☩ **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*GOSPEL

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the ninth chapter.

☑ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Gospel Reading: *Luke 9:28-36*

²⁸Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³²Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

⁴²While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father. ^{43a}And all were astounded at the greatness of God.]

After the reading: ☐ The Gospel of the Lord. ☑ **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

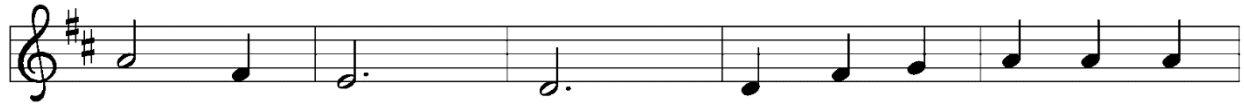
Pastor Traci

*HYMN OF THE DAY *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

ELW # 815



1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to



fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with



light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

Refrain



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the



cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

***RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER**

P I present Edward Harshbarger who comes to our congregation from Yeager Memorial Lutheran Church in Bedford, PA.

P Let us confess our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

P In baptism, we are welcomed into the body of Christ and sent to share in the mission of God. We are called to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

Edward Harshbarger, brother in Christ, do you intend to continue in the covenant of your baptism among God's people in this place?

Ed: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

P People of God, do you promise to support and pray for this new member in his life in Christ?

C **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

P Let us welcome this brother in Christ to this community of faith.

C **We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A We pray for the church. Open us to listen to your word and to do your will. Direct us in paths of faithful service that reflect your love. Lord, in your mercy, **C** **hear our prayer.**

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- A** For the earth, your beloved creation and our fragile home; for mountains and prairies; for cities and wilderness areas. Renew places we have neglected or misused. Where natural disasters have altered the land, help us to honor nature's healing. Lord, in your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**
- A** For the nations. Shine the light of truth into world relationships hindered by mistrust or misunderstanding. Bring freedom and stability to all nations. Shelter those who have been displaced by war, famine, or natural disaster. Lord, in your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**
- A** For those in need. Free those who struggle with shame or guilt. Bring clarity to those whose judgment is clouded by fear. Comfort those who grieve, and heal the sick *especially for those we now name in our hearts or aloud.* Lord, in your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**
- A** For this assembly. Deepen our faith and understanding. Guide our ministries of hospitality and outreach. Renew us in the baptismal promise to care for others and the world you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**
- A** For all the churches of the Allegheny Synod. We particularly pray today for the assembly of **Gatesburg Lutheran Church, Warriors Mark, PA.** Lord, in your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**
- A** With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died. Inspire us by their example and bring us with them into the eternal light of your presence. Lord, in your mercy, **G** **hear our prayer.**
- P** Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **G** **Amen**

***PEACE**

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **G** **And also with you.**

OFFERING

An offering is received.

OFFERTORY

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Let the Vineyards

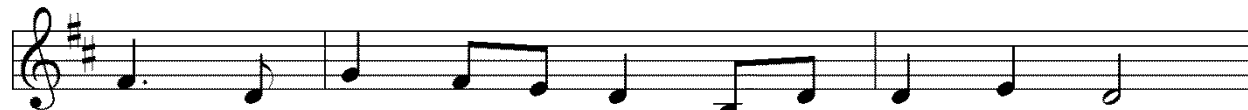
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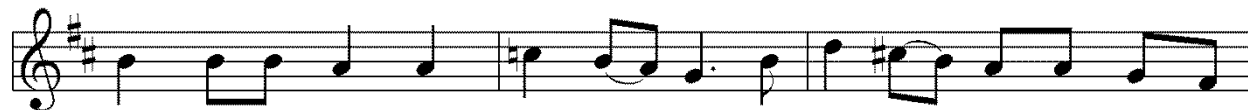
C Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were



sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we



of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,



Lord, and give us a fore-taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

A Let us pray. . . O Lord our God,

C maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**

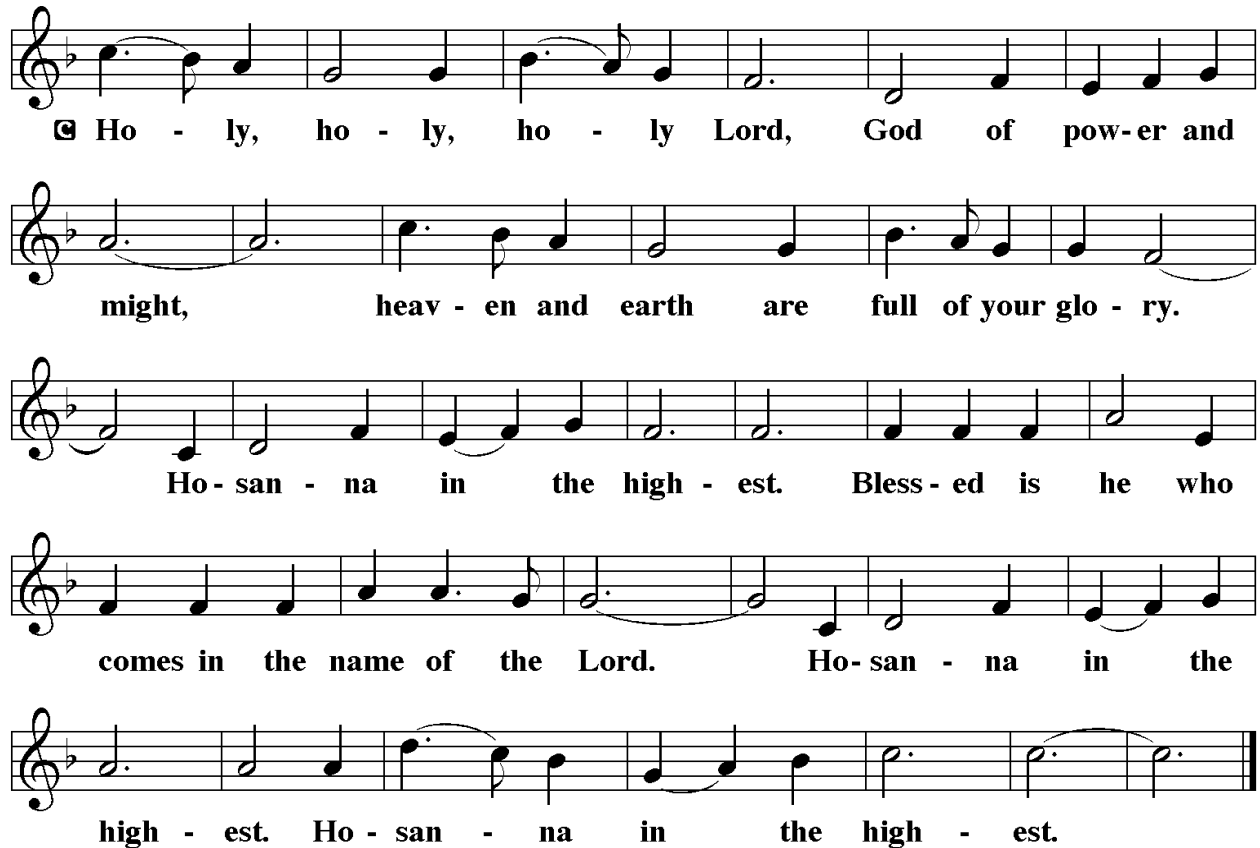
P The Lord be with you. **C** And also with you.

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 our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
 might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all. By your powerful word you created all things. Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal, that, refreshed with this heavenly food, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. Through him all glory and honor is your, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

***LORD’S PRAYER**

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C **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 Agnus Dei

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

P Come to the table. Feast on God’s abundant life for you. **C** Amen

Communion: It is at Jesus' own invitation that **all** are welcome to the Lord's table, where we are gifted with God's grace and experience the real presence of Christ in bread and wine. We will commune by intinction--receiving the bread from the presiding minister and dipping it in the chalice of wine offered by the assisting ministers. The acolyte will have a tray of **gluten-free** wafers and wine; those communing with gluten-free wafers will please serve themselves to better protect those with severe allergies. If you desire a blessing instead of communion, please come forward holding your hymnal or bulletin or with your hands crossed to indicate your intention.

During Distribution we will sing hymns:..... *ELW # 488*

***THE POST-COMMUNION BLESSING**

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** Amen

***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE** *Thankful Hearts*

C Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
 one what God has done. Let all who seek the
 Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
 Send us with your prom - is - es, O God, and
 lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanks -
 giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

***POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A Let us pray. . . We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **G Amen**

***BLESSING**

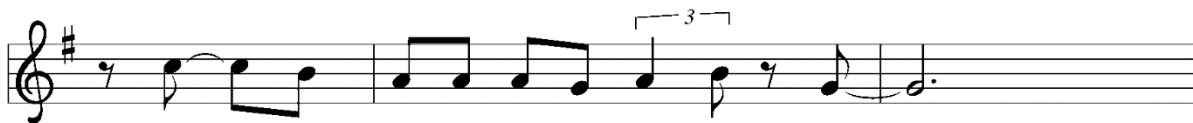
P The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **G Amen**



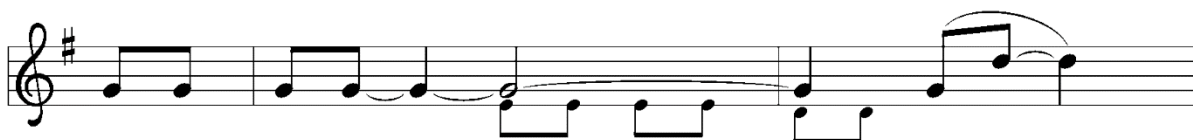
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

QUIET DEVOTION WITH THE CARILLON

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is your light. **G** Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

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St. Matthew's Website: www.stmatthewLC.com

Have you checked out the website lately?

- ❖ You can find a monthly calendar of events
- ❖ Weekly copies of the Sunday Bulletin
- ❖ Monthly copies of "The Messenger"
- ❖ Links to ELCA important sites
- ❖ Online giving options
- ❖ And so much more

We also are on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/stmatthewlc



Sequanota Sundaes Sunday



Join us on Sunday, March 17th, as we welcome Sequanota's Executive Director, the Rev. Nathan Pile, who will meet with the youth during Sunday School and share in our regular morning worship service. Bring your questions about camp and wear your Sequanota t-shirt. We'll celebrate Camp Sunday with ice cream sundaes after worship.

Ways to Support St. Matthew

Giving Online: Giving online is easy and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet. Simply follow these easy steps:

- 1) Visit the church website at “www.stmatthewlc.com”
- 2) Click on the “**Give**” button, (on the top white banner)
- 3) Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.

BarCode Offerings:

- 1) Visit “**Play Store on your mobile device**”
- 2) Find QR Code (this app is free)
- 3) Click on the “**Install**” the app
- 4) Open the app on your device
- 5) Scan the BarCode: (follow the prompts)

a) in the bulletin OR b) in the Messenger OR c) on the church website above



Martinsburg Food Pantry

Volunteers from Martinsburg Grace Brethren Church will be helping to distribute food items on the first and third Thursdays, March 7 and March 21 at 113 E. Allegheny St., Martinsburg. The Food Pantry will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. and on the third Thursday also from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.



The March items most needed are: juice, tuna, peanut butter, canned potatoes, hamburger helper, fruit, cereal and paper towels.

These or any items can be placed in the church basket. **THANK YOU!**



Prayer Vigil

Scheduled at St. Matthew Lutheran Church on Friday, April 19th, from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., members are asked to commit one half hour to pray for any concerns of a personal, church, or worldwide nature. We hope to have enough participation to fill a twelve-hour time period with continuous prayer. The sign-up sheet is located on the **bulletin board in the Narthex**. This is an excellent way for you to enrich your spiritual and prayer life. You may pray either at the church or at home. If you would like to participate and can't come to the church to sign up, please call the church office at 793-2413.

Prayers are needed for our homebound: Shirley Acker, Verna Blough, Fred Brandenburg, Clyde Claycomb, Doris Henderson, Gene Henry, Jere Hess, Gerald Hoover, Betty Kaurudar, Betty Jane Moore, Nancy Myers, Marlene Nofsker, Miriam Royer, Gerry Showalter, Dan Sinal, Don Smith, Mickey Stone, Joy Williams and for our **Missionaries: Rev. Lesley Hand, On Eagle's Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson.**

Prayer Concerns: Pastor Denise Arpino, Connie Clare, Clyde Claycomb, Terry Creek, Dottie Daniel, Jacob Ebersole Family, Brian Fleck, Bryan Hammaker, Dan Hershberger, Marilyn Horton, Ruth Johnson, John Klepser, Darren Kreutzer, Janet Kreider, Ryder McDermitt, Betty McDowell, Isabella Mor, Chuck Nelson, Deb Peters, Paul Ruth, Barbara Smith, Dr. Darwin Stapleton, Luther Steele, Diane Stewart, Heather Stewart, Emily Swanson, Peggy Thatcher, Cindy Thomas, Juli Wert, Carol Weyandt, Pete Williams, Jody Zelanko.

Those serving overseas: Kyle Guyer – South Korea.

Holy Hiking Saturdays

In the coming months, our congregation is going to see if we can't do both—worship God within the liturgy and experience God's grace in the great outdoors. We're calling it "Holy Hiking" and what we're going to do is spread a brief, informal service of Holy Communion over the course of a leisurely hike. Pray, hike, read, hike, meditate, hike, commune, hike, receive a blessing to take back into the rush of the world around us. The Holy Hike Saturdays for this season are:

March 23rd, 1:00 p.m., Camp Sequanota

May 4th, 4:00 p.m., Canoe Creek State Park

June 8th, 1:00 p.m., Sequanota

August 24th, 4:00 p.m., Canoe Creek

October 5th, 1:00 p.m., Sequanota

The incarnation, God becoming flesh, teaches us that our spiritual journey is not intended to be separated from our embodied existence, yet from the time we are taught to "sit still in church" we rarely practice engaging our whole selves in worship. I hope together we can try this new way of experiencing worship that joins mind, body, and spirit, out in the world which God has gifted to us.

Keeping TABS with Pastor Traci: Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

Join Pastor Traci for a discussion of the lectionary texts for each upcoming Sunday. Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study (TABS) will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Window Room. In March we will meet, weather permitting, on all Tuesdays: March 5,12,19,26.

Sunday Lectionary Readings for the Month

Taken from Sundays and Seasons.

Sunday	Readings
03/3/19	Exodus 34:29-35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 Luke 9:28-36 (37-43a)
03/10/19	Deuteronomy 26:1-11, Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16, Romans 10:8b-13, Luke 4:1-13
03/17/19	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18, Psalm 27, Philippians 3:17—4:1, Luke 13:31-35
03/24/19	Isaiah 55:1-9, Psalm 63:1-8, 1 Corinthians 10:1-13, Luke 13:1-9
03/31/19	Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

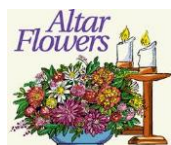
Lenten Project

The Lenten Season starts with Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019.

During the Lenten Season this year, we will focus on sharing our gifts with Camp Sequanota.

There is a need that we can meet for them in providing linens/donations for the Bowersox enrichment Center. To provide sheets, pillow cases, towels, bath mats, blankets, quilts and curtains for each of the 20 rooms costs \$300.00 per room.

A Youth from our congregation will be standing at the Sanctuary Door with a pillow case following the worship services to collect donations for this project. Lets see how full we can fill the pillow case?



Make checks payable to **St. Matthew Flower Fund** and place in our mailbox, offering plate or Margie Smith's mailbox. The cost of the Altar Flowers remains the same at \$30.00 for two vases. The 2019 Altar Flower chart is on the Narthex bulletin board.

These dates are open: (4/21,5/26,7/28,8/4,9/8,9/22)

Serving God and Us

Our Ministers - the People of St. Matthew
Our Pastor – Rev. Traci Marriott Bowman
Our Organist Today – Janet Roarabaugh
Our Missionary Family – On Eagle’s Wings, Elizabeth Hendrickson
Our Administrative Assistant – Lori Tremmel
Our Assistant Administrative Assistant – Laura Orczeck
Our Sexton – Bill Brown
Our Acolyte – Max Baker
Our Lay Servers – Elaine Smith, Stanley Smith
Our Assisting Minister – Elaine Smith
Our Ushers – Jack Howsare, James Stewart, A J Hoenstine, Dennis Smith
Our Lector – Andrea Paul
Our Greeter – Kaye Burket
Our Audio/Video Tech – Shawn Orczeck
Our Offering Counters – Jeff & Beth Garner, Melissa Fetzer
March’s Altar Guild – Laura Orczeck, Carol Replogle

First Quarter Ventures in Faith to “*Local Needs*”

Serving God and Us Next Sunday, March 10, 2019

Our Acolyte – Jace King
Our Lay Servers – Melissa Fetzer, Tina Harclerode
Our Assisting Minister – Melissa Fetzer
Our Ushers – Mike Lamborn, Dan Tremmel, John Russell, Shawn Orczeck
Our Lector – Jean Sinal
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March 8th is International Women's Day

The first International Women's Day was celebrated in 1908 when a group of 15,000 women marched on the streets of New York, demanding their rights. Since then every year on March 8th the world joins hands together to support, raise up, inspire and motivate women across all fields of work. The purpose of this day is to focus on various themes such as innovation, the portrayal of women in the media, or the importance of education and career opportunities.



International
Women's Day

The Allegheny Synod has formed a Team to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women in the ELCA in 2020. Throughout 2019 and 2020 you will be invited to events and programs that celebrate the women in ministry in this Synod and beyond. We hope you will take the opportunity to celebrate with us the gifts of women.

Today we ask you to pray together for women around the world; especially those who live with oppression, fear, lack of adequate food, clothing, shelter, work and the means to sustain a meaningful life.

Throughout March, Women's History Month, you can take part in events that highlight women's gifts sponsored by Penn State's Gender Equity Center.

March 12 + 6:30 p.m. Bank of America Building

MAKERS: Women in Business

Screening of film MAKERS: Women in Business and discussion with panel afterward.

March 20 + 6:30 p.m. Flex Theater, HUB-Robeson Center

Rachel Cargle: Unpacking White Feminism

Rachel Cargle is an activist, writer, and lecturer. Her activist and academic work are rooted in providing intellectual discourse, tools, and resources that explore the intersection of race and womanhood.

March 25 + 6:30 p.m. Freeman Auditorium, HUB-Robeson Center

Ana Maria Archila

Ana María emigrated to the U.S. from Colombia at the age of 17 and has become a leading voice for racial justice, economic justice and immigrant rights in New York and nationally, first as co-Executive Director of Make the Road New York (MRNY), and now as co-Executive Director of the Center for Popular Democracy (CPD). CPD and its affiliates represent a powerful multi-racial alliance of immigrants, African Americans and white working class communities working to advance an agenda of racial and economic justice, and a vibrant democracy.



ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday has been a special day of repentance since about the 6th century. Like those services in the past at Saint Matthew, both imposition of ashes and Holy Communion will be offered. In addition to the 6:30 p.m. liturgical service there will also be a special spoken service offered at 10:30 a.m. for those who have difficulty coming out in the evening. This service will also include imposition of ashes and Holy Communion. Those attending the morning service will be urged to sit in the front pews. Pastor will bring the ashes and Communion to the pews to make it easier for those with mobility issues. Please invite your friends to either service.

Tentative Lenten Schedule

Meager Meals are scheduled every Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall the Holden Lenten Service to follow.

Wed., March 6,	Ash Wednesday	10:30 a.m.
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Wed., March 13,	Holden Service	6:30 p.m.
Wed., March 20,	Holden Service	6:30 p.m.
Wed., March 27,	Holden Service	6:30 p.m.
Wed., April 3,	Holden Service	6:30 p.m.
Wed., April 10,	Holden Service	6:30 p.m.
Sun., April 14,	Palm Sunday	10:30 a.m.
Wed., April 17,	Holden Service	6:30 p.m.
Thurs., April 18,	Maundy Thursday	6:30 p.m.
Wed., April 19,	Community Tenebrae	6:30 p.m.
Wed., April 20,	Easter Vigil	6:30 p.m.
Sun., April 21,	Easter Sunday	10:30 a.m.