



St.  Matthew's
CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 15, 2026



Welcome to St. Matthew's!

We are delighted that you have joined us for worship today! It is our prayer that God would fill you with His grace and peace as we worship our Lord and Savior Jesus. If you have questions about St. Matthew's or would like to speak to one of the pastors, please feel free to reach out to us using the contact information on the back cover.

IDENTITY REVEALED

Jesus is the Son of God in Glory

The disciples saw Jesus' humanity every day. But one day atop a high mountain, Jesus gave his disciples a glimpse of his divinity, his glory as the Son of God. After he came down from the mountain, Jesus went to Jerusalem to suffer and die. It is good for us to view Jesus in glory on the mountain. It prepares us for Lent, and it prepares us for life.

We welcome the Brass Group, **SINE NOMINE** under the direction of Dr. Patricia Backhaus. This ensemble was started during the pandemic and began playing in her driveway. As cooler weather approached, the group moved into her garage and then into the Fellowship Hall at Grace Lutheran Church, Waukesha where they could still practice - socially distanced. Eventually the members asked at their home churches if they would accept having the group play. One church asked, "What is your group's name?" With some crazy banter the name was born, Sine Nomine, which means "without name" in Latin. It's also the hymntune of one of our most beloved hymns, For All the Saints. These musicians are united in faith and come from six different WELS congregations. They perform hymntune-based literature, but with a good dose of everything from Praise band to traditional poly choral brass music and all to God's glory. **If you would like to support this group, there is a Free Will box on the table in the Gathering Space.**

We rejoice with these families as we share God's Gift of Baptism. Paul & Karlie Habermann's son, **Liam James** will be baptized in our 10:30 service; Graham and Molly Nygard's daughter, **Georgia Kate**, will be baptized after our 10:30 service; last week Kyle and Carly Schroeder's daughter, **Reagan Alexandra** was baptized in the hospital; and **Dale Mahnke**, a family acquaintance of Pastor Hillmer, was baptized last Sunday afternoon (he is 75 yr old).

For Your Convenience

- ◇ Restrooms are located down the hallway on the left.
- ◇ A Parents' room is available in the back of the sanctuary for those with small children.
- ◇ A Mother's room, located in the parents' room, offers privacy for nursing mothers.
- ◇ Large Print Service Folders are available from an usher upon request.
- ◇ Please silence your cell phones before worship.
- ◇ View services on Charter 985 on Thursdays at 12PM and 7PM or Sundays at 10AM. You can also visit https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=st+matthews+oconomowoc
- ◇ St. Matthew's is on Instagram. You can follow us @St.MatthewsOconomowoc.

The Order of Worship for Transfiguration of Our Lord

February 15, 2026

THE SERVICE: SETTING FOUR

(This setting uses some of the melodies from Divine Service 1)

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Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

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

Amen.

Confession

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

Absolution

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy



In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - be - ing



of the Church of God, and for the un - i - ty of all,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



For this ho - ly house and for all who of - fer here their



wor - ship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**

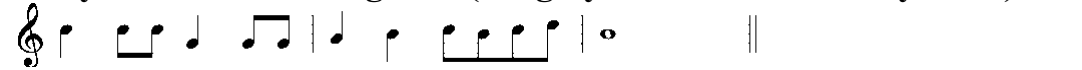


Help, save, com-fort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

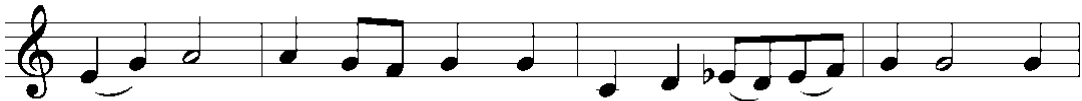
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Glory to God in the Highest. (sung by Grades 6-8 Sunday 8 am)



Glo-ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



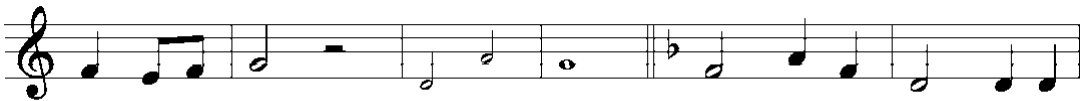
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa-ther. We



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his



peo - ple on earth.

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, re - ceive our prayer.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. 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.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth.

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God.

The Word

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Baptism of Liam James Habermann (10:30am)

First Reading

Exodus 24:9-18

On Mount Sinai, Moses saw the glory of the Lord's law. On the Mount of Transfiguration, Moses would see the glory of the Lord's gospel.

⁹Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction."

¹³Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them."

¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 2D

Refrain

Great Are the Works of the LORD



Great are the works of the LORD. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia! Great are the works of the LORD.

Tone



Why do the nations / conspire
and the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst the LORD
and against his A- / noointed. *Refrain*

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;
the Lord / scoffs at them.

He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain.” *Refrain*

I will proclaim the / LORD’s decree:

He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your / Father.”

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

As an eyewitness to the glory of Jesus, St. Peter testifies to the reliability of the Christian faith.

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem (Sunday 10:30am)

Wondrous Love

Men’s Chorus

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

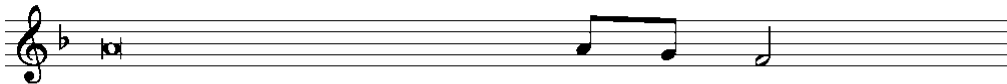


Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Tone



A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud:



“This is my Son, whom I love. Lis - ten to him!”

Refrain

Gospel (Sermon Text)

The transfiguration of our Lord.

Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Hymn 388

Down from the Mount of Glory

Sermon

Behold - with Eyes and Ears - the Transfiguration of Our Lord

Pastor Steven Hillmer

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Connection Cards and Offerings

We are delighted you have joined us for worship today and we would love to stay connected with you. To help us do so, please fill out the Connection Card in the seat back. You may place it in the offering plate as the offering is gathered or hand it to one of the ushers. You also have the ability to record your worship or give a gift using the appropriate QR code below. Those who have downloaded the St. Matthew's App can check-in and give offerings directly through the app. You may also text GIVE to 833-921-6451.

Guest Form



St. Matthew's App



Give Online



Forward in God's Grace Video

Prayer of the Church

The Lord's Prayer

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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

Farewell to Alleluia

This rite follows the blessing on the Transfiguration of our Lord. It is the custom that "Alleluia" is not spoken or sung in the church from Ash Wednesday until Easter. It is omitted from the Gospel Acclamation and songs of the liturgy, in eager anticipation of the joyous shouts of Alleluia on Easter Sunday morning!

Closing Hymn 977

Alleluia, Song of Triumph

Thank you for Serving our Savior and Us

	This Weekend	Next Weekend – February 21 & 22
Ushers	Saturday – Tony Kobussen Early – Eric Wegner Late – Toby Brandenstein	Wednesday 4pm – Eric Wegner Wednesday 6:30pm – Todd Helwig Saturday – Tom Plitzuweit Early – Tim Taubenheim Late – Andy Rosenau
Greeters	Early – Cassandra Stanke & Elizabeth Doescher Late – Brenda Broege-Nagel	Early – Dennis & Sandy Bratz Late – Dennis & Sandy Bratz
Hospitality	Saturday – Dwight & Janet Sandvold Early – Tim & Carolyn Thiele Late – David & LeeAndra Dodge	Saturday – Kyle Bence Early – Gary & Karen Haertel Late – Jon & Ginny Kehren
Organist	Lucas Krogmann	Wednesday – Joy Elowski, Sunday – Joy Elowski
Special Music	Sine Nomine Brass, Grades 6-8, Men's Chorus	Choir, Rejoice
Projection	Saturday – Molly Kalma Early – Jon/Henry Peterson Late – Eli Bigelow	Wednesday 4pm – Ava Hillmann Wednesday 6:30pm – Toby Brandenstein Saturday – Dan Metzger Early – Ethan Bergh Late – Harper Gerczak
Sound	Saturday – Vickie Bence Early – Steve Vasatko Late – Heather Bigelow	Wednesday 4pm – Heather Bigelow Wednesday 6:30pm – Scott Heins Saturday – Vickie Bence Early – Rik Krahn Late – Rik Krahn
Livestream	Jason Cox	Wednesday – Andy Hillman Sunday – Nathan Bergh

This Week at St. Matthew's

Saturday	5:30 pm	Worship Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am 9:15 am 6:30 pm	Worship Service Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; Teen Bible Study Laudate Dominum Rehearsal
Monday	6:00 pm	SHINE Activities Team Meeting
Tuesday	7:45 am	Grounded in God Bible Study
Wednesday	10:00 am 1:30 pm 4:00 pm 5:00 pm 6:30 pm	Shorehaven Service Senior Fellowship Ash Wednesday Service Lenten Meal Non-School Catechism Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday	8:00 am 8:30 am 6:00 pm	SCRIP Orders Due Women in the Word Rejoice!

	7:00 pm	Church Council Meeting
	8:00 pm	Choir
	8:00 pm	Men's Chorus
	8:00 pm	Handbells
Saturday	5:30 pm	Communion Service
Sunday	8 & 10:30 am	Communion Service
	9:15 am	Adult Bible Study; Sunday School; Teen Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Laudate Dominum Rehearsal

Bible Study Opportunities

Sunday Adult Bible Study

Today we will resume our study of the History of WELS in observance of this year's 175th Anniversary. Join us in the Commons. Parents with young children, childcare is available for children ages 0-3 in the Pre-K2 room so that those parents can attend class.

Sunday School and Teen Study

Sunday School will be studying the account of the young man from Nain. PreK-K meet in the Flex Room (over halfway down the school hallway). Grades 1-6 meet in a Sunday School room across from the band room. The teens will be studying what it means to forgive from the heart.

Before the study, there will be an informational meeting about this summer's WELS Youth Rally. Teens and parents interested in the rally are encouraged to attend the meeting in the chapel after the 8:00am service.

Thursday "Women in the Word" Bible Class

Join us as we study the book of Daniel. Most people recall that he was in the Lion's Den, but there so much more! Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. in the Gathering Space.

Men's Bible Breakfast – 2nd Saturdays of the Month

Calling all men to come for a great breakfast and a study of God's Word. Breakfast starts at 7:30am on the second Saturday of each month. Pastor Bigelow is leading the topic, "Connecting Sinai to Calvary."

Grounded in God

SHINE Women's Ministry would like to invite all St. Matthew's women and friends to join us for Coffee and Devotion, "Grounded in God". Join us in the Gathering Space at Church at 7:45 a.m., conveniently after school drop-off. Children are welcome!

Highlights and Announcements

WELS YOUTH RALLY INFO MEETING - This Sunday!

Join us this Sunday, February 15 at 9:15 am in the small chapel for a brief informational meeting for teens and parents interested in the WELS International Youth Rally this summer. If your teen is interested at all in attending the youth rally, please plan to attend this meeting. We'll cover travel, costs, Teen Ministry Sunday, and more. Interested but can't attend? Email [Heather Bigelow](#). ****Commitment Deadline: MARCH 1!**

OWLS

Rock River Area OWLS will meet Tuesday, February 17 at 1:30 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1530 S. Main St., Lake Mills. Principal Kevin Festerling will speak about developing God-given gifts for leadership, service, and meaningful work. Meetings are handicapped accessible, last about two hours, and include refreshments and fellowship. Seniors who are retired and/or 55+ are encouraged to attend, and guests are welcome.

Women's Retreat – Register by Feb 22!

There's still time to join St. Matthew's Women's Retreat on Feb. 28! Registration closes Feb. 22, and we're anticipating reaching full capacity of 200 attendees, with two group options already full—so don't wait to register! The retreat fee is \$50 (high school and college students pay \$15). All women are welcome, and feel free to bring friends and family.



Use the QR Code to register or Email [Heather Bigelow](#) or text her (989) 971-3505) directly.

ACTS Snow Tubing & Lunch: Sign up closes Feb 15

Sunday, Feb 22 | 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

Teens (grades 7–12) are invited for snow tubing at Sunburst followed by lunch at Culver's! We'll meet at St. Matthew's and travel together. A fun way to hang out, make friends, and enjoy the winter. *Cost: \$25 (group rate for 15+).*

Registration & Sign-Up Details:

1. **RSVP by Feb 15 to save your spot** (in SignUpGenius)
2. **Sunburst Registration:** Use the QR Code and follow the instructions to register and sign the waiver. Please read all instructions carefully.



Berres Brothers Coffee Roasters FUNDRAISER!!

St. Matthew's School is raising money to purchase new lighting for our theater productions! When you use **discount code "Nest"** at check out, you'll receive 15% off your order and St. Matthew's School will also receive 15% of your purchase! Visit the link and start shopping! <https://www.berresbrothers.com/>

St. Matthew's Ski Club – Club Updates

We're wrapping up the season with our last two ski nights — ordering is now open! All St. Matthew's students, families, and friends are welcome at discounted rates.

Monday, Feb 16 (3 PM–Close) 🗨️ **Tickets are still available.** Please contact Kristi Albert @ 262-617-6468 for info.

Friday, Feb 27 (3 PM–Close) 🗨️ [Order by Mon, Feb 23](#)

Student ID Cards (ages 7–HS): Optional season perks include one free lesson and discounted Sun–Fri rates after 3 PM. Available anytime. More info: [St. Matthew's Ski Club 2025–2026](#)



Join Us For SOAR!

Spend a festive evening at **Rustic Manor on Saturday, March 7, 2026**, featuring complimentary beer, wine, and savory small plates — all while supporting Cardinal Scholars and helping fund campus security improvements to keep our students and staff safe. This event is also a chance to celebrate our growing St. Matthew's community and enjoy a fun night out with friends. **Space is limited. Reserve your spot today!** <https://auctria.events/SOAR2026>



Midweek Lenten Meal Volunteers Needed

We are seeking volunteers to *provide One More Lenten meal on March 18* for approximately 150 people. Gather a group to prepare and serve a meal and help support our Lenten fellowship. Thank you for your willingness to serve! Contact Jenny Gnewuch at schoollunch@smls.org to sign up.

Learn to Knit or Crochet - March 22!

Women and girls age 12+ are invited to a knitting and crochet workshop hosted by the SHINE Women's Ministry Activities Team on **Sunday, March 22, 1–3 PM at St. Matthew's**. Materials are provided at no cost—bring an iPad or phone. RSVP by March 9 at smls.org/events.

Volunteers needed! Experienced knitters and crocheters—help teach at our workshop. Contact Bev Fulmer: jbfulmer17@gmail.com or 262-569-1969.

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Setting Four from Christian Worship

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St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School seek to reach out to our families, community and world, using Law and Gospel to make disciples, growing and nurturing them in their Christian faith and life.

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SATURDAY: 5:30 PM

SUNDAY: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Christian Education For All
SUNDAY 9:15 AM



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