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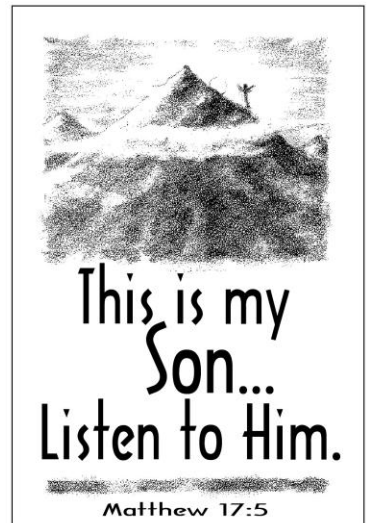
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February 14 & 15, 2026

Closer to Jesus, Closer Together

IDENTITY
revealed



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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

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JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD IN GLORY

Jesus was a real human being, and he looked like it when he taught his disciples. But one day atop a high mountain, Jesus gave his disciples a glimpse of 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.

Welcome to our Guests.

Thanks for joining us! We are gathered here to be strengthened in the faith through the Word of Jesus, the Son of God who has come to save us. If there is anything that we can do to serve you, please let us know.

OUR MISSION

The mission of every Christian and this congregation is to serve all people in God's world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.

OUR FACILITIES

A restroom is located in the Mother's Room at the back of church and also in the church basement. There is also a handicapped accessible restroom in the back of church. Ask an usher for help and directions. The members of St. Matthew's believe that families should be allowed to worship together. If the need arises, we have an audio-equipped children's room just outside of the church doors to your left. If you need anything during the service, please feel free to ask an usher.

SHARE JESUS
WITH A FRIEND

Out of courtesy for your fellow worshippers, please silence all electronic devices.

Saturday only - Opening Hymn - 700 Draw Us to Thee



1 Draw us to thee, for then shall we walk in thy
2 Draw us to thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; let us de -
3 Draw us to thee; O grant that we may walk the



steps for - ev - er and has - ten on where thou art
part with glad - ness that we may be for - ev - er
road to heav - en! Di - rect our way lest we should



gone to be with thee, dear Sav - ior.
free from sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
stray and from thy paths be driv - en.

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Sunday Only – Opening Song by PreK – 2: O-O-O-Obedient

Stand

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

Amen.

Confession

CW 155

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we

should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

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 T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

700 Draw Us to Thee

CW 700 sts. 4-5



4 Draw us to thee that al - so we thy heav'n-ly
5 Draw us to thee un - ceas - ing - ly; in - to thy



bliss in - her - it and ev - er dwell where sin and
king - dom take us. Let us for - e'er thy glo - ry



hell no more can vex our spir - it.
share; thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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The Word

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

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.

Be seated

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.

Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16–21

As an eyewitness to the majesty and 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.

Stand

Gospel Acclamation

John 20:31



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Gospel

Matthew 17:1–9

The transfiguration of our Lord.

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!

Be seated

Sunday only - Song by PreK – 2 - Peter, James and John in a Sailboat



Hymn of the Day - 389 How Good, Lord, to Be Here



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,
5 But you, Lord, do not stay. With mer - cy res - o - lute
6 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
you leave this glo - rious hill to die— our per - fect sub - sti - tute.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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Sermon

Who is Jesus?

Saturday only - 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.

Thank Offering

Moved by God's love in Christ, we offer him our first and best gifts, purely out of thanks to him. If you are visiting with us today, please do not feel obligated to give an offering.

Our offerings will be collected today at the church entrance and brought forward at this time. To give by phone send a text message to 844-703-3129 with the amount you would like to contribute and you will be sent further instructions.

Sunday only – Creed will be sung: I Believe, I Do Believe

Prayer of the Church

Eternal God and Father, we pray for the Church around the world. Always keep your people faithful to you. Lift the veil from our eyes and guide us to see Christ in the Word and sacraments. During all the distractions of life, help us set our sights on Jesus. Keep us safe and protect us from the tricks and treachery of the devil. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that you move us to have compassion on those stumbling in the darkness and empower us to proclaim Christ to all who have no faith. Give us courage to be unashamed of the light you have given us and to carry it willingly with joy wherever we go and whatever we do. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Hear our prayers for Christians everywhere who are being persecuted because of the light they bear. Give them the strength to endure the hardships they are undergoing and give them the peace and hope of Christ as they battle on. [We pray especially for...*here name the person and the cause of the petition.*] Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that Christ reveals his gracious presence to all who suffer. We pray especially for our families and those in our circle of friends who are sick or in need and for everyone whose needs we hold in our hearts. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Be with us, Lord, as we think about the coming days of Lent. Let your law convince us that we indeed deserve your punishment and would be lost forever without Christ. As our hearts fill with sorrow and regret, lift us up to see the Savior's sacrifice on the cross and give us hearts full of faith in him. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

With thanksgiving and praise, O Lord, we remember your faithful servants who now rest from their labors in your presence and who join the saints from of old. Unite all your people in the true faith, in the hope of an eternity at your side, and in the love that reveals us to be your children.

Moment of Silence as we remember our members and loved ones who have gone to be with our Savior

Bernard Brabbit- Oct. 25th, 1931-Feb. 9th, 2025
June Publitz- Sept. 24th, 1946- April 29th, 2025
Eleanor Harkness- April 3rd, 1926- Oct. 29th, 2025
James Kiekbusch- Feb. 19th, 1948-Sept. 24th, 2025
Allen Larson- Feb 27th, 1945- June 7th, 2025
Stanley Ledebubr- Nov. 14th, 1925-Aug. 15th, 2025
John Meinke- Oct. 15th, 1951- June 10th, 2025

Lord God, hear the prayers we offer and let your grace and mercy flow to us and all for whom we pray. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Light of the world.

Amen.

Saturday only - 570 God Loved the World So That He Gave



1 God loved the world so that he gave his on - ly
2 Christ is the sol - id rock of faith, who was made
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son for - gives the
6 Glo - ry to God the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly



Son the lost to save that all who would in
 flesh and suf - fered death. All who con - fide in
 sins that you have done. You're jus - ti - fied by
 Spir - it, Three in One! To you, O bless - ed



him be - lieve should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
 him a - lone are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
 Je - sus' blood; bap - tized, you are a child of God.
 Trin - i - ty, be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

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Sunday only – God So Loved

Stand

Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart that, being strengthened and comforted by your holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Sunday – The Lord’s Prayer will be sung responsively

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 T give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Hymn - 522 Beautiful Savior

- 1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
- 2 Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.
- 3 Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.
- 4 Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration
now and forevermore be thine!

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**Please join us downstairs for
KIDS & COOKIES
Fellowship Time**

Announcements

February 14 & 15, 2026

Worship Leader: Jason Threlkeld

Musicians: Sell Family, Amy Bohme, Andrea Frick, Nate Miller, Amanda Wenzel



Councilmen on Duty this Weekend

Saturday – Bob Mueller

Sunday – Neil Gerdes

Ushers on Duty this Weekend

Saturday – Kris & Amanda Wenzel

Sunday – Steve Erickson Group

Altar Committee – Carol Gerdes & Brenda Cross

Last Week Attendance: Saturday – 34; Sunday – 121

This Week – Feb. 15-22

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| Sunday | 9:00 AM | Worship |
| | 10:15 AM | Kids & Cookies Fellowship Time |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM |
| | 11:45 AM | Lunch & Cards |
| | 12:00 PM | Public School Catechism (at Wilson) |
| Monday | | Finance #3 |
| Tuesday | 9:00 AM | Worship Committee |
| | 1:30 PM | Sugar Loaf Manor Service |
| Wednesday | 4:00 PM | Ash Wednesday Worship |
| | 5:00 PM | Supper |
| | 6:00 PM | Ash Wednesday Worship |
| | 7:00 PM | Sr Choir Rehearsal |
| | 7:00 PM | Worship Service broadcasted on HBC Channel 20 |
| Thursday | 7:00 AM | Men's Bible Study |
| | 11:30 AM | Women's Bible Study |
| | 1:00 PM | Callista Court Service |
| | 1:45 PM | Saint Anne Service |
| | 6:00 PM | Church Council |
| Friday | | |
| Saturday | 5:00 PM | Worship/Communion |
| Next Sunday | 9:00 AM | Worship/Communion/Children's Church |
| | 10:15 AM | Bible Class/Kids for Christ |
| | 11:00 AM | Worship Service Radio KAGE 1380AM or 101.5FM |
| | 12:00 PM | Public School Catechism (at Wilson) |

Financial News

Weekly Budget for Envelope Offerings: \$8,173.08

Offerings received Feb. 7/8: \$7,215.00

Church Announcements:

A Pastoral Call was issued to Adam Manian who currently serves at Peace Lutheran of Echo MN and St. John Lutheran of Vesta MN. We also extended a call to his wife, Renee, to teach Grades 2&3. You may reach out to Pastor Manian by email: pastormanian@gmail.com. Please keep Pastor Manian and his family in your prayers as he deliberates where best to serve the Lord.

The School received a memorial donation from friends of Holly (Pearson) Walters in memory of Dale Pearson.

The Greeter sign-up sheet for the Lenten Services is now on the back table in church. There are 2 services each Wednesday, 4 pm and 6 pm, with a meal in between services. Look for the LILAC colored sheet. Greeters are asked to be at the side door, about 20 minutes before the services begin. Thank you for your help in greeting all who come to worship at St. Matthew's Church.

Church library- In Peter 3:15, Peter reminds us: "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have within you." In a world of uncertainty, Lutherans are being asked challenging questions: If you have a loving God, why doesn't He love people who....., why does he let bad things happen to me, does it really matter where I go to church or how often I go? Even if we have an answer for all the questions, do we know how to answer them, to speak the truths from the Bible in love? (Ephesians 4:5) If you are looking for help with the questions or how to answer them, the church library has a display downstairs of books that can help you. As you face the world's questions, remember that you are never alone. God is always with you.

Thrivent Choice. Just a bit of info. You can direct your 2025 Thrivent Choice dollars anytime between now and March 31. This is a very beneficial program for our church and school. Please don't forget.

2026 Offering Envelopes are available to pick up in the church basement Fellowship area. If you don't find envelopes and would like some, please contact Lindsey in the office.

Giving Statement Update (please read): Giving Statements have been changed and all have been reprinted. Please pick up your new statement and validate against your records before using it for tax purposes. If you still find yours to be in error, please contact Treasurer Bob Mueller.

Women's Fellowship

- **Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18. Shredded turkey sandwiches will be the menu. A sign up sheet is in the church entrance for salads and bars and help with setup, serving and cleanup. Thank you in advance for your help!**

Ways to Serve

- **If you would like to sponsor a Radio broadcast**, similar to a bulletin sponsorship, the cost is \$100.00. Please contact Lindsey by email: smoffice@stmatthewswinona.org or by phone: 507-454-3083. If you would like to donate to the Radio Broadcast fund, please use your designated offering envelope.
- **Bulletin Sponsorship**: Upcoming bulletins available for sponsorship: **Feb. 18(Ash Wed), 22, 25**. The cost is \$30.00. If you would like to sponsor a bulletin, you may email the information to Tamara Koenig tkoenig@stmatthewswinona.org or contact Lindsey in the office @507-454-3083.

WELS News

Now Hiring: Food Service Cook!

Christ St. John's Lutheran School in West Salem is looking for a caring and dependable part-time Food Service Cook to join our school family. The wage will start at \$17.00 an hour and will be adjusted based on experience. If you enjoy working with children and serving in a Christ-centered environment, we'd love to hear from you!

Contact: hr@christstjohns.org | 608-786-1250

Luther High Open Enrollment — Whether you are the family of an eighth grader preparing for high school or are considering a change in your child's high school experience, we invite you to partner with Luther High School for this important next step. At Luther, we walk alongside families to root students firmly in their identity in Christ as they grow academically, spiritually, and personally. With Christ at the center, our community equips students with the faith, character, and preparation to be the next generation of Christian leaders who are ready for what's next. Visit **LutherHigh.org** or call **608-783-5435** to learn more about how your child can benefit from a Christ-centered education. LHS is a WI Choice School and has a robust tuition assistance program to make Christian education accessible to **every** family.

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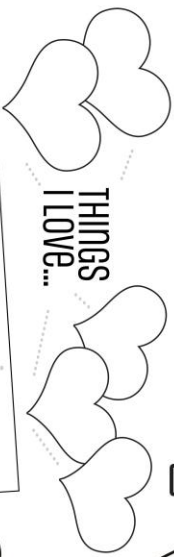
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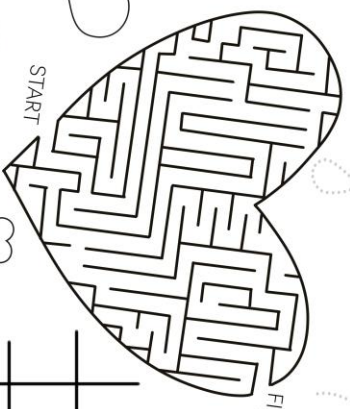


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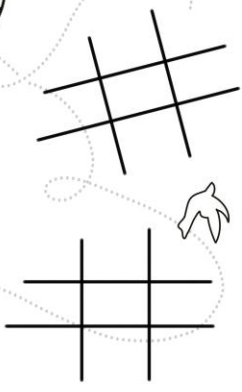


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- a. 12
- b. 14
- c. 9



AS THE FATHER HAS
LOVED ME,
SO HAVE I LOVED YOU.
NOW REMAIN IN
MY LOVE.

John 15:9, NIV

COLOR THE BOOKMARK & THEN CUTT OUT.