



TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday, February 5, 2017, 8:30 & 10:45am

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you are a guest please fill out a **Guest Card** (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. We invite you to come and worship with us again soon. **Large Print** copies of the order of service from the ELS Hymnary are available from the usher stand in the back of the sanctuary. **For the Hearing Impaired:** Our facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Explanation of the Week:

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush. (Ex 3:1-14) Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai. (Ex 34:29-35) Now Moses and Elijah appear with Him who is the Light of Light Himself on the Mount of Transfiguration. (Mt 17:1-9) Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet 1:16-21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father. And He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons. (Collect) For in this event we who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

~Opening Prayer (p. 41)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

~Hymn 171 *O Word of God Incarnate*

~Confession of Sin (pp. 41-42, form II)

P: Let us confess our sins to God and pray: We poor sinners confess to You, O God, not only that we have been conceived and born in sin, but also that throughout life we have often and in many ways offended You, our Lord and Maker, in thought, word and deed, so that You could with perfect justice reject and condemn us for all eternity.

Therefore we come before You with sorrow of heart, in dread and terror of Your holy justice and of everlasting death. Our sins are a grievous foe, which we should hate in every way as long as we live.

O merciful God, You still grant us in this hour to be reminded of Your fatherly goodness. According to the promise of Your Word we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, and implore You, dearest Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, our Brother, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised again for our justification:

Forgive us all our sins through faith, which the Holy Spirit increases in our hearts to full assurance.

C: We therefore pray You, O Lord, through Your servant to declare to us the forgiveness of all our sins. We poor sinners are willing to forgive all who have offended against us. We earnestly desire to grow in true godliness. Help us, O God, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

~Kyrie Eleison: Hymn 34 *Kyrie, God Father in Heav'n Above*

**Kyrie, God Father in heav'n above, Great art Thou in grace and love,
Of all things the maker and Preserver. Eleison, Eleison!**

**Kyrie, O Christ, our King, Salvation for sinners Thou didst bring
O Lord Jesus, God's own Son, Our Mediator at the heav'nly throne,
Hear our cry and grant our supplication. Eleison, Eleison!**

**Kyrie, O God the Holy Ghost, Guard our faith, the gift we need the most;
Do Thou our last hour bless; Let us leave this sinful world with gladness.
Eleison, Eleison!**

~Absolution (p. 43, form I)

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

~Gloria in Excelsis Deo (pp. 44-45)

P: Glory be to God in the highest

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high
Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The
strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall
dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!**

~Salutation (p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~Collect (p. 45)

P: Let us pray: O merciful and everlasting God, heavenly Father: We thank You that You have revealed to us the glory of Your Son, and let the light of Your Gospel shine upon us: We pray that You would guide us by this light that we may walk diligently as Christians in all good works, ever be strengthened by Your grace, and conduct our lives in all godliness; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. **C: ♪ Amen.**

~Epistle Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain. And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.

~Gospel Lesson

Matthew 17:1-9 Now after six days Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, led them up on a high mountain by themselves; and He was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and His clothes became as white as the light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Him. Then Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if You wish, let us make here three tabernacles: one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and suddenly a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their faces and were greatly afraid. But Jesus came and touched them and said, "Arise, and do not be afraid." When they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. Now as they came down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man is risen from the dead."

C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

~Nicene Creed (p. 47)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. ♪ Amen.

~Hymn 223 O Wondrous Type

~Old Testament Lesson & Sermon Text

Exodus 34:29-35 Now it was so, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the Testimony were in Moses' hand when he came down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while he talked with Him. So when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him; and Moses talked with them. Afterward all the children of Israel came near, and he gave them as commandments all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take the veil off until he came out; and he would come out and speak to the children of Israel whatever he had been commanded. And whenever the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone, then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

~Sermon Theme

“Every Picture Tells a Story”

1. The picture reflects a fading glory.
2. But it also points to an everlasting glory.

~Prayer

~Lord’s Prayer (p. 49)

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.

~Apostolic Benediction (p. 49)

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

~Offering & Hymn 40 v. 2 *Now Let Us to the Lord Lift Up Our Hearts*

(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

** **Holy Communion:** This morning the confirmed, communicant members of our fellowship come to receive the true body and blood of Christ in the Holy Supper. Here Christ gives us this treasure for the remission of our sins. As we commune together we also outwardly demonstrate the unity of faith which we confess. If you are a guest and wish to commune with us, please speak to our pastor prior to the service. Thank you.*

~Exhortation (pp. 52-53)

P: Dear friends in Christ! In order that you may receive this holy Sacrament worthily, it is good that you consider what you must now believe and do. From the words of Christ: “This is My body, which is given for you; this is My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sin,” you should believe that Jesus Christ is Himself present with His body and blood, as the words declare.

From Christ's words "For the remission of sins," you should believe that Jesus Christ bestows upon you His body and blood to confirm unto you the forgiveness of all your sins.

And finally, you should do as Christ commands you when He says "Take, eat; drink of it, all of you," and "This do in remembrance of Me."

If you believe these words of Christ, and do as He therein has commanded, then you have rightly examined yourselves and may worthily eat Christ's body and drink His blood for the forgiveness of all your sins.

You should also unite in giving thanks to Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for so great a gift, and should love one another with a pure heart, and thus with the whole Christian Church have comfort and joy in Christ our Lord. To this end may God the Father grant you His grace; through the same, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

~**Lord's Prayer** (p. 53)

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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~**Words of Institution** (p. 54)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

~**Agnus Dei** (p. 55)

C: ♪ O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God. You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.

~Distribution

Hymn 324 vv. 1-7 *O Jesus, At Your Altar Now*

Hymn 225 *With Trembling Awe the Chosen Three*

Hymn 324 vv. 8-14 *In Heavenly Gladness Dwells Our Head*

Hymn 472 vv. 3, 4, 5 *Jesus For My Sake Descended*

~Dismissal (p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~Hymn of Thanksgiving 325 *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

~Collect of Thanksgiving (p. 56)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **C: ♪ Amen.**

~Benediction (pp. 56-57)

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: ♪ Amen, amen, amen.

~Closing Hymn 168 v. 5 *In the Heavenly Country*

~Closing Prayer (p. 57)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

Preacher: Pr. John J. Petersen / Liturgist: Pr. Luke Ulrich

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 232 10:45am; 180 Monday: 17

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$13,599.16

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15,760

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV:

Mt. Olive services are being shown on local cable channel 181 (Charter) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10AM and Thursdays at 11:30AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service: Tom Bode (captain), Eli Bode, John Schauer,
Alex Schauer, John Pfeffer

2nd Service: Chris Kind (captain), Larry Rude, Dale Schaffer,
Izayah Harrision, Luke Buelow

Greeters: 1st Service: Dean & Cathy Kluge, Scott & Theresa Dzwonkowski

2nd Service: Steve & Lois Jaeger, Mark & Vivian Smith

Offering Counters: Sally Sorenson, Chris Kind

Altar Guild: Ellie Fisher, LuAnn Sting

WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 5, 2017 - February 12, 2017

Sunday February 5	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another NO Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday February 6	5:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM 6:45PM	Planned Giving Committee Meeting Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Education Board of Deacons
Tuesday February 7	8AM 4:15PM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study - <i>Book of Genesis</i> Girls & Boys B-team Basketball vs. Immanuel, Courtland (home) Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday February 8	8-10AM 8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM 4PM 7PM	MOM's Bible Study CDS Chapel Bible Study - <i>Table of Duties</i> 8 th Grade Confirmation Class 7 th Grade Confirmation Class Choir
Thursday February 9		
Friday February 10	6:30-8:30PM	Jr. Youth Group
Saturday February 11	9:00AM	Basketball (all teams) vs. St. Paul, New Ulm (home)
Sunday February 12	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon 7:30PM	Girls' & Boys' Choirs Sing Divine Service Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service Special Voters' Meeting Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by Steve & Lois Jaeger.

Applications Are Now Being Accepted for the position of part-time office manager assistant here at Mount Olive. Those interested should contact the church office.

Special Voters' Meeting: A special voters' meeting is scheduled for next Sunday, **February 12 at noon**. The purpose for this meeting is to extend a call for an additional upper grade teacher for our school.

The January/February Edition of the Lutheran Sentinel is now available online. Read it on ELS.org.

Kindergarten Round Up has been scheduled for **Thursday, February 23** at Mt. Olive and will begin at 6:30PM. Kindergarten enrollment for next year is open to children who will be 5 by Sept. 1, 2017.

2017 Directory: The Mt. Olive 2017 Directory is ready for the members of our congregation. Please pick up your copy (one copy per family, please) in the narthex today.

After School Care is in need of children's books. If you have books at home that your children have outgrown, the kids in After School Care would love to read them! Thank you!

Volunteers needed: The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a booth at the Baby Expo on **February 18**, 2017 from 9AM to 1PM, held at the Verizon Event Center. We will be engaging the community by giving away Gospel centered books, pamphlets on our church and school and upcoming programs. If you would like to volunteer to help with this outreach event, please contact Michelle Graham: (507) 720-7258

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church Youth Groups. The groups currently receive 5% of the profits.

Cards are sold between services on **Communion** Sundays year round. Contact Angie Younge: 389-9137 or Rebecca Strom: 386-0372 with questions.

New 2 You: Please continue to support New 2 You by volunteering, making donations, shopping our store, or praying for continued blessings on their efforts. If you would like to become a volunteer please call New2You at 507-385-1455. *~Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.*

Mt. Olive School Scrip Program offers gift cards for purchase for a wide variety of retailers. A percentage of gift card purchases go towards Mt. Olive Tuition. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris scrip@mtolivelutheran.org or Tiffany Riesgraf triesgraf@yahoo.com.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVL Food Service Assistant Opening: Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School has a part-time position open in the food service at MVL. This position is for about 6 to 6 1/2 hours per day during the school year. Tasks include: food preparation and service, washing dishes and clean up. Individuals interested in this position should contact Principal Tim Plath at MVL at (507) 354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.

Bethany Lutheran College

Very Limited Tickets Remain for the second weekend of **The Music Man**, Feb. 10 at 7:30 pm, and Feb. 11 at 2 pm and 7:30 pm. Order online at theatre.blc.edu or by phone weekdays 1-5 pm at 344-7374. \$10 for all ages.

Adrian Lo Faculty Recital - Tuesday, Feb. 14 at 7 pm in the YFAC Theater - Adrian Lo performs a faculty recital with a full slate of guest musicians, plus Mankato's RakStar Fusion belly dancers. The music of Peter Ostroushko, Steve Cloutier, Beats Antique, Dreadnaughts, Taraf de Haïdouks and more will be performed. Free, and open to the public.

Art Lecture and Reception - Thursday, Feb. 16 at 7 pm in the YFAC gallery. Painter Anna Leigh Biedenbender is an artist currently working in St. Paul and Minneapolis,

MN. She received her Bachelor of Art in Art at WLC in Milwaukee, WI, and in 2016 received her Master of Fine Arts degree in Visual Art at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Beidenbender's work will be on display February 16 - March 25.

New Music Recital, Thursday, Feb. 23 at 7 pm in Trinity Chapel. In this recital, Bethany students showcase compositions they have written during the academic year. All pieces, representing many musical genres, are performed by Bethany students and Bethany music ensembles. Free, and open to the public.

Community Events/Happenings

We All Need A Plan For Our Money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more! Cost: \$103 (Normally \$210) per family includes lifetime membership in FPU. Sign up here: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1029454>. FPU is a nine week course. Meetings Thursdays at 6:30pm at Peace beginning February 16th. If you have any questions about this course, please feel free to contact Matt Wiechmann at 507.382.7283

One-Night Movie Event: Don't miss this special event: a one-time showing of the new Martin Luther film at: **Carmike Theater on February 15 at 7:00pm, 220 Stadium Rd, Mankato, MN 56001**

This special screening is the perfect outreach opportunity... a chance to invite friends and neighbors to an event in a community setting. This entertaining new film follows the great adventure story of Luther's life, packed with political intrigue, kidnappings, secret hideouts, and life-or-death showdowns. At the same time, it's a story about the most important questions of life, including "Who am I?" "What is my purpose" and "How do I get right with God?"

It's a must-see for any lifelong Lutheran, and a chance to share the message of your Lutheran heritage with others. And the only place you can see the film is in the theater on the night of our church's special event.

This is the first time in more than 60 years that Lutherans have made a feature-length film about Martin Luther and the Reformation. Filmed in historic locations across Europe, this movie brings Luther's story to life with exquisite attention to detail.

It's a chance to strengthen your faith by revisiting the birth of Protestant Reformation, and to share that experience with others.

IMPORTANT: All tickets must be purchased in advance. Tickets can be purchased at a special web site set up for the screening:

<http://Tugg.com/events/a-return-to-grace-luther-s-life-and-legacy-qmq>

*If you would rather not purchase tickets online, you can purchase tickets through our church contact: **Greg Vandermause (507) 469-4138 or greg@vandermause.com***

A portion of ticket sales are returned to our congregation for our mission and ministry.