

## TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday, February 10, 2019, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

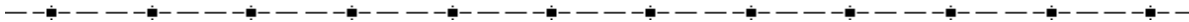
Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich | Principal Silas Born | Evangelical Lutheran Synod

**Welcome!** In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us. If you are a guest, please fill out a **“Get Connected!”** card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack). 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 Transfiguration is a fitting conclusion to the season of Epiphany, and we see revealed to us the true identity of Jesus (Mt 17:1-9). On that mountain, Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed that Jesus is the One in whom we should greatly rejoice—who clothes us with garments of glory (Is 61:10-11). This glory comes to us today as God's Word is shared in our midst. The Spirit of the Lord comes to us, transforming us into His own image (2 Cor 3:12-4:2). It is indeed good for us to be here in God's presence, where He affirms our adoption as his children (Collect). In the Transfiguration, 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.*

**Order of Service, Rite Three (p. 88).** Rite Three from the Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary (ELH) presents old liturgical texts set to new music. Composed with a modern congregation and modern vocal ranges in mind, the musical settings were written to be challenging yet approachable. Composed by former Bethany Lutheran College Choir Director, Alfred Fremder, Rite Three is musically fresh, yet theologically traditional. It has been a staple of the worship life for us at Mt. Olive since its release with the ELH in 1996. You are welcome to follow along with the musical notation in the front part of the Hymnary (pp. 88-106).



## I. The Service of Preparation

*(We prepare ourselves for worshiping God by acknowledging our unworthiness to stand before Him, and by receiving His forgiveness through absolution (forgiveness). We respond with thanks and joy.)*

~**Prelude** – Preservice music and opportunity for prayer

*(See “Prayers for Worship”  
—ELH p. 40)*

~**Opening Hymn — How Good, Lord, to Be Here** (CW Hymn #95)

*Youth Choir, vv. 1-4:*

*1. How good, Lord, to be here! Your glory fills the night;  
Your face and garments, like the sun, Shine with unborrowed light.*

*2. How good, Lord, to be here Your beauty to behold,  
Where Moses and Elijah stand, Your messengers of old.*

*3. Fulfiller of the past, Promise of things to be,  
We hail your body glorified And our redemption see.*

*4. Before we taste of death, We see your kingdom come;  
We long to hold the vision bright And make this hill our home.*

**Congregation, v. 5:**

**How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;**

**But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.**

~**Invocation and Confession of Sins** — *Calling upon God & His forgiveness* (ELH p. 88)

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

**C: Amen.**

P: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

**C: His mercy endures forever.**

P: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins:

**C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world: We confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

~**Kyrie Eleison** — *“Lord Have Mercy”*

*(ELH p. 89; Mk 10:47)*

**C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Kyrie eleison. Christ, have mercy on us. Christe eleison. Lord, have mercy on us. Kyrie eleison.**

~**Absolution** — *God’s declaration of forgiveness to you*

*(ELH p. 89; Ps 86:15)*

P: Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** — *“Glory to God in the Highest”*

*(ELH p. 90; Lu 2:14, Jn 1:29)*

**C: ♪ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heav’nly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us; You are seated at the right hand of God the Father: receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

~**Collect** — *The congregation’s prayer of the day*

*(ELH p. 92; p. 151 #30)*

P: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your only-begotten Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of the fathers, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud You wondrously foreshowed our adoption by grace; mercifully make us co-heirs with the King of His glory, and bring us to Your glorious home in heaven; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~Hymn 494 *I Know My Faith is Founded*

Youth Choir, vv. 1, 2

Congregation, v. 3:

**In faith, Lord, let me serve You; Though persecution, grief and pain  
Should seek to overwhelm me, Let me a steadfast trust retain;  
And then at my departure, Lord, take me home to you,  
And let me there inherit As all you said holds true.  
In life and death, Lord, keep me Until Your heav'n I gain,  
Where I by Your great mercy The end of faith attain.**

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II. The Service of the Word



*(After receiving the forgiveness of sins, we thanked God by singing His praises and praying to Him. He now increases our faith through His holy Word which we hear through the Lessons and especially through the Sermon where God's Word is applied to our lives today.)*

~Old Testament Lesson

**Isaiah 61:10-11** I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness, As a bridegroom decks himself with ornaments, And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its bud, As the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth, So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

~Gradual — *Response to hearing God's Word*

*(ELH p. 92)*

**C: ♪ The Word of our God stands forever. Blessed be God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Word of our God stands forever.**

~Holy Gospel Lesson

**Matthew 17:1-9** Six days later Jesus took with him Peter, James, and John the brother of James; and he led them up onto a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured in front of them. His face was shining like the sun. His clothing became as white as the light. Just then, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you want, I will make three shelters here: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them. Just then, a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell face down and were terrified. Jesus

approached and as he touched them, he said, “Get up, and do not be afraid.” When they opened their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Do not tell anyone what you have seen until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

~Alleluia — “God Be Praised”

(ELH p. 93)

**C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Your Word is truth. Sanctify us in Your truth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

~Apostles’ Creed

(ELH p. 94)

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

**C: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into 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 shall 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.**

~Chief Hymn 170, vv. 1-4 *O God of God, O Light of Light*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

**2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2** Therefore, since we have this kind of hope, we act with great boldness. We are not like Moses, who put a veil over his face, so that the Israelites could not continue to look at the end of the radiance, as it was fading away. In spite of this, their minds were hardened. Yes, up to the present day, the same veil remains when the Old Testament is read. It has not been removed because it is taken away only in Christ. Instead, to this day, whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their hearts. But whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. But all of us who reflect the Lord’s glory with an unveiled face are being transformed into his own image, from one degree of glory to another. This too is from the Lord, who is the Spirit. Therefore, since we have this ministry as a result of the mercy shown us, we are not discouraged. On the contrary, we have renounced shameful, underhanded methods. We do not operate in a

deceitful way, and we do not distort the word of God. Instead, by proclaiming the truth clearly, we commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God.

**~Sermon Theme**

*"It's Good to be Here"*

- 1. Where, by the Gospel, we can see that Jesus Christ is our Savior.**
- 2. Where, by the Gospel, the Holy Spirit brings us to believe in Him.**

**~Prayer of the Church**

*(ELH p. 96)*

P: Let us pray for the Church and for all people according to their needs.

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank You for all Your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Your dear Son, through whom You have revealed Your grace. We pray that You would plant Your Word in our hearts that we may cling to it in faith and bear much fruit in well doing.

**C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.**

P: Strengthen and defend Your Church, that by Your Word and Sacraments faith may grow and love toward all increase. Guide and protect all who spread abroad the light of Your truth throughout the world. Bless the schools, colleges, and seminaries of the Church that they may send forth laborers to serve You in the ministry of Your Word, in the ministry of mercy, and in all godly walks of life. Let the light of Your Word shine continually in our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the grace of their Baptism, and grant that all entrusted with their care may bring them up in true faith and obedience to Your will.

**C: Let all rejoice who trust in You, let them shout for joy because You defend them.**

P: Guide and bless all lawful authority, especially our President, the Congress, and the Governor and legislators of this state. Give them wisdom and sound judgment, that justice may prevail and wickedness be hindered and punished.

**C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our Helper!**

P: We commend to Your care all who are in trouble, want, sickness or any other adversity, especially those who are suffering for Your name and Your truth. Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that in all their afflictions they may acknowledge Your fatherly will and rejoice in Your gracious and speedy deliverance.

**C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your name.**

P: Let Your blessing rest on seed time and harvest, on commerce and industry, on medicine and science; sanctify the arts and culture, the rest and leisure of Your people. Protect all who travel, and care for all whose labor is difficult or dangerous. Bless all who in their daily calling endeavor to do Your will, and give them the assurance that their work is pleasing in Your sight.

**C: Blessed are You, O Lord, for You have not turned away from our prayer!**

*(Special intercessions may be added.)*

P: Protect our bodies and souls from all harm and danger; support us in our last hour with Your mercy; and finally admit us into Your eternal joy, to love and serve You in the blessed company of Your saints and angels forevermore; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

**C: The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. The righteous cry out and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.**

### **~Apostolic Benediction**

*(ELH p. 97)*

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 223 O Wondrous Type**

*(The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a "Get Connected!" card and place that in the offering plate.)*

### **~Collect of Thanks**

*(ELH p. 105)*

P: Let us give thanks and pray:

**C: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given us Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.**

**We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.**

**We thank You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.**

**O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal.**

**We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.**

**~Lord's Prayer**

*(ELH p. 105; Mt 6:9-13)*

**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.**

**~Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people*

*(ELH p. 106; Num 6:24-26)*

**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 170, v. 5** *Sing to the Lord a Glorious Song*

**~Postlude** — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!*

*(See "Prayers for Worship"  
—ELH p. 40)*

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*Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich  
Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Cassie Johnson / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux  
Youth Choir Director: Katie Sulzle / Accompanist: Elisabeth Urtel*  
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**On the narthex table are copies of** the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the Time & Talents Survey; **sign-up sheets for** New2You volunteers, Camp Indianhead, softball teams, and Baby Expo volunteers; the **December edition of** *Thoughts of Faith*; the **December to March edition of** *Meditations Daily Devotions*; the **January edition of** *Mission News & Helping Hands*; **February issues of** the *Olive Press* and the *ELS President's Newsletter*; and **giving envelopes for** MVL memorials.



**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE:**

**Sunday:** 8:30am, 261/191; 10:45am, 200/147;

**Monday:** 32/16

**Monthly Giving Update:**



Given to the <b>General Fund</b> (Dec. 1-31)	\$133,851.33
Given to the <b>Building Fund</b> (Dec. 1-31)	\$27,490.00
<b><u>Total Given (Dec. 1-31)</u></b>	<b><u>\$161,341.33</u></b>
General Fund Budgeted (July 1-Dec. 31) (\$75,425/month x 6 months)	\$452,550.00
General Fund YTD (July 1-Dec. 31)	\$437,025.60
<b><u>Difference (Shortfall)</u></b>	<b><u>(\$15,524.40)</u></b>

*Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.*

*Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to [www.mtolivelutheran.org](http://www.mtolivelutheran.org) and click on the link, "donate on line." If you would like to continue using your assigned envelope, just **write the word "online" on the envelope and drop it in the plate** during the offering.*

***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 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.*

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**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:**

**Greeters:** **1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Deb Johnson,  
Peggy Harstad

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** David & Katie Sulzle,  
Jon & Nikki Basel

**Ushers:** **1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Ross Hermanson (captain), Craig Brown,  
Broderick Brown, Will Holt, Nathan Younge, Mark Smith

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Scott Dzwonkowski (captain), Jim Gates,  
Dennis Soule, Kent Waletski

**Offering Counters:** Andy Overn, Chris Kind

**Altar Guild:** Elli Fisher, LuAnn Sting

**WEEK AT A GLANCE: February 10, 2019—February 17, 2019**

<b>Sunday,</b> February 10	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 5PM 6PM 7:30PM	<b>Youth Choir Sings</b> Divine Service Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service Lutheran Pioneers, at Peace Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday,</b> February 11	9:30AM 10AM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Area Pastors' Conference Veterans Bible Study Divine Service Church Council
<b>Tuesday,</b> February 12	8AM 6:30PM 7PM	Women's Bible Study—"Job" PTF Executive Committee M.O.M.s Bible Study
<b>Wednesday,</b> February 13	8:05AM 9AM 3PM 4PM 7PM	Chapel Bible Class—"Fellowship" Youth Choir Confirmation Classes Senior Choir
<b>Thursday,</b> February 14	8:30AM	<b>Valentine's Day</b> M.O.M.s Bible Study, at Peace
<b>Friday,</b> February 15		<b>No CDS; CDS @ MLC BB Tournament</b> <b><i>Olive Press</i> Newsletter Deadline</b>
<b>Saturday,</b> February 16	9AM	<b>CDS @ MLC BB Tournament</b> Ambassadors
<b>Sunday,</b> February 17	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	<b>CDS @ MLC BB Tournament</b> Divine Service w/Holy Communion Sunday School/BIC/Bible Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another <b>NO</b> Senior Youth Group Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the altar** today are given to God's glory by Ron & Becky Bequette.

### **Building Committee Update**

A couple of unforeseen issues were discovered during the site preparation phase that added additional expense to the project. The good news is that we have been blessed with some additional funding from grants and congregational gifts that have covered that additional expense and allowed us to stay within the approved project budget.

The project is proceeding on schedule! The current schedule (weather permitting) is to have the new addition enclosed by February 8th. The next step after enclosure will be to thaw the ground inside the new addition so the floors can be poured, which will then allow for work on the interior to begin.

The depression on the McConnell St. boulevard will be a "rain garden" pond. Rain gardens are required by the city so that water drainage from roofs that goes directly into the city storm sewer system is slowed during periods of heavy rainfall.

The Committee thanks John Sehloff for his work with WEB, ISG, ECS, and VSI to ensure that all of the technology and security needs for the new facility are being addressed.

The Committee also thanks Juel Merseth for his expertise and on-site presence as the "go to" person for any questions or requests that WEB has had regarding our current facility and the new construction.

**Thank You!** "We would like to thank you all for the good wishes, notes and cards, and especially the prayers during the last 7 very trying months! All were very much appreciated. And special thanks to our two Pastors for their visits and prayers. We are truly blessed here at Mt Olive!" Ernie and Marge Lillo

**Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible studies** began their Spring sessions this past week. Learn more about these studies in the February issue of the *Olive Press*.

**Last Chance! Final photo slots for the Mt. Olive Picture Directory** are available on Wednesday, **February 13**, from 5:30-8PM. To schedule your photo, go to our webpage ([mtolivelutheran.org](http://mtolivelutheran.org)) and click the banner; or use an iPad at the "Welcome Table" in the Narthex; or call the church office at 507-345-4966.

**Kindergarten Open House** is Thursday, **February 21**, at 6:30PM at Mt. Olive. More information is available in the February edition of the *Olive Press*.

**Volunteers Needed:** The Evangelism Committee will be hosting a booth at the Baby Expo held on **February 23** at the Verizon Center. The February issue of the *Olive Press*

has more details. If you are interested in volunteering, please sign up in the narthex or contact Michelle Graham at 507-720-7258.

**Mission Opportunity with Truth in Love Ministry in Utah:** Learn to spread the Gospel to Mormons and share in a great experience with other Christians. The dates for this year are (Week 1) June 8-15 or (Week 2) June 15-22. For more information, contact Jon Basel at [jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org) or Danee Haro at [danee@tilm.org](mailto:danee@tilm.org).

**Softball Players:** sign-up sheets for softball teams are on the narthex table. Men's church league is on Monday nights, and co-ed league is on Tuesday nights.

**Camp Indianhead is July 7-12!** Look for the sign-up sheet on the narthex table. You will receive camp info and registration forms as soon as they are released.

### **Happening at Bethany Lutheran College:**

**The Mankato chapter of the Bethany Auxiliary** will meet on Tuesday, **February 12**, at 7PM in Meyer Hall, Room 130. Dr. Doyle Holbird will be speaking on "Medical Ethics at the End of Life." The February issue of the *Olive Press* has more details.

**Thursday, February 21, at 7PM in YFAC:** New Ulm artist and BLC art instructor Jason Jaspersen speaks about his work, with a reception to follow. The show "Carriers", featuring ceramic sculpture created during his residency at Saint John's Pottery Jerome Foundation Emerging Artist Program, will be on display February 14 - March 24.

**A Bethany Seminary student, his wife and infant child are in need of housing** in the Mankato area. If you have anything available, please contact Chaplain Don Moldstad at BLC, (507)344-7312, or by e-mail: [donm@blc.edu](mailto:donm@blc.edu). Thank you.

### **Notes from Minnesota Valley Lutheran:**

**See the February issue of the MVL Memo** on the narthex table for news and events at MVL.

### **Happening within our Sister Synod:**

**Custodial Position Opening:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Mankato is seeking applications for a part-time custodian at Jesus Loves Me Learning Center. Applications will be accepted through Monday, **February 18**. For more information, contact Chris Selvey, Facility Supervisor, at [facility@stpaulsnorthmankato.com](mailto:facility@stpaulsnorthmankato.com) or 507-469-0550.