



TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday, January 29, 2023, 8:30AM & 10:45AM

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School

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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 (on the tables at the back of worship area). 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 foreshadowed our adoption as sons. For in this event we who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the “robes of righteousness” that we will be covered in at the resurrection on the Last Day (Isaiah 61:1-11).*

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41). This order of service, known as the “Bugenhagen Order,” grew out of the Lutheran Reformation. It was provided for use in the churches of Denmark and Norway in 1537 by Johannes Bugenhagen, Martin Luther’s pastor. Minor revisions were made to this service in 1685 and 1889 before it was translated into English for **The Lutheran Hymnary** (1913). The service printed here comes directly from the **Evangelical Lutheran Hymnary** (1996).



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 & opportunity for prayer

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

~Opening Prayer

(ELH p. 41; p. 151, #31)

P: 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. Amen.

~Hymn 141 Once He Came in Blessing

~Confession of Sin — Admitting our sinfulness to God

(ELH p. 41, 1)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~Kyrie: Hymn 268, v. 6 *My Sins Are Countless As the Sands*

**My sins are countless as the sands,
My crimes, O God, are crying,
Deliver me from sin's dread bands
And save me, Lord, when dying;
O let me not, for evil past,
Be lost at last,
Grant me Thy grace, I pray Thee!**

~**Absolution** — *God's declaration of forgiveness* (ELH p. 43, l; Mt 11:28, Jn 3:16)

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** (ELH p. 44-45; Luke 2:14; John 1:29)

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** — *The people's blessing for the pastor's work* (ELH p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Collect** — *The congregation's prayer of the day* (ELH p. 45; p. 151, #30)

P: 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 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.

C: ♪ Amen.

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

(NKJV)

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.

~Adult Choir — O Praise Ye the Lord (Henry W. Baker; arr. Mark Schweizer)

*O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
Ye heavens, adore him by whom ye were made,
And worship before him, in brightness arrayed.*

*O praise ye the Lord! All things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
And sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.*

*O praise ye the Lord and sing a new song,
Amid all His saints His praises prolong;
The praise of their Maker His people shall sing,
And children of Zion rejoice in their King.*

*O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
In tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth; praise
Him who hath brought you his grace from above,
Praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.*

*O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!*

~Holy Gospel Lesson

(NKJV)

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 prais-èd for His glad ti-dings.

~**Apostles' Creed** — *Confession of faith*

(*ELH p. 46*)

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 225** *With Trembling Awe the Chosen Three*

~**Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text**

(*NKJV*)

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.

~Sermon Theme

“An Encouraging Word”

1. *The Father encouraged His Son on the mountain.*
2. *The disciples were encouraged by what they witnessed.*
3. *The Lord encourages us with His inspired Word.*

~Offering Hymn 170, vv. 1-3, 5 **O God of God, O Light of Light**

~Offering Prayer

(We take this time to acknowledge and thank God for moving the hearts of His people to continue to support the mission and work of our church. Our ushers will bring the offering plates forward to the altar and the pastor will offer a prayer of thanks.

Please note: You may place any offerings into the plates on the stands at the main aisle entrance to the Sanctuary either before or after the service. Online giving is also available through mtolivelutheran.org or by text message through your smartphone by texting the amount you would like to give to 833-726-3742 (a link will be provided for first-time users to register an account.)

~Prayers & Special Petitions

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 49; 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.

~Hymn 120, v. 6 **As a Star, God's Holy Word**

~Collect — *The congregation's prayer*

(ELH p. 58-59, III)

P: Lord God, our heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your great mercy You have given us Your holy and blessed Word, by which You also among us gather Your Christian Church. We humbly entreat You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we receive Your Word with thankful hearts, and live according to it, and ever increase in Christian faith, and hope, and love, and at last obtain eternal salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Benediction** — *Final blessing for God's people* (ELH p. 59; 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 224** *The Only Son from Heaven*

~**Closing Prayer** (ELH p. 59)

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.

~**Announcements**

~**Postlude** — *Opportunity for prayer & to greet one another!* (See "Prayers for Worship" —ELH p. 40)

Officiant: Pastor John Petersen
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux
Adult Choir Director: Tamara Omar / Accompanist: Andrejs Mudulis

At the January 8 voters' meeting, a call was extended to the Rev. Anthony Pittenger to serve as a pastor at Mt. Olive. Please keep Pastor Pittenger and his family in your prayers as he considers his call to Mt. Olive and his current call to Bethany Lutheran in Port Orchard, WA. A copy of Pastor Pittenger's formal acknowledgement of his call is posted on narthex bulletin board.

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 265; 10:45am, 156; Monday: 23
Sunday Live (8:30am) Online Viewing: 26

WE THANK THOSE SERVING OUR LORD TODAY:

Greeters: 1st Service—Nate & Heidi Graham, Steve & Lois Jaeger
2nd Service—Dan & Joanne Maas, Lois Johnson

Offering Counters: Steve Lussky, Jon Pfeffer

Altar Guild: Connie Gullixson, Connie Meyer

Media Center: Dave Norris

Weekly Financial Update

Given Last Week: \$13,184.26

Line of Credit (LOC) Challenge given last week: \$75.00

LOC total as of 1/26/23: \$943.66 (\$19,056,34 still needed to make \$20,000 goal)

Fiscal Year-to-Date Surplus (Deficit) as of 12/31/22: \$4,836.80

2 Corinthians 9:6-7(EHV): This is what I mean: The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "donate online".

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV

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

WEEK AT A GLANCE: January 29, 2023 — February 5, 2023

Sunday, January 29	8:30AM	Divine Worship
	9:40AM	BIC/Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship
	12PM	Semi-Annual Voters Meeting
	TBD	WEM 5 th Boys BB Tournament
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball
Mon., Jan. 30	6:30PM	Divine Worship
Tuesday, January 31	9AM	Ladies' Bible Study
	4PM	Girls B & Boys 6 th BB at St. Paul, Truman
Wednesday, February 1	8:10AM	CDS Chapel
	9AM	Adult Bible Study
	7PM	Adult Choir
Thursday, February 2	4PM	Boys 6 th & Boys A BB vs Immanuel, Mankato
	8-9PM	Art After Dark
Friday, February 3	1-2PM	Intro to Hebrew Class
		Girls BB at Fairmont Tournament
Saturday, February 4		Mt. Olive Volunteers at New 2 You
		Girls BB at Fairmont Tournament
		Girls A, Boys 5 th , Boys 6 th , & Boys A BB at
		Risen Savior Tournament
Sunday, February 5	8:30AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	9:40AM	BIC/Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:45AM	Divine Worship w/Holy Communion
	2PM	Adult Pickleball
	7:30PM	Coed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS—Mt. Olive Lutheran Church & School

Baptized on Friday, January 27: Hadley Theresa Miller, infant daughter of Andrew & Krystal Miller, was born on December 28, 2022. Her sponsors are Matt & Ashley Robinson. May she ever grow in Christ and be blessed through this Sacrament.

Voters: plan to attend the **Semi-Annual Voters' Meeting today** at noon. The Mt. Olive Lutheran School Board of Education will be asking for consideration and voting on the following topics:

1. Finalizing Mr. Springer's position as full-time principal.
2. Creating an additional teacher position for the 2023-24 school year.
3. Changing the constitution to allow an additional Peace Lutheran Church member on the Board of Education; this would be a non-voting member serving as a liaison.

Proposed Amendment Change:

Section 5.33 – One voting member and one non-voting member of Peace Lutheran Church shall serve on the Mt. Olive Board of Education. Each individual shall serve a three-year term to coincide with Mt. Olive's terms. The one voting member will have voting privileges on the Board of Education. In order to not have a conflict of interest and membership on the church council, neither Peace member shall be allowed to serve as Chairman of the Board of Education.

Coach Needed: MVL is looking for a baseball head coach for this spring. This is a paid position; for more information, contact Craig Morgan at cmorgan@mvlhs.org.

Bethany Lutheran College is taking applications for two positions: a Director of Finance & Business Affairs and an Assistant/Associate Professor: Music - Choral Director. The BLC website has more information regarding these positions. If you have questions, contact Josh Pederson, Director of Human Resources, at 507-344-7840 or at Joshua.Pederson@blc.edu.



New 2 You Family Thrift – Volunteers Needed! Mt. Olive provides volunteers at New 2 You on the first Saturday of each month. Our next scheduled date is **Saturday, February 4**. See the February issue of the *Olive Press* for more information.

For all other new announcements, please pick up your copy of the February edition of the *Olive Press* from the narthex table.

Mount Olive Lutheran Church Mission Statement

The mission of Mount Olive Lutheran Church is to proclaim the Gospel of Christ through God's Word, so that souls are called into and kept in the Christian faith unto eternal life.