



TRANSFIGURATION

Sunday, January 24, 2021, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

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. If you are a guest, please fill out a “**Get Connected!**” card (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack and the Welcome table). We invite you to come and worship with us again soon.

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. 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.*



(Today we follow the order of worship known as “Matins.” “Matins”—from the Latin word for “morning”—is one of the main services the monks would sing together each day during the middle ages. The Lutheran church kept the Matins liturgy because its focus is on the reading and hearing of God’s Word.)

~Opening Hymn 171 O Word of God Incarnate

*1. O Word of God Incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky,
We praise You for the radiance
That from the hallowed page,
A lamp unto our footsteps,
Shines on from age to age.*

*2. The Church from You, dear Master,
Received the gift divine,
And still that light is lifted
O'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
That, all life's voyage through,
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands
Still guides, O Christ, to You.*

*3. O make Your Church, dear Savior,
A lamp of burnished gold
To bear before the nations
Your true light, as of old;
O teach Your wand'ring pilgrims
By this their path to trace,
Till, clouds and darkness ended,
They see You face to face.*

~Confession of Sin — *Admitting our guilt & receiving God's forgiveness* (ELH p. 109)

P: Dearly beloved! We have come together in the presence of God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hand, to set forth His most worthy praise, to hear His holy Word, and to ask for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and salvation. O come, let us worship Him! Let us kneel and bow down before Him. Let us confess our sins with penitent hearts, and obtain forgiveness by His infinite grace and mercy.

C: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our hearts. We have offended against Your holy law. We have done those things which we should not have done, and we have not done those things which we should have done.

Have mercy on us, O Lord! Spare us and restore us, according to the promises You have declared to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord. For His sake grant that we may live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your holy name.

P: The almighty and merciful Lord has granted us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins, grace for true repentance and amendment of life, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~**Versicles** — *Opening sentences*

(ELH p. 109ff; Ps 51:15, Ps 70:1)

P: O Lord, open my lips.

C: ♪ And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: ♪ Make haste to help me, O Lord.

~**Gloria Patri** — *“Glory to the Father”*

(ELH p. 110)

C: ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; forevermore. Amen. Alleluia!

~**Men’s Choir “Psalm 92”**

(CW p. 101)

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

*How great are your works, O LORD,
How profound your thoughts!*

*The senseless man does not know,
fools do not understand,*

*that though the wicked spring up like grass
and all evildoers flourish,*

*they will be forever destroyed.
But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.*

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

*The righteous will flourish like a palm tree,
they will flourish in the courts of our God.*

*They will still bear fruit in old age,
they will stay fresh and green,*

*proclaiming, “The LORD is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no wickedness in him.”*

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

Refrain: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

~Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 34:29-35 When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not realize that the skin of his face was shining because he had been speaking with the Lord. When Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, they were amazed that the skin of his face was shining, so they were afraid to come close to him. Moses called to them, so Aaron and all the rulers of the community returned to him, and Moses spoke to them. Afterward, all the people of Israel came close to him, and he gave them all of the commands that the Lord had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. When Moses was finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out again. Then he would come out and tell the people of Israel what he had been commanded. Whenever the people of Israel saw Moses' face, they would see that the skin of Moses' face was shining. Then Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with the Lord again.

~Men's Choir "Come, Thou Bright and Morning Star"

(Von Rosenroth, 1684)

*1. Come, Thou bright and Morning Star,
Light of Light without beginning;
Shine upon us from afar
That we may be kept from sinning.
Drive away by Thy clear light
Our dark night.*

*2. Let Thy grace, like morning dew
Falling soft on barren places,
Comfort, quicken, and renew
Our dry souls and dying graces;
Bless Thy flock from Thy rich store
Ever more.*

*3. Ah, Thou Dayspring from on high,
Grant that at Thy next appearing
We who in the graves do lie
May arise, Thy summons hearing,
And rejoice in our new life,
Far from strife.*

~Epistle Lesson

2 Peter 1:16-21 To be sure, we were not following cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the powerful appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father, when the voice came to him from within the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We heard this voice, which came out of heaven when we were with him on the holy mountain.

We also have the completely reliable prophetic word. You do well to pay attention to it, as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the Morning Star rises in your hearts, since we know this above all else: No prophecy of Scripture comes about from someone's own interpretation. In fact, no prophecy ever came by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were being carried along by the Holy Spirit.

~Hymn 224 *The Only Son From Heaven*

*1. The only Son from heaven,
Foretold by ancient seers,
By God the Father given,
In human shape appears;
No sphere His light confining,
No star so brightly shining
As He, our Morning Star.*

*2. O time of God appointed,
O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the King anointed,
The Christ, the Virgin-born,
His home on earth He maketh,
And man of heav'n partaketh,
Of life again an heir.*

*3. O Lord, our hearts awaken
To know and love Thee more,
In faith to stand unshaken,
In Spirit to adore,
That we, still heav'nward hasting,
Yet here Thy joy foretasting,
May reap its fullness there.*

~Holy Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

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."

~Sermon Theme

"Remember Who We Have in Jesus!"

~Hymn 225 *With Trembling Awe the Chosen Three*

1. *With trembling awe the chosen three
The holy mount ascended,
Where, wrapped in blissful ecstasy,
They saw the vision splendid—
Their Lord arrayed in living light,
And on His left hand and His right,
By glorious saints attended.*

2. *O vision bright, too bright to tell,
The joys of heav'n unveiling!
How precious on those hearts it fell,
When earthly hopes were failing;
When, saints no more on either side,
Between the thieves the Savior died
'Mid hate, and scorn, and railing!*

3. *Grant us, dear Lord, some vision brief
Of future triumph telling,
Gilding with hope our night of grief,
Our clouds of fear dispelling.
If the dim foretaste was so bright,
O what shall be the dazzling light
Of Thine eternal dwelling!*

~Apostles' Creed — *Confession of faith*

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.

~Kyrie — *Lord, Have Mercy*"

(ELH p. 116)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

~Lord's Prayer

(ELH p. 117; 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.

~Prayers & Special Petitions

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

(ELH p. 118; 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.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benedicamus — *Call for blessing*

(ELH p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

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

(ELH p. 119)

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

C: ♪ Amen.

~Closing Hymn 55, vv. 1, 2, 5 Crown Him With Many Crowns

*1. Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.*

*2. Crown Him the Virgin's Son,
The God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won
Which now His brow adorn;
Fruit of the mystic rose,
As of that rose the stem;
The root whence mercy ever flows,
The Babe of Bethlehem.*

*5. Crown Him the Lord of Heav'n,
Enthroned in worlds above,
Crown Him the King to whom is giv'n
The wondrous name of Love.
Crown Him with many crowns
As thrones before Him fall;
Crown Him, ye kings, with many crowns,
For He is King of all.*

*Liturgist/Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organist: 1st Service: Dennis Marzolf
Organist: 2nd Service: John Baumann
Monday Pianist: Kristin Matzke
Men's Choir Director: Carl Bloedel*

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

Sunday: 8:30am, 140/114; **10:45am**, 181/145;

Live Online Viewing: 50

Monday: 36/27

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK:

Greeters: **1st Service**: Keith Anderson and Mark & Vivian Smith

2nd Service: Connie Meyer

Offering Counters: Steve Lussky; Jon Pfeffer

Altar Guild: Connie Gullixson; Connie Meyer

Weekly Financial Update:

Given Last Week: \$14,930.71 (includes text & on-line giving)

Fiscal Year To Date Surplus (as of 12/31/20): \$21,120

Philippians 4:19-20 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Catch Mt. Olive Worship Services Online at www.mtolivelutheran.org

OR

TV on local cable channels 181 (Spectrum) and 7 & 507 (Consolidated Communications) on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

To give your offering online, go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link "DONATE ONLINE".

Or TEXT 833-726-3742 along with the amount you wish to donate. Or Mail your offering to the church office.

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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *January 24, 2021 – January 31, 2021*

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| Sunday, January 24 | 8:30AM | Divine Service |
| | 9:40AM | SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth |
| | 10:45AM | Divine Service |
| Mon., Jan. 25 | 6:30PM | Divine Service |
| | 7:30PM | Evangelism Committee |
| Tues, Jan. 26 | | |
| Wed, Jan. 27 | 8:05AM | CDS Chapel |
| | 9AM | Bible Study |
| | 4PM | Confirmation Classes |
| Thurs., Jan. 28 | | |
| Fri., Jan. 29 | | |
| Sat, Jan. 30 | | |
| Sunday, January 31 | 8:30AM | Divine Service |
| | 9:40AM | SS/BIC/Bible Class/Sr. Youth |
| | 10:45AM | Divine Service |
| | 12PM | Semi Annual Voter's Meeting |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Elli Fisher in memory of her parents.

2020 Giving Statements Are Ready! You can find them alphabetized on the table in the Narthex. Make sure to check the entire letter section of your last name in case they got shuffled up. This will be the only Sunday they are available to pick up. Statements not picked up will be mailed on **Wednesday, January 27th**.

USHERS NEEDED: The COVID-19 Pandemic has upended regular usher rotation for various reasons. We're looking for three volunteers to take on ushering on a monthly basis. If you are willing, please sign up on the sheet in the back of the Narthex or get in contact with Matthias Leyrer at 414-241-1097 or mjleyrer@gmail.com.

Mt. Olive's Semi-Annual Voter's Meeting is scheduled for next **Sunday, January 31st** at Noon.

The Men's Choir is looking for more voices. If you love to sing and are interested, please contact Carl Bloedel at 507-720-6593.

Consider signing up for Sunday 9:40 AM coffee & treats: the sign-up link is at the bottom of the Mount Olive web site. Thank you to those who have graciously provided treats thus far.

Also please consider signing up to provide flowers on Sundays. You can find the 2021 Calendar in the hallway next to the bulletin board.

Join Us for Mt. Olive's Family Ski Night on Thursday, February 18th from 4-9pm. All ages welcome. You must sign up and pay in advance. Sign-up sheet and waiver forms are in the Church Office.



A very special thank you to the volunteers who helped ready New 2 You for painting this past Saturday and put it back together again all day on Monday. It is brighter and newly reorganized! Be sure to check it out and see if you can find any treasures!

Also, Mount Olive needs to staff the Saturday volunteers on **February 6th**. This is a great opportunity to check out the new layout of the store and help Mount Olive make some money for our school! Hours are 9:30 - 3:00. We need either 2 volunteers to work the entire shift, or we can break it up into smaller chunks of hours. Please let Beth Westphal (507) 382-4315 or Emily Goetzke (507) 420-7761 know if you are interested in part of a shift or all of a shift. Thank you!"

Bingo Night Tuesday, March 2! The Ladies' Auxiliary, with wonderful help from the MLC Events Team and Student Senate, will use some cool technology to conduct this fun evening with virtual bingo cards and appropriate social distancing. While the organization of the event will look much different from past years, we will still hand out fabulous prizes of gift cards and quilts! (Baked goods cannot be shared this year.) Please help us with this fun break for our MLC students that will be so needed during this semester of limited activities and events. Mail in cash donations for the purchase of gift cards and, of course, bring in your beautiful QUILTS by **February 23**. Thank you, from many grateful students!

Quilts and cash donations can be sent to:

Martin Luther College

1995 Luther Court

New Ulm, MN 56073

or you can call the office to drop items off at (507) 354-8221.

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Bethany Lutheran College

Open Positions: BLC is currently taking applications for four different positions:

Assistant/Associate Professor- Business Administration

Computer Systems Specialist- IT

Dean of Students

Office and Enrollment Coordinator- Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program

More information on these jobs can be found at www.blc.edu/jobs.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

MVLHS Director of Mission Advancement Position Open MVLHS seeks a WELS or ELS male to serve as Director of Mission Advancement. Interested individuals should contact MVL Principal, Dr. Tim Plath, for more information at 507-354-6851 or tplath@mvlhs.org.