

February 26, 2017

TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Worship 9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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**Welcome to worship! In the words of the psalmist,
let us “extol the LORD; worship at his footstool” (Psalm 99:5).**

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Organist



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Today’s festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On the mount of transfiguration Jesus is revealed as God’s beloved Son, echoing the words at his Baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. We put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today’s liturgy to mark this change. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter.

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES (*Gal. 5:22-23; 1 Cor. 3:16; 1 Pet. 3:15-16*)

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

Always be prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*Gal. 6:1; Eph. 4:1-2; 1 Cor. 6:19*)

"Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted." Let us go to our glorious Lord, seeking forgiveness and asking that He would restore us in gentleness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Heavenly Father,

we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have failed to live in gentleness, the fruit of Your Holy Spirit, in our thinking, speaking, and acting. We have not exhibited self-control in times of elation or stress. We need Your help to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness. Our Lord Jesus revealed His person and ministry through His words and actions. In Your great mercy, forgive, renew, and lead us so that we may be revealed as His faith-filled followers to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price." Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
st. 3 - cantor

Green 76

**O Morning Star, how fair and bright! You shine with God's own truth and light
Aglow with grace and mercy! Of Jacob's race, King David's Son,
Our Lord and master, you have won Our hearts to serve you only!
Lowly, holy! Great and glorious, All victorious, Rich in blessing!
Rule and might o'er all possessing!**

**Come, heav'nly bridegroom, light divine, And deep within our hearts now shine;
There light a flame undying! In your one body let us be
As living braches of a tree, Your life our lives supplying.
Now, though daily Earth's deep sadness May perplex us And distress us,
Yet with heav'nly joy you bless us.**

Cantor: Lord, when you look on us in love, At once there falls from God above.
A ray of purest pleasure. Your Word and Spirit, flesh and blood
Refresh our souls with heav'nly food. You are our dearest treasure!
Let your mercy Warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!
For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.

**Almighty Father, in your Son You loved us, when not yet begun
Was this old earth's foundation! Your Son has ransomed us in love
To live in him here and above: This is your great salvation.
Alleluia! Christ the living, To us giving Life forever,
Keeps us yours and fails us never!**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

Congregation: Refrain

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace

to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Cantor: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Congregation: Refrain

Cantor: 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 the Father: receive our prayer.

Congregation: Refrain

Cantor: 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.

Congregation: Refrain

Final refrain

Glo-ry to God in the high - est.
A - men, a - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD
We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 24:8-18

Moses enters the clouds of God's glory on Mount Sinai.

Moses took the blood and dashed it on the people, and said, "See the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you in accordance with all these words." Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, and they saw the God of Israel. Under his feet there was something like a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. God did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; also they beheld God, and they ate and drank. The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights. (NRSV)

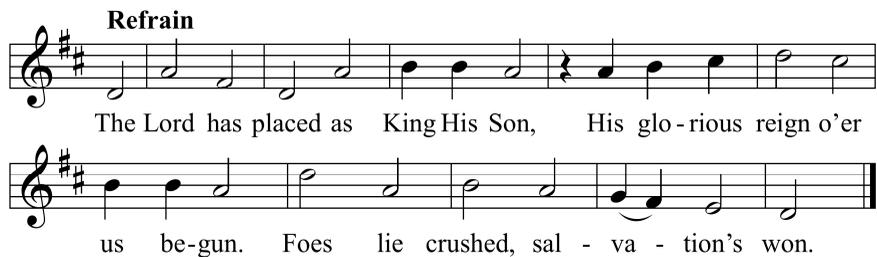
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM HYMN (*Psalm 2:6-12*)

Congregation: Refrain

Refrain



The Lord has placed as King His Son, His glo-rious reign o'er
us be-gun. Foes lie crushed, sal - va - tion's won.

“As for Me, I have set My King on Zion, My holy hill.” I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to Me, “You are My Son; today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will make the nations Your heritage, and the ends of the earth Your possession.

Congregation: Refrain

You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

Congregation: Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 1:16-21

The apostle Peter's message confirmed on the mount of transfiguration.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Cantor: Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of | eternal life. (*John 6:68*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountaintop.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord! (*shouted*)

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."

This Is My Beloved Son

Choir

text and tune by John A. Behnke

Choir: He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them,
 And a voice from the cloud said, "This is My beloved Son,
 With whom I am well pleased; listen to Him."
 When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified,
 But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise and fear no more."

And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*)

Sit

SERMON

Come To The Mountain

Matthew 17:1-9

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

Tune: Deo Gracias (80)



1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah nigh
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 Δ 5 O Fa - ther, with the e - ter - nal Son



Of glo - ry that the Church may share,
 The in - car - nate Lord holds con - verse high;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 By this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,
 And Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er one,



Which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 And from the cloud the Ho - ly One
 What glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 For which in joy - ful strains we raise
 We pray Thee, bring us by Thy grace



Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 Bears rec - ord to the on - ly Son.
 Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.
 To see Thy glo - ry face to face.

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

. . . with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the reconciliation we have with God with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."

Sit

M E A L

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of bread, wine, and money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair
jazz setting by Aaron David Miller

Piano

OFFERING PRAYER

Merciful God,
receive the gifts we bring, our selves, our time and our possessions. Through this meal unite us as your body, shining with the light of your justice and mercy; for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

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Ho-ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow-er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

E U C H A R I S T I C P R A Y E R

You are indeed holy, O God, . . . we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup . . . the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those . . . almighty Father, now and forever.

Amen.

L O R D ' S P R A Y E R *(join hands)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

I N V I T A T I O N

Come to the banquet. Be filled with light and life.

Amen.

Sit

D I S T R I B U T I O N

If you believe that those who commune receive in, with, and under the bread and wine of this sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and that receiving the sacrament is a public witness to your oneness in faith in the teachings of our church, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Newcomers are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Green 315

Beautiful Savior
st. 3 - sing in harmony

Green 518

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Blue 651

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

We Go Out into the World on God's Mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

ALLELUIA BURIED

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Blue 654



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of glad - ness, Voice of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia, thou re - sound - est, True Je - ru - sa -
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways Be our song while
4 There - fore in our hymns we pray Thee, Grant us, bless - ed



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
lem and free; Al - le - lu - ia, joy - ful moth - er,
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia, our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty, At the last to keep Thine Eas - ter



Ev - er raised by choirs on high; In the house of
All thy chil - dren sing with thee, But by Bab - y -
Make us for a while for - go; For the sol - emn
With Thy faith - ful saints on high; There to Thee for -



God a - bid - ing Thus they sing e - ter - nal - ly.
lon's sad wa - ters Mourn - ing ex - iles now are we.
time is com - ing When our tears for sin must flow.
ev - er sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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N E X T S U N D A Y – First Sunday in Lent (Year A): Genesis 3:1-21; Psalm 32:1-7;
Romans 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE ----- Kailyn Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER ----- Galen Behr
CANTOR ----- Dan Schreiber
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS ----- Rich & Debbie Wismont
LECTOR ----- Ashley Batten

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

Worship Attendance.....	102	Bible Class	40
Communion	82	Offering	4216
Sunday School	17	Needed Weekly	4905
Staff.....	6	Specials	775

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 2

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
WEDNESDAY - *NO CONFIRMATION CLASS*
 ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER ----- 5:30 P.M.
ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE----- **7:00 P.M.**
 CHANCEL CHOIR ----- 8:15 P.M.
SUNDAY - WORSHIP----- 9:00 A.M.
 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
 BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank will lead us in the first session of a six-week study of “At The Crossroads.” This week’s theme is *Confession*. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — There will be no class this Spring.

LENT BEGINS — The season of Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday, March 1. Worship is at 7:00 p.m. In following weeks, midweek worship will be on Thursday evenings at 7:00. Lenten meals are available each week prior to the service from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at a modest cost. Make plans to join us each week.

LENTEN DINNER SIGN-UP — Our own gourmet chefs will prepare Lenten meals from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. before the midweek Lenten services beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 1, and continuing thereafter on Thursdays. We need your help! Please sign up for the week that works best on the table in the narthex (back of church). Your generous response is much appreciated. The Ash Wednesday meal is ham and au gratin potatoes.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS — Today devotional material is available for each family and age appropriate material will be distributed to families with children.

GATHERING OF ALMS — As part of your Lenten discipline, we encourage individuals and families to fast one meal each week during Lent. Bring the money you would have spent for that meal and put it into a special envelope that is available inside the Sunday bulletin during Lent. Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Lutheran World Relief and Concordia University, Seward, will receive the Lenten alms.

FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX — We have an excellent movie lined up for Friday Nite Flix in March. Not only is the movie in COLOR and from this century, it is even from this decade! *The Best Exotic Merigold Hotel*, a drama/comedy, will be shown Friday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. This 2012 movie stars Judi Dench, Bill Nighy, Dev Patel, Tom Wilkinson and Maggie Smith. A group of British retirees decide to "outsource" their retirement to less expensive and seemingly exotic India. Enticed by advertisements for the newly restored Marigold Hotel and bolstered with visions of a life of leisure, they arrive to find the palace a shell of its former self. Though the new environment is less luxurious than imagined, they are forever transformed by their shared experiences, discovering that life and love can begin again when you let go of the past. Free popcorn and movie candy!

WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY — Many thanks to all the Mount Olive gals who are attending the “Bad Girls of the Bible” Bible study. This past Tuesday we studied the story of Potiphar’s wife. Mrs. P. was certainly not a stellar example of womanhood, but we could still learn a few things from her. We learned how important it is to keep our minds and hearts on God-pleasing things. We learned it is better to confess our sins than to try and cover them up. On Tuesday, March 7, we will be talking about Lot’s wife. It is hard to swallow that we modern Christian ladies share a lot of the same thoughts, wants and desires as Lot’s wife. It is not too late to join the study. Drop in anytime. —Dixie Gerhart

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017 — July 17-21, 2017.

MARTIN LUTHER — (*Matt. 17:1-9*) “The Heavenly Father still addresses these words to us: ‘This is My beloved Son!’ He will continue to do so until the Day of Judgment, nor will heaven ever be closed again. When you are baptized, partake of Holy Communion, receive the absolution, or listen to a sermon, heaven is open, and we hear the voice of the Heavenly Father; all these works descend upon us from the open heaven above us.” LW 22:202

LWML — Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church (5529 Leavenworth St.) is hosting the LWML Prayer Service this Saturday, March 4th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. All women are invited whether you belong to LWML or not. You can find more information on the north hallway bulletin board. A snow date is Saturday, March 11.

Praying For Our Parish in 2017

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one’s Baptism.

February 26

Joel Stacy
Chelsea Standley

February 27

Debbie Fly
Jane Harpster

February 28

Gary Peterson
Wendy Stites

March 1

Carol McGrath