



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

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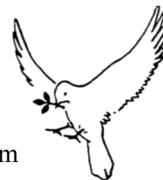
WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.
Education Hour 10:20 a.m.

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**God told the disciples: “This is my Son. . . . Listen to him” (Mark 9:7).
Welcome to worship, where we pause intentionally to listen to Jesus.**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



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This day ends the Epiphany season and prepares us for Lent. Jesus has been revealing His true nature through His words and actions, and on the Mount of Transfiguration three disciples see His glory revealed as transfiguring light. Moses and Elijah appear with Him, talking about His departure in Jerusalem. But our Lord then commands the disciples not to tell about the event until after Easter. Because we live after His resurrection, Paul writes in the Second Lesson, we recognize Jesus’ true glory in going to the cross for us, for God has “shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Corinthians 4:6).

P R E L U D E

W E L C O M E

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.

R I N G I N G O F T H E C A R I L L O N

Stand

GATHERING
We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION (*1 John 1:8-9*)

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we often forget Your gracious presence and guiding. We are by nature sinful and unclean and, relying on ourselves, have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. By action and inaction, thoughtless words, and failure to profess the faith within us, we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For Jesus' sake, forgive us, open our eyes to Your presence with us each day and especially as we gather to receive His body and blood, and lead us to walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God in His mercy sent His Son, who revealed the true nature of His glory by dying for us and rising to give us new life. 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

How Good, Lord, To Be Here!

Green 89

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

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

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

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

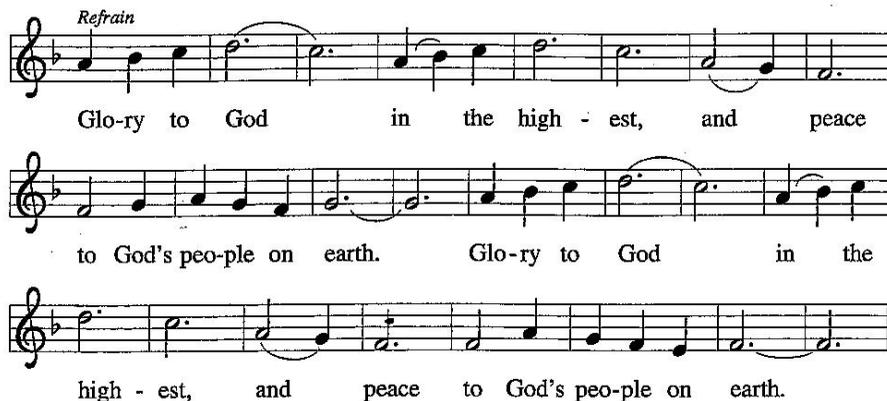
**How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not remain;
But since you bid us leave the mount, Come with us to the plain.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

HYMN OF PRAISE

Congregation

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

Final refrain



Glo - ry to God in the high - est.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD

We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

Elijah taken up into heaven and succeeded by Elisha.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. *(NRSV)*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 50:1-6 (*antiphon v. 2*)

Tone 10



Cantor: Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,* God | shines forth.

Cantor: The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and sum- | mons the earth* from the
rising of the sun to its | setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,* God | shines forth.

Cantor: Our God comes; he does not keep | silence;* before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty | tempest.

**He calls to the heav- | ens above* and to the earth, that he may judge his |
people.**

Cantor: “Gather to me my | faithful ones,* who made a covenant with me by | sacrifice!”

The heavens declare his | righteousness,* for God him- | self is judge!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit;

As it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Cantor: Out of Zion, the perfection of | beauty,* God | shines forth.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 3:12-13 (14-18); 4:1-6

Jesus is worthy of more glory than Moses.

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. [But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.] Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse

to practice cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

G O S P E L A C C L A M A T I O N

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

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

Cantor: This is my Son, my Chosen, lis- | ten to him! (*Luke 9:35*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Mark 9:2-9

Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not

know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (NRSV)

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*)

Sit

SERMON

From Glory To Life In A Sinful World

Mark 9:2-9

Stand

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

1 O won - drous type! O vi - sion fair
 2 With Mo - ses and E - li - jah high
 3 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 4 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high
 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.

N I C E N E C R E E D

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.

P R A Y E R O F T H E C H U R C H

... Lord, in Your mercy,
hear our prayer.
... Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

S H A R I N G O F T H E P E A C E

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

Beautiful Savior

Choir

setting by Robert A. Hobby

Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man!

Truly I'd love Thee, Truly I'd serve Thee, Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands, Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man!

Glory and honor, Praise, adoration Now and forevermore be Thine!

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.**

P R E F A C E

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



S 173

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.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, . . . to share with us 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.

LORD'S PRAYER *(join hands)*

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

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

INVITATION

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

Sit

DISTRIBUTION

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

S 174

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.

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

Green 172

**Lord, enthroned in heav'nly splendor, First-begotten from the dead,
You alone, our strong defender, Lifting up your people's head.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Jesus, true and living bread!
Jesus, true and living bread!**

Though the lowliest form now veil you As of old in Bethlehem,
 Here as there your angels hail you, Branch and flow'r of Jesse's stem.
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! We in worship join with them;
 We in worship join with them.

Paschal Lamb, your off'ring, finished Once for all when you were slain,
 In its fullness undiminished Shall forevermore remain,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain;
 Cleansing souls from ev'ry stain.

Life-imparting heav'nly manna, Stricken rock with streaming side,
 Heav'n and earth with loud hosanna Worship you, the Lamb who died,
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Ris'n, ascended, glorified! Ris'n, ascended,
 glorified!

Jesus on the Mountain Peak
st. 1—cantor

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are:

1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak Stands a - lone in

2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw Mo - ses and E -

3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came: God pro - claim - ing

4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son! Law and proph - ets

glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,

li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law

in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!

sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.

Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.

Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:

Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,

All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

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. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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N E X T S U N D A Y – First Sunday in Lent (Year B): Genesis 22:1-18; Psalm 25:1-10;
James 1:12-28; Mark 1:9-15

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE ----- Kailyn Townsend
ASSISTING MINISTER----- Robbie Moffett, Sr.
CANTOR ----- Sarah Jank
EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS----- Marilyn Beig, Marge Eastman
LECTOR----- Gloria Sorensen

*** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

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|-------------------------|----|---------------------|------|
| Worship Attendance..... | 90 | Bible Class | 42 |
| Communion | 70 | Offering..... | 5661 |
| Sunday School | 19 | Needed Weekly | 5030 |
| Staff..... | 4 | Specials | 290 |

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 0

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR----- 10:20 A.M.
VOTERS' ASSEMBLY----- 11:30 A.M.
YOUTH GROUP LUNCH/OUTING----- 11:30 A.M.
ADULT INFORMATION CLASS BEGINS----- 3:30 P.M.

TUESDAY - MOUNT OLIVE BOOK CLUB----- 7:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY - UNBIRTHDAY LUNCH CLUB----- 11:30 A.M.
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.
 HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING
 MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE
 ADULT INFORMATION CLASS----- 3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS HOUR — During the Christian Education Hour in the Fellowship Hall, Pastor Jank will continue leading us in the *Every One His Witness* workshop. Learn how to naturally and genuinely share the Gospel with your friends and neighbors and become a more effective witness of Jesus in your everyday life. Grab some coffee and join us.

SPRING ADULT INFORMATION CLASS — Begins today at 3:30 p.m.

LENTEN DINNER SIGNUP — Volunteers are needed for the Ash Wednesday dinner. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

LENT BEGINS — Lent begins Wednesday and our Ash Wednesday service will be held at 7:00 P.M. The theme for our midweek services this year is “Calling Us Home.” Each week we’ll delve into 1 Peter and learn truths that are both challenging and comforting for this journey we are on, the journey to our true home in heaven. Join us!

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

VERY MERRY UNBIRTHDAY CLUB — On Wednesday, February 14, at 11:30 a.m. we will meet in the church parking lot to carpool to China Buffet on 114th and Dodge. Please RSVP to Barb Stacy at 402-453-7049 or Bonnie White at 402-676-7334.

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.

VBS — Vacation Bible School is July 16 to July 20 this year. Did you know that at least half of the kids who participate are from the neighborhood? For some of those children, this will be the only time that they come into a church. Help them feel welcome by volunteering your time. We have several vacant positions so prayerfully consider pitching in when asked.

Praying for Our Parish in 2018

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

February 11
Nelson Kosch

February 17
Timothy Lorang