



# Welcome to Worship at Mount Olive!

Mount Olive is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and a Reconciling in Christ congregation. It is a community in and of the city where all are welcome in every aspect of congregational life. We believe that the liturgy is central to our life together, that our weekly gathering around Word and Sacrament strengthens us for our work as people of God in this and in every place.

## Following the Liturgy

- *Page*: Numbers marked “page ...” are in the front of the cranberry red hymnal in the lower outside corners of the pages.
- *HYMN*: Numbers marked “HYMN ...” are in the back of the cranberry red hymnal in the upper outside corners of the pages.
- *Psalms* are numbered as hymns 1–150.
- *Hymns numbered 901–1100*, marked “ACS HYMN ...,” are in the purple hymnal supplement, *All Creation Sings*.

## Accessibility

- An *elevator* is located at the north entry. Turn right as you exit the nave.
- A large *unisex restroom* is located on the lower level (across the hall from the elevator).
- *Primary restrooms* are located on the main floor near the elevator.
- *Additional parking* is available on Sunday mornings behind the Career Force center at the corner of Chicago Ave. and Lake St.
- *Hearing Assistance*
  - *T-coil* is provided in our nave and other large gathering areas.
  - *Small headsets* are also available. Please ask an usher if you need assistance.

## Focus on the Season: Transfiguration of Our Lord, year A

Today's festival of the Transfiguration of Jesus 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 mountain 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. Along with many others in the Church, we put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy is omitted during the penitential season of Lent until we sing it again in joy at the Easter feast.

# Transfiguration of Our Lord, year A

February 15, 2026 + 8:00 & 10:45 a.m.

## The Entrance Liturgy

PRELUDE: Partita for English Horn and Organ, op. 41, no. 1 Jan Koetsier

ENTRANCE HYMN *(standing to face the cross as it is carried into the nave)*  
“Jesus on the Mountain Peak” HYMN 317

### GREETING

¶ The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
¶ And also with you.

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE page 195  
“Glory to God”

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

¶ Let us pray. O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

¶ Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18 (seated)

Response: ¶ Thanks be to God. A brief silence follows the reading.

PSALMODY: Psalm 2

*A brief silence follows the psalm.*

(10:45) *The choir sings an antiphon at the beginning after verses 4, 8, and 12:*

You are my son; this day have I begotten you.

*Sung responsively by double verse, with the soloist/choir, using the following tone:*



SECOND READING: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Response: **C** **Thanks be to God.** *A brief silence follows the reading.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*The alleluia is sung twice.*



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse: This is my Son, my Chosen, listen to him! (Luke 9:35)

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

Response after the announcement: **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Response after the conclusion: **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please remain standing until the invocation is pronounced.*

SERMON

**Listen to Him!**

*Following the sermon, a brief silence is kept.*

HYMN OF THE DAY

*(standing)*

“Beautiful Savior”

HYMN 838

(8:00) NICENE CREED

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(10:45) RECEPTION OF MEMBERS (*Affirmation of Baptism*) pages 234-235 and 237

† Alex Brandt, Kristine and Clark Poelzer, Guy Reid, Mark and Rosanne Swanson,

Antonina Trofka and Altai, and Marcus & Karen Voth †

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(kneeling)

Response: **C** hear our prayer.

## PEACE

(standing)

*You are invited to share God's peace with those around you.*

# The Liturgy of the Eucharistic Meal

## AT THE OFFERING

(seated)

*An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need. Gifts may be placed in the offering plate or made online using the QR code on the back of this worship folder.*

(10:45) "Nimemwona Bwana"

Nimemwona Bwana, anapendeza.

Trad. Tanzanian, arr. Michael Burkhardt

*I have seen the Lord, he is beautiful.*

## OFFERTORY

"How Good, Lord, to Be Here"

HYMN 315

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 4 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 2 – All, in harmony*

*Stanza 5 – All*

*Stanza 3 – Low voices*

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Response: **C** Amen.

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda

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Eucharistic Prayer

- P** Blessed are you . . . the Lord's death until he comes.
- C** **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**
- P** Remembering, therefore . . . your holy and life-giving light.
- C** **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**
- P** Send now, we pray . . . the brilliance of Christ.
- C** **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

**P** To you, O God, . . . now and forever.

**C** **Amen**

Lord's Prayer *spoken by all*  
"Our Father in heaven..."

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## AT THE COMMUNION

(seated)

*Receive the bread, and then the wine by drinking from the first cup or dipping the bread in the second cup.  
The bread is gluten-free.*

*If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher, and the ministers will bring the meal to you.*

"Lamb of God"

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## (10:45) "Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

Eleanor Daley

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only light,

Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;

Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;

joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,

till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;

fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;

more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day. - Charles Wesley

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

HYMN 631

(8:00) *Sung by all*

(10:45) *Stanza 1 – Treble voices*

*Stanza 3 – All in harmony*

*Stanza 2 – Low voices*

*Stanza 4 – All*

*After all have communed:*

(standing)

## COMMUNION BLESSING

*Response: **C** **Amen.***

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*Response: **C** **Amen.***

# The Sending Liturgy

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## SENDING OF COMMUNION

*The Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood may be sent to those unable to be present at our celebration.*

¶ We send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that our brothers and sisters may also share in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

¶ **We who are many are one body in Christ, sharing one bread, one cup.**

## BLESSING

Response: ¶ Amen.

## (10:45) FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

*As the children prepare the Alleluia banner for its time of hiddenness in Lent, this litany from the ancient Ambrosian rite is said:*

¶ Alleluia. Enclose and seal up the word,  
¶ **alleluia.**

¶ Let it remain in the secret of your heart,  
¶ **alleluia**

¶ until the appointed time,  
¶ **alleluia.**

¶ You shall say it with great joy when that day comes.  
¶ **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## SENDING HYMN

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness”

HYMN 318

*Stanza 1 – All*

*Stanza 2 – All in harmony*

*Stanza 3 – Treble voices sing first line,  
Low voices sing second line,  
All sing third line*

*Stanza 4 – All*

## DISMISSAL

- A** Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.
- C** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE:** "Hymne au Soleil," op. 53, no. 3 **Louis Vierne**

## Louis Vierne

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Ann Bruggeman,  
in thanksgiving for Mount Olive's livestream worship.*

## *Today's Adult Forum*

“Practicing Hope, and Not Just ‘Having’ It,” a 2-part forum presented by The Rev. Cody J. Sanders, Ph.D. - These two forums will take a renewed look at hope as a practice of Christian community undomesticated from optimism, or progress narratives, or wishful thinking. We will use this conversation to begin rewilding our hopeful practice in an era of polycrisis, collapse, and despair when we need communities of hopeful practice the most.

## ***Next Week's Forum:***

## “Practicing Hope, and Not Just ‘Having’ It,” part 2.

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# WORSHIP LEADERS

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Preacher</b>	Vicar Erik Nelson
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
<b>Sacristan</b>	Adam Krueger
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Jim Bargmann
<b>Crucifer</b>	David Bryce
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Larry Duncan, Judy & Walt Hinck, Brad & Linda Holt
<b>Livestream / Audio Mix</b> (10:45) <b>Choirs</b>	Greg Murphy / Ken Schulz Mount Olive Cantorei Youth Choir, Rebekah Schulz, director Children's Choir, Mari Espeland, director
<b>English Horn</b> (10:45) <b>Percussion</b>	Wes Huisenga Paul Hill
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	<b>8:00</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Thomas Fenner, Robin Rayfield
<b>Lectors</b>	Brian Jacobs
<b>Ushers</b>	Jerry Duncan, Lisa Nordeen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Cynthia Prosek Bob Christenson & Beth Gaede
<b>Coffee Hosts</b>	Linda & Mark Pipkorn
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	<b>10:45</b>
	James E. Berka, James P. Berka
	David Bryce
	David Engen, Carol Martinson, Chuck Reyer
	Mary Crippen
	Welcome, New Members!

## WORSHIP LEADERS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

<b>Presiding Minister &amp; Preacher</b>	Pastor Joseph Crippen
<b>Organist</b>	Cantor Daniel Schwandt
<b>Sacristan</b>	Lora Dundek
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Kat Campbell Johnson
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Vicar Erik Nelson
<b>Communion Ministers</b>	Judy & Walt Hinck, Don Luther
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	<b>8:00</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Tim Sneer, TBA
<b>Lectors</b>	Dale Kruse
<b>Ushers</b>	Lynn & Rob Ruff
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Lynn Ruff      Jan Harbaugh
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	<b>10:45</b>
	Amy Thompson, Rose Thompson
	John Gidmark
	Brad & Kandi Jo Nelson, Irene Campbell
	Candy Husemoller

## OUR LIFE TOGETHER

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Keith Bartz; Dixie Berg; Jan Gallagher; Neil Hering; Mary Rose Kaliher; Leanna Kloempken; Bob Lee; Tim Lindholm; Jude Mostek; Gary Nack; Kandi Jo Nelson; Gail Nielsen; Paul Nixdorf; Connie & Rod Olson; Jerry Ostlund; Russ Pearson; Robin Rayfield; Pariann Schenk; Rodney Schrank; Mark Spitzack; David & Shirley Tabis; John Wall; Grace Wiechman; Charlotte Erasmus, friend of Nancy Anderson; Joanne and Paul Solarski, mother and uncle of Emily Bird; Sheryl Greife, friend of Sabrina Bipes; Sara Brunette, daughter-in-law of CJ Brunette; Lela Frazier, Lawrence Walker, and Anne Walker, sister and friends of Irene Campbell; Theresa Ryser, relative of Kat & Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; David Gutierrez, father of Consuelo Crosby; Joe & Brenda Patnaude, friends of Tom Graves & Ginny Agresti; Jack Pogge and Joy McDonald Coltvet, friends of Jan Harbaugh; Mark Holtzen, Tom Cedal, Chuck Dull and Brian Johnson, cousin and friends of Carolyn & George Heider; Philip Borchardt, friend of Gene Janssen; the Klapushynski family (of Ukraine), friends of Jim & Judy Johnson; Chet Seidel and Bonnie Beisell, friends of Dave & Mary Rose Kaliher; Mike Ruchie, brother of Kathy Kruger; Ann Richards, friend of Carol Martinson; Harriet Marty, step-mother of John & Connie Marty; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Stan & Darlene Nelson, parents of Brad Nelson; Sandy Bryant, Daniel Nelson, and Martha Johnson, daughter, son, and sister of Rhoda Nelson and sister, brother, and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Chris McCune-Zierath, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Linda Penas, sister of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Olive Oelfke, great-granddaughter of George & Marlys Oelfke, Jolie Melana Meshbesher and Kit Delfino, friends of Robin Rayfield; Aric Sorenson, former member of Mount Olive; Trish Ryan, mother in law of Erika Thurston Ryan; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Eileen Weiss and Jim Weiss, mother-in-law and brother-in-law of John Wall; Wendell; Lynda, friend of Eric Zander; Elijah Pettis; Steve Horsfield, friends of Mount Olive.
- **For those celebrating their baptismal anniversaries this week:** Walter Hinck, Cynthia Prosek, Robert Moen, Charles Thompson.
- **In hospice care:** Rhoda Nelson; Beth Hering; Jack Olson; Robert Rimbo, former Mount Olive vicar and ELCA bishop; Christiane Reichel, friend from Leipzig.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**  
**February 18:** *Martin Luther, renewer of the church, died 1546* - Though he began his adult church life as a simple Augustinian monk, Luther challenged the abuses he saw in the church, and his work eventually led to the Protestant Reformation. Luther's accomplishments included liturgical reform, translation of the Bible, and creation of the Small and Large Catechisms.

# THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE

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**Sunday, February 15** – Transfiguration of Our Lord, year A

**8:00 am** ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation  
**9:30 am** Adult Forum / Youth Discussion / Godly Play  
**10:45 am** ***Holy Eucharist, with Reception of New Members***, followed by coffee and conversation  
**12:30 pm** Y4 Confirmation

**Monday, February 16**

**5:30 pm** Family Music Time  
**6:30 pm** Recorder group  
**7:00 pm** Monday Night WAVE (N.A. group)

**Tuesday, February 17**

**9:00 am** Diaper Depot Staff meeting  
**Noon** Bible Study  
**5:30 pm** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, followed by Burning of Palms  
**6:30 pm** Feminine Divine group

**Wednesday, February 18** – Ash Wednesday, Martin Luther, renewer of the church

**9:00 am** Staff meeting  
**Noon** ***Ash Wednesday Eucharist***  
**5:30 pm** Children's Choir supper  
**6:00 pm** Children's Choir rehearsals  
**7:00 pm** ***Ash Wednesday Eucharist***

**Thursday, February 19**

**9:30 am** ***Morning Prayer***  
**7:00 pm** Narcotics Anonymous

**Friday, February 20**

**10:00 am** Funeral Visitation: Marilyn Gebauer  
**11:00 am** ***Funeral Eucharist***  
**7:00 pm** Recovery Group

**Sunday, February 22** – First Sunday in Lent, year A

**8:00 am** ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation  
**9:30 am** Adult Forum / Youth Discussion / Godly Play  
**10:45 am** ***Holy Eucharist***, followed by coffee and conversation  
**12:30 pm** Y1 Confirmation  
**4:00 pm** ***MFA Event: Lent Procession***

**Received into membership at the second liturgy today are:**  
Alex Brandt, Kristine & Clark Poelzer, Guy Reid, Mark and Rosanne Swanson,  
Antonina Trofka and Altai, and Marcus & Karen Voth.  
Welcome to Mount Olive!

**Ash Wednesday**  
**February 18**

**Holy Eucharist**  
**at Noon & 7:00 pm**

*All are welcome.*



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