



TRINITY 22

Sunday, October 23, 2016, 8:30 & 10:45am

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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Pastors John J. Petersen & Luke Ulrich / Principal Larry Rude

Welcome! In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshipping with us this morning. If you are a guest please fill out a **Guest Card** (found in front of you in the hymnbook rack) or sign our guest book in the entry. 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:

This Sunday of the church year encourages Christians to persevere with love toward one another. We live in a world that seeks to divide Christians from each other. However, God desires that we persevere in the face of disagreements and animosity that may arise between Christians. When we are wronged, we can simply trust that God will remain faithful to us. "He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy" (Deut 7:9). As we face difficulties in this world we can trust that He will be with us and He will deal with those who antagonize and distress us. We can leave vengeance to the Lord. What God would have the Christian do is to "Forgive his brother his trespasses" (Matt 18:35). He also enables us to partake in this fruit of the Spirit by proclaiming to us the wonderful forgiveness He has given us in Christ. With hearts that are happy to forgive those who sin against us, we can join St. Paul in thanking God for the unity and fellowship we have in the Gospel, and we demonstrate love and service to each other as we together await "the day of Christ" (Phil 1:11).

Order of Service, Rite Three (p. 88)

~Kindergarten & 1st Grade Choir:

Hymn 522 vv. 1-3 *O Faithful God, Thanks Be to Thee*

~Hymn 26 vv. 1, 4, 5 *O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine*

~Invocation and Confession of Sins (p. 88)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;

C: His mercy endures forever.

P: Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid, cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sins;

C: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of the world: We confess that we have sinned against Your divine majesty by thought, word and deed, provoking Your wrath against us. We earnestly repent and are heartily sorry for our sins. We grieve to think of them. Their burden is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, gracious Father! Forgive us our sins for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that we may serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

~Kyrie Eleison (p. 89)

C: ♪ Lord, have mercy on us. Kyrie eleison. Christ, have mercy on us. Christe eleison. Lord, have mercy on us. Kyrie eleison.

~Absolution (p. 89)

P: Lift up your hearts. The Lord God, according to His promise, is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. By the command of Christ and the authority of my holy office I forgive your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Gloria in excelsis Deo (pp. 90-92)

C: ♪ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth. Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father, we worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. 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 God the Father: receive our prayer. 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. Amen.

~Collect

P: O God, our Refuge and Strength, the Author of all godliness: Be ready, we beseech You, to hear the devout prayers of Your Church; and grant that those things which we ask in true faith, we may obtain by Your boundless mercy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

~Old Testament Lesson

Deuteronomy 7:9-11 "Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments; and He repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slack with him who hates Him; He will repay him to his face. Therefore you shall keep the commandment, the statutes, and the judgments which I command you today, to observe them."

~Gradual (pp. 92-93)

C: ♪ The Word of our God stands forever. Blessed be God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Word of our God stands forever.

~Epistle Lesson

Philippians 1:3-11 I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; just as it is right for me to think this of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as both in my chains and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, you all are partakers with me of grace. For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ. And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge

and all discernment, that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

~Alleluia (p. 93)

C: ♪ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Your Word is truth. Sanctify us in Your truth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

~Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:23-35 “Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and that payment be made. The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, ‘Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, ‘Pay me what you owe!’ So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.’ And he would not, but went and threw him into prison till he should pay the debt. So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done. Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?’ And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers until he should pay all that was due to him. So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses.”

~Apostles’ Creed (pp. 94-95)

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.

~Hymn 421 *We Are Called by One Vocation*

~Sermon Text

Matthew 18:26, 27, 32, 33 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, "Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all." Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, "You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?"

~Sermon Theme

"The Forgiven Forgive"

1. God has forgiven us an unpayable debt.
2. So we are moved to forgive others from the heart.

~Prayer of the Church (pp. 96-97)

P: Let us pray for the Church and for all people according to their need.

P: Almighty God and Father, we thank You for all Your goodness and tender mercies, especially for the gift of Your dear Son, through whom You have revealed Your grace. We pray that You would plant Your Word in our hearts that we may cling to it in faith and bear much fruit in well doing.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Strengthen and defend Your Church, that by Your Word and Sacraments faith may grow and love toward all increase. Guide and protect all who spread abroad the light of Your truth throughout the world. Bless the schools, colleges, and seminaries of the Church that they may send forth laborers to serve You in the ministry of Your Word, in the ministry of mercy, and in all godly walks of life. Let the light of Your Word shine continually in our homes. Keep the children of the Church in the grace of their Baptism, and grant that all entrusted with their care may bring them up in true faith and obedience to Your will.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You, let them shout for joy because You defend them.

P: Guide and bless all lawful authority, especially our President, the Congress, and the Governor and legislators of this state. Give them wisdom and sound judgment, that justice may prevail and wickedness be hindered and punished.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our Helper!

P: We commend to Your care all who are in trouble, want, sickness or any other adversity, especially those who are suffering for Your name and Your truth. Comfort them, O God, with Your Holy Spirit, that in all their afflictions they may acknowledge Your fatherly will and rejoice in Your gracious and speedy deliverance.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your name.

P: Let Your blessing rest on seed time and harvest, on commerce and industry, on medicine and science; sanctify the arts and culture, the rest and leisure of Your people. Protect all who travel, and care for all whose labor is difficult or dangerous. Bless all who in their daily calling endeavor to do Your will, and give them the assurance that their work is pleasing in Your sight.

C: Blessed are You, O Lord, for You have not turned away from our prayer!

(Special intercessions may be added.)

P: Protect our bodies and souls from all harm and danger; support us in our last hour with Your mercy; and finally admit us into Your eternal joy, to love and serve You in the blessed company of Your saints and angels forevermore; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever. Amen.

C: The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. The righteous cry out and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

~Apostolic Benediction (p. 97)

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

~Offering & Hymn 420 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*
(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

~Collect of Thanks (p. 105)

P: Let us give thanks and pray:

C: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given us Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

We thank You, Lord Jesus Christ, that You have borne in Your sacred body all our sins, and by Your blood have blotted out all our transgressions.

We thank You, Lord the Holy Spirit, that You have created in our hearts true faith, that we know of nothing to trust for our salvation, except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

O God, grant us Your grace, that we may perfectly believe that all our sins are forgiven for the sake of the passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, and so enlighten us by Your Holy Spirit, that in the power of our Redeemer's death, we may day by day put off sin, and never forsake the Lord Jesus Christ, until we see Him face to face in life eternal.

We ask it all in Christ's name. Amen.

~Lord's Prayer (p. 105)

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.

~Benediction (p. 106)

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.

~Hymn 522 v. 4 *Give Us Thy Spirit, Peace Afford*

Preacher: Pr. John J. Petersen/Liturgist: Pr. Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: John Baumann/2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux
Kindergarten & 1st Grade Choir director: Jessica Gunderson
Accompanist: Miranda Dittmer

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 239/184 10:45am; 202/142 Monday: 30/22

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$10,895.15

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15,760

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.

Mt. Olive Worship Services on TV:

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

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: **1st Service:** Juel Merseth (captain), Ron Bequette,
Greg Lieske, Ron Koth, Tim Merseth, Jordan Merseth

2nd Service: Dean Kluge (captain), Bill Bukowski,
Joe Madson, Jon Mueller, Jacob Mueller

Greeters: **1st Service:** Ross & Betsy Hermanson, Eldon Sting, Lois Otto

2nd Service: Bob & Ruth Heidenreich, Dan & Joanne Maas

Offering Counters: Ron Younge, Jeff Younge

Altar Guild: Carol Leiferman, Ellie Fisher

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *October 23, 2016 – October 30, 2016*

Sunday October 23	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 3-6PM 7:30PM	Kindergarten & 1st Grade Sing Divine Service Open Forum/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service “Operation Gratitude” in the gym Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday October 24	10AM 6:30PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Veterans’ Bible Study Divine Service Evangelism Committee Board of Parish Ed & Youth
Tuesday October 25	8AM 6PM	Women’s Bible Study – <i>Book of Genesis</i> Building Committee Meeting
Wednesday October 26	8-10AM 8:05AM 9AM 11:15AM 3:45PM & 4PM 7PM	M.O.M.’s Bible Study CDS Chapel Service Bible Study – <i>Colossians</i> CDS Early Dismissal Confirmation Choir
Thursday October 27	10AM	No School – Teachers’ Conference Reformation Lectures at BLC
Friday October 28	10AM	No School – Teachers’ Conference Reformation Lectures at BLC
Saturday October 29		
Sunday October 30 Reformation/ New Member Sunday	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 3:30-8PM 7:30PM	Children’s Choir Sings/4th Grade Bake Sale Divine Service w/New Member Reception New Member Reception/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service Sr. Youth Hayride and Bonfire Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers on the altar today are given to God’s glory by Carl Bloedel and family in memory of Ardelle Bloedel.

The Children's Choir (students in grades 2-4) will be singing at the beginning of BOTH services (8:30 & 10:45) on Sunday, **October 30**. Please meet in Mrs. Sehloff's classroom (Room 104) ten minutes prior to each service (8:20 & 10:35).

Bake Sale: The students in fourth grade (and their parents!) will be hosting a Bake Sale on Sunday, **October 30**. A variety of homemade goodies will be available for a freewill donation. All money raised will go towards their upcoming overnight zoo trip (April 2017).

Our Wednesday Morning Bible Class is now studying St. Paul's epistle to the Colossians. Our class is very informal and conversational, and lasts about one hour. All are welcome!

Operation Gratitude Candy Drive by Students at Bethany: **TODAY, October 23** from 3-6PM in the gym, there will be a Halloween Candy Drive for Operation Gratitude. Operation Gratitude annually sends 200,000+ care packages filled with food, entertainment, hygiene and handmade items, plus personal letters of appreciation to Veterans, First Responders, New Recruits, Wounded Heroes, their Care Givers, and to individually named U.S. service members deployed overseas and their families waiting at home. This is an opportunity to make a candy or monetary donation or also write a letter or greeting card to someone who is serving our country.

Fall Informational Meeting: The congregation is invited to attend the fall Informational Meeting held in between services **TODAY**. There will be updates from a number of areas within the congregation including an update from the Building Committee. If you have any suggestions for topics or anything to pass along to a Board, please send them to David Norris at dtnorris@gmail.com or call him at [507-720-5161](tel:507-720-5161).

Attention Sr. Youth! On Sunday, **October 30th** the Sr. Youth are invited to a hayride on the Olsen farm near Nicollet. We will caravan from Mt. Olive at 3:30PM, and should be back around 7:30-8PM. Food & beverages provided. Bring a friend along. Cost is \$10 per person. If you have any questions call Chaplain Don Moldstad, 387-5456.

Messiah at Mt. Olive: For All Saints' Day on 11/6/16 the Senior Choir will be singing "Worthy is the Lamb" from Handel's *Messiah*. If you have sung this piece before with a choir and would like to sing with the choir for this special service, please contact Sarah Leyrer at scleyrer@gmail.com or 414-241-9115.

Be a treasure hunter at our Scholastic Bookaneer Book Fair! Hunt for treasure among all of the great books at our Scholastic Book Fair beginning on Wed., Nov. 2 and running through Sun., Nov. 6. Students will have an opportunity to preview the fair and fill out their wish lists on Tues., Nov. 1. It will also be open special hours for Grandparents Day on Wednesday, Nov. 2.

Hours are:

Wed., Nov. 2: 7:45-1:30

Thurs., Nov. 3: 2:35-8:00 p.m.

Fri., Nov. 4: 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Sun., Nov. 6: 9:30a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Please come and support our book fair. All profits are used to purchase more books for our school library. Our goal is to reach \$2,400 in sales, which would allow us to receive \$600 in cash.

Basketball Coaches Needed: Mt. Olive Lutheran School is in need of basketball coaches for the Girls B and A teams. Practices will be on Mondays and Thursdays, starting November 7. Practice times are between 2:30 and 5:30PM depending on the coaches' availability. We are also in need of a 5th & 6th grade basketball coach for our boys B team. Practices are on Tuesdays and Fridays from 2:30 to 4. If interested please contact Craig Zibrowski by email: mrz@mtolivelutheran.org

Coffee & Donut Volunteers: We are looking for more volunteers who are willing to make coffee before our services and pick up donuts/treats and bring them for our Bible Study time. If you would like to volunteer in this way please go to the Mount Olive website and click on the link at the bottom of the page titled "Coffee Servers Sign Up". If you have any questions, please contact Sam Barbosa. Email: sambarbosa3@gmail.com or call: (507) 382- 4928. We also extend our thanks to the Barbosas and to the Waltzes for providing coffee and treats in the past years!

Great Goody Grab at Edgewood Place (of Bethany Lutheran College): Bring your kids on Saturday, **October 29** from 5-7pm for trick-or-treating and games in a safe and warm environment. Vote on who has the best decorations and purchase items from the bake sale, our fund raiser for exercise equipment for the women of Edgewood Place!

Guest Speaker: Mt. Olive will be hosting a guest speaker, Paul Bernabei, on Wednesday, **November 16th!** Paul Bernabei is the co-author of Top 20 Teens, Top 20

Parents, and Top 20 Teachers. He directs Top 20 seminars all over the United States. The Mt. Olive teachers heard him last fall at their annual teachers' conference, and we are thrilled that we are getting him here at Mt. Olive! Put the date on your calendars and please join us! Schedule of activities include: 5:00-6:00 Walking Tacos supper served by Fourth Grade students and families; 6:00-6:30 large group PTF meeting; 6:30-7:30 presentation by Paul Bernabei. Don't worry about childcare; bring the kids along! Childcare will be provided! Paul Bernabei will also be presenting to the Mt. Olive students during the school day and the teachers after school.

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church Youth Groups. The groups currently receive 5% of the profits. Cards are sold between services on **Communion** Sundays year round. Contact Angie Younge: 389-9137 or Rebecca Strom: 386-0372 with questions.

Mt. Olive School Scrip program offers gift cards for purchase for a wide variety of retailers. A percentage of gift card purchases go towards Mt. Olive Tuition. Visit www.shopwithscrip.com to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris scrip@mtolivelutheran.org or Tiffany Riesgraf triesgraf@yahoo.com.

Bethany Lutheran College

The Building that Launched the Reformation: St. Peter's Basilica in Rome was constructed primarily during the 16th century, funded by the sale of indulgences, which agitated a young Martin Luther to write his 95 Theses. Prof. Bill Bukowski will give a presentation on this beautiful church at Bethany College's Meyer Hall, room 101 on Monday, Oct. 24th at 7PM. Everyone is welcome. Part of the In Depth series.

Open Position Extended—Nursing Faculty at BLC: We have re-opened the nursing faculty position. Information is available in the church office. Application review will begin November 1, 2016, and continue until the position is filled.

Fine Arts Events:

Thursday, October 27 at 4:30 p.m. - A **Reformation Vespers** choral service featuring the Bethany Concert Choir will be held in Trinity Chapel.

Sunday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m. - The Bethany **Jazz Band** performs a concert in Trinity Chapel led by director Adrian Lo.

Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the YFAC Gallery- **Art Lecture and Reception**, Art-i-facts, with cast metal sculptor Kelly Ludeking. On display through November 23.

Christmas at Bethany tickets will be available starting Nov. 1 at blc.edu or by calling the Fine Arts office at 344-7365. Concerts are daily at 4:00 pm in Trinity Chapel from Wed., Nov. 30 through Sun., Dec. 4. Tickets are free with a free will offering collected during the concert.

Bethany's fall play is *Icehouse* by Peter Bloedel. Performance dates are Fri. and Sat. November 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 7:30 p.m., matinee on Sun., November 13 at 2:00 p.m. Starting October 31 you may order tickets at theatre.blc.edu or call the box office on weekdays between 1-5 p.m., 344-7374. \$10 for all ages.

Community Events/Happenings

Clinic Receptionists (Part-Time), Mankato, MN Christian Family Solutions is recruiting Receptionist candidates to fill immediate openings at our Mankato counseling clinic at 421 E. Hickory St., Ste. 402. Two positions exist: Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-1:00 pm and Monday-Friday, 1:00 pm-6:00 pm. Interested candidates should visit the Employment page at www.ChristianFamilySolutions.org to apply, or e-mail resume to choelz@wlcfs.org.

<https://appointment.christianfamilysolutions.org/employment-opportunities>

Martin Luther College Forum proudly presents *The Sound of Music*. *The Sound of Music* will be performed in MLC's auditorium November 4th at 7:30 p.m., November 5th at 7:30 p.m., and November 6th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets go on sale October 10th. Order tickets online at <https://mlc-wels.edu/forum/> or call the box office at (507) 233-9114 for more information.

Kingdom Workers Minnesota Valley Regional Mission Team: Plan to attend a gathering at Martin Luther College following the Reformation Service at the Chapel of the Christ on Sunday, which is at 3PM on Oct. 30. We will meet in the lower level of the chapel and learn of recent mission efforts in our area. Following the reports and updates, you may join us for a complimentary supper in the college cafeteria. A free will offering will be collected to support ongoing mission work by our mission team.