



REFORMATION/NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

Sunday, October 30, 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:

The Festival of Reformation is celebrated to commemorate Luther's nailing the 95 Theses to the church door in Wittenberg on October 31st, 1517. This event is considered to be the start of the Reformation. As we celebrate the Festival of the Reformation we are directing our glorifying and praise to God. We are not glorifying Luther or the Lutheran Church or any branch of the Lutheran Church. Our purpose is to thank and praise God for directing His people back to the clear teachings of His Word, which proclaims His free grace handed to us through the work of Christ alone. The V.D.M.A. around the cross above stands for "Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum"--a Latin phrase commonly used by the early Lutherans, meaning "The Word of the Lord Stands Forever." This theme emphasized the Lutheran's trust and reliance upon the Word of God.

~Children's Choir: "Only By Grace" – Karen Maio

*It's only by grace that I believe and only through faith that I receive
From God above a gift of His love so that I can be saved by grace.*

*Chorus: Only by grace pure and free, God's Son has died for me.
Now heaven's my home to be, And it's only by grace.*

*It's only by grace I'm set apart and only through faith within my heart
I'll follow Your ways and sing You my praise out of thanks for Your gift of grace.*

Chorus

*It's only by grace that I'm forgiven and only through faith will I see heav'n.
It's where I will be for eternity 'cause I know I am saved by grace!*

Chorus

*I deserved death, but Jesus took my place.
Now I have eternal life, and it's only by grace!*

~Hymn 226 By Grace I'm Saved

(Children vv. 1, 2; Congregation vv. 3, 4, 9, 10)

~Confession of Sin (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 (pp. 109-110)

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. 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!

~Psalmody, Hymn 250 vv. 1, 2; Hymn 251 vv. 3, 4 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

~Old Testament Lesson

Habakkuk 2:1-4 I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected. Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time; but at the end it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry. Behold the proud, his soul is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith."

~Hymn 33 v. 1 *We Now Implore God the Holy Ghost*

~Epistle Lesson

Galatians 1:1-12 Paul, an apostle (not from men nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father who raised Him from the dead), and all the brethren who are with me, To the churches of Galatia: Grace to you and peace from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for our sins, that He might deliver us from this present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, which is not another; but there are some who trouble you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ. But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I

neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.

~**Reception of New Members** (*1st service only*)

~**Baptism of Dean Lee Wiechmann** (*2nd service only*)

~**Apostles' Creed** (*1st service only*)

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 549** *O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word*

~**Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

Luke 18:9-14 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

~**Sermon Theme**

"Going Home Justified Before God"

~Offering

~Prayers

~Hymn 430 vv. 7-9 *Who Hopes in God and Trusts in Him*

~Kyrie (pp. 116-117)

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

~Lord's Prayer (p. 117)

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.

~Collect (pp. 118-119, form II)

P: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank You, that of Your boundless grace, for the sake of Your Son, You have given us the Holy Gospel, and have instituted the Holy Sacraments, that through them we may have comfort and forgiveness of sin; we beseech You, grant us Your Holy Spirit, that we may believe Your Word; and through the holy Sacraments day by day establish our faith, until we at last obtain salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benedicamus (p. 119)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~Benediction (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.

~Hymn 589 *Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Thy Word*

Preacher: Pr. Luke Ulrich/Liturgist: Pr. John J. Petersen
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson/2nd: John Baumann
Children's Choir director/Guitar: Kari Sehloff
Accompanist: Miranda Dittmer

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 366 10:45am; 188 Monday: 20

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$13,689.73

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 30, 2016 - November 6, 2016*

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 Welcome/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service Sr. Youth Hayride and Bonfire Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday October 31	6:30PM	Divine Service
Tuesday November 1	8AM 6:30PM	Women's Bible Study - <i>Book of Genesis</i> Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday November 2	7:45AM-1:30PM 8AM-1PM 8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM & 4PM 7PM	Scholastic Book Fair Begins (<i>in library</i>) Grandparents' Day CDS Chapel Service Bible Study - <i>Colossians</i> Confirmation Choir
Thursday November 3	2:35-8PM 3-8PM 6:30PM	Picture Re-take Day Scholastic Book Fair Open Parent/Teacher Conferences Encourage One Another Seminar
Friday November 4	10:45AM-12PM 7PM	No School - Parent/Teacher Conferences Scholastic Book Fair Open MVL Fall Play
Saturday November 5	9:45AM-3:15PM 2PM & 7PM	Mt. Olive Volunteers at New2You MVL Fall Play
Sunday November 6 All Saints Day	8:30AM 9:30AM-12:15PM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Scholastic Book Fair Open Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Hal & Marsha Natvig.

Baptized Today: Dean Lee Wiechmann, infant son of Dan & Tristan Wiechmann, was born on October 10, 2016 at Mayo Health Systems, Mankato. His sponsors are Matt Wiechmann and Mike Wiechmann. We rejoice that through this washing of regeneration this child is received into God's Kingdom of Grace. May he ever grow and be blessed therein.

M.O.M.'s Bible Study will not meet this week (Nov. 2) due to Grandparents' Day. We will resume the following week (Nov. 9).

The Children's Choir (students in grades 2-4) will be singing at the beginning of BOTH services **TODAY**. 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 **TODAY**. 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).

Attention Sr. Youth! **TODAY**, 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 \$5 per person. If you have any questions call Chaplain Don Moldstad, 387-5456.

Hope Lutheran Church of Farmington, Minnesota, is dedicating their new church building today during a special 10AM service. We thank God for the opportunity to be involved with this mission through our ELS and ask the Lord to bless the congregation and their pastor, Rev. Dan Oberer.

Blood Drive: Mt. Olive will be hosting a blood drive on **Friday, November 25 from 10AM – 3PM**. If you would like to schedule an appointment to donate, please call **1-800-733-2767** OR you can visit their website: www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code *MTOLIVEKATO*. 1 pint of blood can save 3 lives!

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

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.

Third In The Series! Encourage One Another, Mt. Olive's support group for persons with depression, is holding a series of workshops on mental health issues during October and November. The next seminar will be held on Thursday evening, November 3, beginning at 6:30PM. The series is entitled, "I Don't Know What to Say!" and is designed especially for people who do NOT have mental health problems, but know someone who does. Everyone is encouraged to attend. This week's program will be "How Depression Affects the Family," by Dr. Joshua Mears. Dr. Mears works with WLCFS Family Solutions in Lakeville, and Christian Family Counseling in Mankato. He specializes in child and adolescent behavioral disorders and family conflict. The session will be approximately 1 hour in length, with time for discussion and questions to follow. Coffee and snacks provided. Babysitting provided. (Call ahead if you will be bringing an infant, so extra staffing can be on hand.)

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!

Mount Olive's Community Thanksgiving Dinner: Overflowing with gratitude for all the Lord has done for you?! Join Mt. Olive's Evangelism Committee to help host our **5th Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**, serving both members of area churches and the unchurched in the community who may not have family around with which to celebrate. Here are several ways YOU can help:

- If you would like to attend, please sign-up in the church office, or call Mt. Olive's office at 345- 4966 by Sunday, Nov. 20. Consider volunteering with set-up, serving, or clean-up.
- If you cannot join us, consider volunteering to prepare food in advance. A list of needed items is located in Mt. Olive's narthex, or ask by calling Mt. Olive at 345-4966.
- Let your friends and neighbors know about this opportunity!

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10

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.

From the Building Committee: Representatives of the Mt. Olive Building Committee reported on progress to date at the Information Meeting held between services on Sunday, October 23. Chairman Bill Bohning briefly outlined the steps involved in the selection of the architectural firm of ISG. He reported that architects and engineers from ISG had toured Mt. Olive with Juel Merseth and Greg Lieske on October 10 and were currently working on the schedule for the “pre-design” phase of the project which will result in the creation of renderings of conceptual plans and estimated costs. Members of the Building Committee also presented additional information regarding finances currently approved from the Mueller estate and fundraising plans for future cottage meetings with members of the congregation. News and updates of committee progress are available to the congregation via Sunday bulletins, monthly Olive Press articles, and the Mt. Olive website which will archive all announcements and updates.

On Tuesday, October 25 the Building Committee met with project manager Justin Steffl, lead architect Bryan Paulsen, and interior designer Staci Flemming from ISG. The team from ISG sought further information regarding the needs included in the Mt. Olive proposed project and the prioritization of those needs. ISG requested meetings during the week of October 30 with representatives from Mt. Olive in a “user study” to gain as much input and information as possible as they begin the task of creating potential designs to best address the congregation’s needs.

Please continue to watch the website, Sunday bulletins and Olive Press for future updates.

Bethany Lutheran College

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.

The Mankato chapter of the Bethany Auxiliary will meet on Tuesday, **November 8** at 7PM in Trinity Chapel on the Bethany campus. The featured program for the evening will be "Teaching Music Composition" with Professor Tim Tollefson. Prof. Tollefson will discuss the advantages of teaching traditional music theory through the creative act of music composition. We will also have the opportunity to sing some examples of student-composed hymns. Following the program the members of the auxiliary will hold their regular business meeting.

Fine Arts Events:

TODAY, 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

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 TODAY at 3PM. 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.