



SECOND TO LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Sunday, November 13, 2016, 8:30 & 10:45am

Mount Olive Lutheran Church & School, ELS

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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:

"Behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven!" (Dan 7:9-14). The Lord Jesus will return in glory on the Last Day with all His holy angels. "All the nations will be gathered before Him . . . And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left" (Matt 25:31-46). Those on His left will be cast into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For they rejected Christ by failing to receive and support His brethren, that is, the preachers of the Gospel. But those on His right will inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world. For they received and supported His brethren and believed what they preached. We believe in the promise of Christ's coming, even it is delayed because of His longsuffering mercy. Conducting ourselves in godliness, knowing that this fallen creation will soon pass away, we look forward to "new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells" (2 Peter 3:3-14).

~Sunday School Choir: Hymn 160 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(Choir, vv. 1-4; Cong, vv. 5-8)

~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!

came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.”

~Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46 “When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate them one from another, as a shepherd divides his sheep from the goats. And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ Then the righteous will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You drink? When did we see You a stranger and take You in, or naked and clothe You? Or when did we see You sick, or in prison, and come to You?’ And the King will answer and say to them, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’ Then He will also say to those on the left hand, ‘Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels: for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me.’ Then they also will answer Him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?’ Then He will answer them, saying, ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.’ And these will go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

~Apostles’ Creed

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 537 vv. 1-3 *Day of Wrath*

~Sermon Text

Hebrews 4:9-16 There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

~Sermon Theme

“Will You Fear or Cheer on Judgment Day?”

~Offering & Hymn 538 vv. 5-7 *O Jesus, Who My Debt Didst Pay*

~Prayers

~Hymn 100 vv. 1, 2, 4, 5 *The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us*

~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** (p. 118, form I)

P: Let us pray: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, having safely brought us to the beginning of this day, defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doing, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, 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 534 vv. 1, 2, 9, 11** *The World Is Very Evil*

Preacher: Pr. Luke Ulrich/Liturgist: Pr. John J. Petersen

Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson/2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

Sunday School Choir director: Katie Sulzle/Accompanist: Lexi Fosburgh

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 326/244 10:45am; 131/111 Monday: 20/16

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$15,932.49

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:** Arden Olson (captain), Eldon Sting,
Mark Graham, Greg Costello

2nd Service: Don Lehne (captain), Mark Johnson, Aaron Heyn,
John Weber, Matthias Leyrer

Greeters: **1st Service:** Ernie & Marge Lillo, Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

2nd Service: Mike & Anita Smith, Connie Long, Peggy Harstad

Offering Counters: Dan Gerdts, Joe Meyer

Altar Guild: Carol Petersen, Sherri Bukowski

WEEK AT A GLANCE: November 13, 2016 – November 20, 2016

<p>Sunday November 13 Second to Last Sunday of the Church Year</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 2PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Sunday School Choir Sings Divine Service Special Presentation/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service BLC Fall Play, "Icehouse" Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>
<p>Monday November 14</p>	<p>9:30AM 10AM 5:30PM 6:30PM 6:30PM</p>	<p>Area Pastors' Conference Veterans' Bible Study Board of Stewardship Divine Service Church Council Meeting</p>
<p>Tuesday November 15</p>	<p>8AM 8AM-5PM 6:30PM</p>	<p>Women's Bible Study – <i>Book of Genesis</i> Trip to MIA for Luther Exhibit Jesus Cares Ministry</p>
<p>Wednesday November 16</p>	<p>8-10AM 8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM & 4PM 6PM 7PM</p>	<p>M.O.M.'s Bible Study CDS Chapel Service Bible Study – <i>Colossians</i> 7th & 8th Grade Confirmation Guest Speaker, Paul Bernabei/PTF Large Group Meeting Choir</p>
<p>Thursday November 17</p>	<p>7PM</p>	<p>CDS Band Concert at Mt. Olive</p>
<p>Friday November 18</p>	<p>6:30-8:30PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>Jr. Youth Group BLC Fall Play, "Icehouse"</p>
<p>Saturday November 19</p>	<p>7:30PM</p>	<p>BLC Fall Play, "Icehouse"</p>
<p>Sunday November 20 Last Sunday of the Church Year</p>	<p>8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM</p>	<p>MOM's Bake Sale Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball</p>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers on the altar today are given to God's glory by Hal & Marsha Natvig in honor of Chris & Ruth Faye's birthdays.

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!

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.

Holiday Pie Bake Sale, November 20! The Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible study group will be having a bake sale next Sunday, **November 20**. Fresh baked, homemade pies will be for sale just in time for your Thanksgiving celebrations. Cherry, pumpkin, pecan, and apple will be available for a free will donation. All monies collected will go towards our childcare expenses for our Spring 2017 Session.

After School Care Request: ASC is in need of Christmas wrap, bows and other green and red ribbon for projects coming up in December. Also, if you have the game, Dominoes that you no longer use, the kids in ASC would love it! Donations can be left in the Youth room.

Extra Halloween Candy: Are you sick of Halloween candy yet? The PTF (Parents/Teachers/Friends organization) would like to take it off your hands. Please feel free to drop it off in the office or the teacher's work area clearly marked for the PTF. We will be using it for the Christmas bags again this year. Thank you!

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

Holiday Lights Display in Sibley Park: Mt. Olive is once again participating in Sibley Park's Holiday Lights display for this Christmas season. Our church will have a decorated tree on display at the park, and we need volunteers to work during the open hours of the light display on Thursday, **December 15** from 4:40-9PM. Please sign up on the narthex table if you can help out in this way.

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.

New 2 You: Please continue to support New 2 You by volunteering, making donations, shopping our store, or praying for continued blessings on their efforts. If you would like to become a volunteer please call New2You at 507-385-1455. *~Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.*

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

Out of Atheism & Agnosticism Monday, Nov. 14 at 7PM at Bethany College, Meyer Hall room 101, there will be a panel discussion by three former atheists / agnostics who are now Christians. Come and hear about their former way of thinking and their transition to Lutheranism. Everyone is invited to attend. Part of the In Depth series.

Fine Arts Events:

Bethany's fall play is ***Icehouse*** by Peter Bloedel. Performance dates are Fri. and Sat. November 18 and 19 at 7:30PM. Order tickets at theatre.blc.edu or call the box office on weekdays between 1-5PM, 344-7374. \$10 for all ages.

Tuesday, Nov. 15 at 7:00PM in Trinity Chapel - The **Bethany String Band**, directed by Prof. Adrian Lo, presents a fall concert of music for strings and guest instrumentalists. Free.

Tuesday, Nov. 22 at 7:00PM in Trinity Chapel - The Bethany Music Department presents the **Fall Semester Honors Recital**. Students enrolled in private music lessons audition for the privilege of performing in this recital. There will be selections for voice, keyboard, and instruments. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Christmas at Bethany tickets are available at blc.edu for 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, with the Concert Band playing pre-concert music starting at 3:45 pm. Tickets are free with a free will offering collected during the concert.

The ELS Ottesen Museum invites you to its 6th annual Christmas Open House on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, from 2:30 to 5:30. This year's theme is "A Norwegian-American Pioneer Christmas". Learn about how the first Norwegian settlers celebrated Christmas. Music, decorations, and food will take you back to the middle years of the 19th century. Hear from the settlers in their own words about their experiences. You can also make an authentic Norwegian Christmas ornament to take home with you. The Ottesen Museum is located at 4 Browns Ct. in Mankato, just next to the Synod offices.

Dear friends at Mt. Olive Lutheran,

It is with gratitude and thanks that I am writing. This year has been full of surprises to my health and I would like to summarize my progress.

I am gradually improving in my strength and overall stamina from my earlier two surgeries, but still quite limited in my daily activities and routines. Even though I am now experiencing some "good" days, I do tire easily. Included in my physical therapy schedule is taking a daily walk which has been most delightful during these gorgeous autumn days.

These past weeks have proven to be quite "trying". However, in my reflection, it is incredible how our Lord weaves into account His great blessings through the challenges in our life. We indeed have an awesome God, in whom we can confidently trust. He graciously fulfills His promises "that in all things He works for the good of those who love Him..."

I also wish to extend a sincere appreciation for the numerous cards and prayers that have been sent. I am truly blessed by the continued support from all of you.

Blessings to all.

Sincerely,

Larry Rude