



NEW YEAR'S DAY

Monday, January 2, 2017, 6:30pm

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:

Lord God, heavenly Father, though You have created us for a life of eternity, we confess that by our sins we have transformed the space of time into a prelude for death. Forgive us the sins of the past, and breathe into us the Spirit of Your Son that we may serve You in this New Year. On this first day of a new year, pour into our hearts the rich measure of your grace, that we may fill the moments of the new year with enduring qualities of eternity. On this day You placed Your Son under the Law to fulfill all righteousness for us: make us Your obedient children. On this day our Lord was given His name according to your Word; may we also be known by His name. In Him we find courage to begin again. He is our Beginning and our End, our Alpha and our Omega. In Him is our hope. In Him this year and all things are made new because we are forgiven. For His sake help us to live for You and our fellowman. Amen

Order of Service: Rite Two with Holy Communion (p. 60)*

~Hymn 159 vv. 1, 2, 5 To the Name of Our Salvation

~Invocation (p. 60)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C: ♪ Amen.**

~Confession of Sin (pp. 60-61, form I)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

C: ♪ Who made heav'n and earth.

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: ♪ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C: I do.

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

C: I do.

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy

Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with You!

C: Amen

~**Introit**

P: I know the thoughts I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. Lord, You have been favorable to Your land; You have brought back the captivity of Jacob.

~**Gloria Patri** (p. 62)

C: ♪ 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.

~**Kyrie Eleison** (p. 63), form I

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

~**Salutation** (p. 66)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

~**Collect** (p. 66)

P: Let us pray: O merciful and eternal God, heavenly Father, You caused Your Son to endure circumcision and to be made subject to the law that we might be redeemed from the curse of the law: We beseech You, grant us grace to become partakers of this redemption and thus obtain eternal salvation; through the same, Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Joshua 24:14-18 "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD! And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that *were* on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." So the people answered

and said: "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for the LORD our God *is* He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, who did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way that we went and among all the people through whom we passed. And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, including the Amorites who dwelt in the land. We also will serve the LORD, for He *is* our God."

~Gospel Lesson

Luke 2:21 And when eight days were completed for the circumcision of the Child, His name was called JESUS, the name given by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

~Nicene Creed (p. 47)

P: Let us confess our holy faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

C: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary and was made man and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, Who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe one holy Christian and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the Resurrection of the dead and the Life of the world to come. ♪ Amen.

~Hymn 4 *In Jesus' Name*

~Sermon Text

Acts 4:8-12 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders of Israel: If we this day are judged for a good deed *done* to a helpless man, by what means he has been made well, let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved."

~Sermon Theme

"The Name to Trust in the New Year"

- 1. Jesus: The Name Hated by Some**
- 2. Jesus: The Name Chosen by God**
- 3. Jesus: The Only Name that Can Save Us**

~Offertory Verse (pp. 70-71)

**C: ♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit.
Amen.**

~Lord's Prayer (pp. 77-78)

P: 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.

**C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory forever and ever.
Amen.**

** **Holy Communion:** This evening the confirmed, communicant members of our fellowship come to receive the true body and blood of Christ in the Holy Supper. Here Christ gives us this treasure for the remission of our sins. As we commune together we also outwardly demonstrate the unity of faith which we confess. If you are a guest and wish to commune with us, please speak to our pastor prior to the service. Thank you.*

~Words of Institution (pp. 78-79)

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which He was betrayed, took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to His disciples saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me." In the same way also He took the cup after supper, gave thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink of it all of you; this cup is the New Testament in My blood, which is shed for you and for many, for the remission of sins. This do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

~Pax Domini (p. 79)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C:** ♪ **Amen.**

~Agnus Dei (pp. 79-80)

C: ♪ **O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. O Christ, the Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world, grant us Your peace. Amen.**

~Distribution

~Collect of Thanksgiving (pp. 82-83, form I)

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good.
C: ♪ **And His mercy endures forever.**

P: Let us pray: We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through these salutary gifts, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through them in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; 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.

~**Salutation** (p. 84)

P: The Lord be with you. **C: ♪ And with your spirit.**

~**Benedicamus** (p. 84)

P: Let us bless the Lord. **C: ♪ Thanks be to God.**

~**Benediction** (pp. 84-85)

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.

~**Closing Hymn 148 vv. 7, 8 *He Serves That I A Lord May Be***

Preacher: Pr. John J. Petersen
Organist: Elisabeth Urtel

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 10:00am 229/143

Christmas Eve: 4:30pm 387 / Christmas Eve: 7:00pm 188

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$31,855.65

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

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

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: Jeff Younge (captain), Aaron Younge, Joseph Roemhildt,
Tim Roemhildt, Dustin Basel

2nd Service: Mark Madson (capt.), Kirk Hankins,
Andy Overn, Ian Overn, Chad Feistner

Greeters: 1st Service: Dan & Kathy Bruss, Keith Anderson, Eldon Sting

2nd Service: Dave & Katie Sulzle, Dan & Joanne Maas

Altar Guild: Connie Gullixson, Connie Meyer

Offering Counters: Steve Lussky, Jon Pfeffer

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *January 1, 2017 – January 8, 2017*

Sunday January 1	8:30AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday January 2	6:30PM 6:30PM 6:45PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Board of Education Board of Deacons
Tuesday January 3	8AM 5:30PM 6:30PM	School Resumes Women's Bible Study – <i>Book of Genesis</i> Planned Giving Committee Meeting Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday January 4	8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM 4PM 7PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study 8 th Grade Confirmation Class 7 th Grade Confirmation Class Choir
Thursday January 5	6PM	Building Committee Meeting
Friday January 6	10:15AM	Pathstone Service
Saturday January 7	9:45AM-3:15PM	Mt. Olive Volunteers @ New2You
Sunday January 8	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 12PM-5PM 7:30PM	Children's Choir Sings Divine Service Sunday School/Bible Class/BIC Divine Service Social Hall Reserved Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS



2017 Flower Calendar: The 2017 Flower Calendar for the church year is now up in the entry way next to the bulletin board. Thank you for signing up to bring flowers to beautify our altar this coming year!

Poinsettias: If you haven't yet paid for your poinsettia plant, please do so ASAP in the church office. The cost is \$9.50.

Bethany Lutheran College is seeking your help in identifying individuals who may be able to serve as faculty members in our new Nursing program. Bethany will welcome the first cohort into our new BSN program in the fall of 2017. To make that happen we need to hire qualified nursing faculty. More information can be found on the Bethany website: www.blc.edu. We are looking for nurses within the ELS or WELS who have at least a Master's degree in nursing. Bethany Lutheran College is committed to the teachings of the Bible as expressed in the Lutheran Confessions. As such, we look for individuals who fully embrace our beliefs. Teaching experience is desired but not required. Three years of clinical experience is required. Any names or ideas can be sent to the attention of Dr. Eric Woller: eric.woller@blc.edu

2017 Offering Envelopes: Your 2017 offering envelopes are available for pickup on the tables in the entry way. Let the office know if you can't find yours.

Church Directory: Please check the Church Membership Directory in the entry way for correct address, phone number, and email information. Mark any changes and double check with any extended family members or older children who now live away from home.

Red Cross Blood Drive: The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Mt. Olive is scheduled for Friday, January 28, 2017 from 1 - 6pm. If you would like to make an appointment, please call [1 800 733 2767](tel:18007332767) OR visit their website www.redcrossblood.org.

Kiwanis Holiday Lights: On behalf of Kiwanis Holiday Lights, thank you once again for your help with another successful holiday season! Kiwanis Holiday Lights is making a difference each year because of all of the fantastic volunteers willing to participate.

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 Jesus Cares Group would like to thank everyone who came to their Christmas program on Tuesday, Dec. 20th. The offering taken of \$100 will be sent to aid the Jesus Cares Ministry in Malawi - Africa.

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.

The Minnesota Valley Chorale is holding auditions for new members on Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 6 pm at Ylvisaker Hall on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato, Minnesota. The Minnesota Valley Chorale is always looking for great people, from all walks of life, with good voices to share their talents and join the group.

Charger Classic Grade School Tournament will be held January 14 at Bethany College. The first round of games begins at 8:30. The Girls A teams will be playing in the morning with the Boys A teams beginning play at 1:30. Please check the school's website for updated information concerning the tournament. Brackets and volunteering opportunities will be posted on the Athletic page of the web site. For more information contact Mr. Zibrowski at mrz@mtolivelutheran.org

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Be Our Guest! Come and watch our MVL Boys' Basketball teams take on the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds on Tuesday, **January 10** for the Mt. Olive Congregational night. The Junior Varsity game starts at 6PM followed immediately by the Varsity game at 7PM. Pick up the complimentary tickets in your church office. We are thankful for the support and prayers your congregation shows for MVL and the opportunity to work with your students.

Community Events/Happenings

Africa Calling: The Central Africa Medical Mission is accepting applications for Nurse-in-Charge for the Lutheran Mobile Clinic (Malawi) for a 3 year term of service. The nurse-in-charge must be an RN with clinic or hospital experience. The nurse-in-charge supervises clinic staff and maintains all clinic functions. Preferred applicants are single females due to living arrangements. The term of service will begin in November 2017. Because employment permits for Malawi take almost a year to process, candidates will be selected in early 2017. All applicants must be in good standing within WELS or ELS membership. An application may be obtained by contacting Beth Evans (evans.bc57@yahoo.com) or Linda Liesener (camcontact@charter.net)

Did the September flooding damage your home property or business? If so, you may register with FEMA at DisasterAssistance.gov or call 800-621-3362. See the bulletin board for more details.

We All Need A Plan For Our Money. *Financial Peace University* (FPU) is that plan! It teaches God's ways of handling money. Through video teaching, class discussions and interactive small group activities, FPU presents biblical, practical steps to get from where you are to where you've dreamed you could be. This plan will show you how to get rid of debt, manage your money, spend and save wisely, and much more!
Cost: \$103 (Normally \$210) per family includes lifetime membership in FPU.
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