



Grow in Grace

Mount Olive Lutheran School
2 Peter 3: 18 - But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



EPIPHANY 3 / MVL SUNDAY

Sunday, January 22, 2017, 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 Gospel of Christ is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Gentile. (Rom 1:8-17) Even in the Old Testament, the Gentiles were beneficiaries of God's saving power. Though unimpressed at first with the Word of God, a Syrian commander is persuaded to receive that Word, and in the water he is cleansed and brought to faith in the God of Israel. (2 Ki 5:1-15a) Evil is overcome by good. (Rom 12:16-21) So also in the New Testament a Roman centurion demonstrates great and humble faith in the Lord. (Mt 8:1-13) All He needs is the Word of Christ. For He trusts that Jesus' Word of healing has authority to accomplish what it says. And indeed it does. The centurion's faith is praised by our Lord above that of any Israelite. For the last shall be first, and the first last. Apart from faith in Christ, there is no salvation, even for a Jew, but only weeping and gnashing of teeth.

~Opening Prayer (p. 41)

P: O Lord, our Maker, Redeemer, and Comforter, we are assembled in Your presence to hear Your holy Word. We pray You to open our hearts by Your Holy Spirit, that through the preaching of Your Word we may be taught to repent of our sins, to believe on Jesus in life and death, and to grow day by day in grace and holiness. Hear us for Christ's sake. Amen.

~Hymn 202 *Thou, Whose Almighty Word*

~Confession of Sin (p.41, form I)

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins. Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto You that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against You by thought, word and deed. Therefore we flee for refuge to Your infinite mercy, seeking and imploring Your grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: O most merciful God, You have given Your only-begotten Son to die for us: have mercy upon us, and for His sake grant us remission of all our sins; and by Your Holy Spirit increase in us a true knowledge of You, and of Your will, and true obedience to Your Word, to the end that by Your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

~Kyrie Eleison ("Lord, have mercy") (pp. 42-43)

C: ♪ O God the Father in heaven, have mercy upon us. O God the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy upon us. O God the Holy Ghost, true Comforter, have mercy upon us.

~Absolution (p. 43, form II)

P: Hear the holy and comforting Word of our Lord: Come unto Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Lift up your hearts! By the authority of God and of my holy office I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

~Gloria in Excelsis, Hymn 35 *All Glory Be to God on High*

~MVL Choir, “*O Sing Joyfully*” – Adrian Batten

O sing joyfully,
O sing joyfully unto God our strength
Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
Take the song, bring hither the tabret:
The merry harp with the lute.
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon.
Ev'n in the time appointed,
and upon our solemn feast day.
For this was made a statute for Israel,
And a law of the God of Jacob.

~Collect (p. 150)

P: Let us pray: O almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all dangers and necessities stretch forth Your mighty hand to defend us against our enemies; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~MVL Choir, “*Ubi Caritas*” – Ola Gjeilo

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
Amen

*Where charity and love are, God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us revere and love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.
Amen*

~Epistle Lesson

Romans 12:16-21 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

~MVL Choir, "*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*" – Thomas Tallis, arr. Jon Hermanson

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say

"Come unto me and rest.

Lay down, o weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was
weary and worn and sad.

I found in him a resting place
and he has made me glad.

2. I heard the voice of Jesus say

"Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live."

I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived
and now I live in Him.

3. I heard the voice of Jesus say

"I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me your morn shall rise
and all your days be bright."

I looked to Jesus and I found
in Him my Star, my Sun.
And in that Light of Life I'll walk
till traveling days are done.

~Gospel Lesson

Matthew 8:1-13 When He had come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed Him. And behold, a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean." Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed. And Jesus said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go your way, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them." Now when Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to Him, pleading with Him, saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, dreadfully tormented." And Jesus said to him, "I will come and heal him." The centurion answered and said, "Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it." When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel! And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go your way; and as you have believed, so let it be done for you." And his servant was healed that same hour.

C: ♪ God be praised for His glad tidings.

~Apostles' Creed (p. 46)

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 415 *I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone*

~Old Testament Lesson & Sermon Text

2 Kings 5:1-15a Now Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Syria, was a great and honorable man in the eyes of his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Syria. He was also a mighty man of valor, but a leper. And the Syrians had gone out on raids, and had brought back captive a young girl from the land of Israel. She waited on Naaman's wife. Then she said to her mistress, "If only my master were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would heal him of his leprosy." And Naaman went in and told his master, saying, "Thus and thus said the girl who is from the land of Israel." Then the king of Syria said, "Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So he departed and took with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten changes of clothing. Then he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, Now be advised, when this letter comes to you, that I have sent Naaman my servant to you, that you may heal him of his leprosy. And it happened, when the king of Israel read the letter, that he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to kill and make alive, that this man sends a man to me to heal him of his leprosy? Therefore please consider, and see how he seeks a quarrel with me." So it was, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, "Why have you torn your clothes? Please let him come to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." Then Naaman went with his horses and chariot, and he stood at the door of Elisha's house. And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored to you, and you shall be clean." But Naaman became furious, and went away and said, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.' Are not the Abanah and the Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them and be clean?" So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near and spoke to him, and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do something great, would you not have done it? How much more then, when he says to you, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and dipped seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean. And he returned to the man of God, he and all his aides, and came and stood before him; and he said, "Indeed, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, except in Israel."

~Sermon Theme

“Trusting in God’s Grace”

~Prayers

~Lord’s Prayer (p. 49)

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.

~Offering & Hymn 460 vv. 1-5 *O How Great Is Thy Compassion*

(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

~Collect (pp. 57-58, form I)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God the Father, that You have given 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 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.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Benediction (p. 59)

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 – MVL Choir, “God Be in My Head” – John Rutter

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine eyes and in my looking.
God be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in mine heart and in my thinking.
God be at my end and in my departing.

~Closing Prayer (p. 59)

P: O Lord, we render unto You our heartfelt thanks that You have taught us what You would have us believe and do. Help us, O God, by Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, to keep Your Word in pure hearts, that we thereby may be strengthened in faith, perfected in holiness, and comforted in life and death. Amen.

Preacher: Pr. Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pr. John J. Petersen
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Elisabeth Urtel
MVL Choir director: Jon Hermanson

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 224/154 **10:45am;** 268/217 **Monday:** (canceled due to weather)

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$8,668.86

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

2 Corinthians 8:9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

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, Tim Roemhildt,
Joseph Roemhildt, Dustin Basel

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

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

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

Offering Counters: Steve Lussky, Jon Pfeffer

Altar Guild: Connie Gullixson, Connie Meyer

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *January 22, 2017 – January 29, 2017*

Sunday January 22	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	MVL Sunday Divine Service Fellowship Hour/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday January 23	10AM 4:30PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	Veteran's Bible Study Boys A team Basketball at JWP, Janesville Divine Service Evangelism Committee Meeting
Tuesday January 24	8AM 4:15PM 5:15PM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Book of Genesis</i> Girls B team Basketball vs. St. Paul, Truman (home) Boys B team Basketball vs. St. Paul, Truman (home)
Wednesday January 25	8:05AM 9AM 3:45PM 4PM 7PM	CDS Chapel Bible Study 8 th Grade Confirmation Class 7 th Grade Confirmation Class Choir
Thursday January 26		
Friday January 27	11:15AM 1-6PM	CDS Early Dismissal Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday January 28	10AM-2PM	Mt. Olive vs. PLS, Fairfax (All teams, home game)
Sunday January 29	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM Noon 7:30PM	Sunday School Choir Sings Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class/Sunday School/BIC Divine Service w/Holy Communion Voters' Meeting Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to the A Capella Choir and director, Jon Hermanson from Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School for edifying our worship services today. We will have a welcoming reception for them in the Fellowship Hall between services. All are invited to join!

Giving Statements: Your 2016 Giving Statements are available for you to pick up. They are located on the table in the narthex.

Voter's Meeting: The next Voter's meeting will be on **January 29** after second service (approximately noon). One of the items discussed will be proposed amendments to the Mount Olive Church and School Constitution. Copies of the proposed amendments attached to a copy of the current Constitution are available in the narthex for review before the meeting. If you don't see any copies available, please contact Chairman David Norris at: dtnorris@gmail.com or 507-720-5161 to obtain a copy.

Thank You: Hal Natvig wishes to express his deep appreciation and thanks to the members of Mt. Olive for their thoughtfulness during his surgery & recovery.

Nominations for Synod Boards are being gathered. Please note the list of various boards and members' duties on the table in the Narthex.

School/Church Weather-Related Closings: School and church weather-related closing notices will be broadcast on radio and television stations, and also on websites such as katoinfo.com, keyc.com or ktoe.com. Mt. Olive Christian Day School follows Mankato District 77. Please check these listings for cancelations.

Camp Indianhead 2017: Parents who wish to receive information for camp and bus transportation can provide their email on the sheet available on the Narthex table.

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

Red Cross Blood Drive: The next Red Cross Blood Drive at Mt. Olive is scheduled for this Friday, **January 27**, 2017 from 1 - 6pm. If you would like to make an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767 OR visit their website: www.redcrossblood.org.

Thank you for all the craft donations for After School Care. We appreciate your generosity!

The Spring Session of Moms on a Mission Bible Study (M.O.M.S) begins Wednesday, February 1st! All mothers at any stage are welcome to join us as we continue to study the book Family Vocation, by Gene Veith, Jr. Bible Study begins at 8:40 and ends at 10:00am. But come as early as 8:10 and enjoy fellowship with other moms. Childcare is provided for little ones. New moms welcome to this group at any time! We will meet Wednesday mornings February through April in Mt. Olive's Social Hall. Come join us as we use God's Word to support each other in this season of raising children for Him! If you have questions or want to register contact Kristen Lukasek at mattlukasek@yahoo.com or 507-382-7963.

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.

Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School

Bids Sought for MVL: Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School is seeking bids to remodel its main office area. To learn more about the project and obtain the drawings, please contact MVL's Maintenance Supervisor Ken Opitz at [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851) or kopitz@mvlhs.org. The deadline for submission of bids will be February 1, 2017.

An Admissions Representative from Bethany Lutheran College will be at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School on **Wednesday, January 25** all day. Please stop by to talk about your goals and plans for your future.

Mt. Olive Night at MVL has been rescheduled for Thursday, **February 2**. You can use the tickets you already picked up or there are more tickets available in the church office. Come and watch the boys' basketball teams take on the New Ulm Cathedral Greyhounds. JV starts at 6PM followed by the Varsity game at 7PM. The Dance Team and Pep Band will also perform.

Bethany Lutheran College

Tickets for BLC's winter musical *The Music Man* will be available *starting Monday, January 23* at theatre.blc.edu or at 344-7374 weekdays between 1-5 pm. Performances are Feb. 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 7:30 pm and matinees on Feb 5 and 11 at 2 pm. \$10 for all ages. Plan ahead, tickets will go fast!

Community Events/Happenings

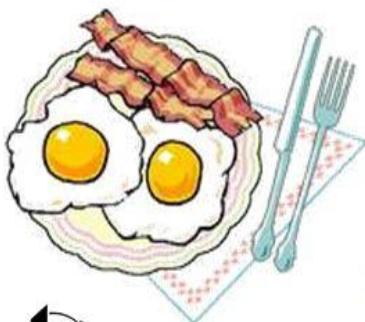
New 2 You is pleased to welcome Brenda Spangenberg as our new store manager. Brenda is a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mankato. Lila Hauch, our current store manager, will be leaving at the end of January. We have been extremely blessed with Lila's guidance at the store since the opening of New 2 You 10 years ago. We will be having an open house reception at New 2 You on Monday, January 23 from 4:00 – 7:00PM. Please stop by to welcome Brenda and wish Lila the best and thank her for her commitment to Christian Education! Cookies and refreshments will be served.

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.

Sign up here: <http://www.daveramsey.com/fpu/classes/1029454>

FPU is a nine week course. Meetings Thursdays at 6:30pm at Peace beginning February 16th. If you have any questions about this course, please feel free to contact Matt Wiechmann at 507.382.7283



Men's Greasy Breakfast!

When: Saturday, February 4th, from 8am to 9:30am

Where: Mount Olive Fellowship Hall

What: Come and enjoy Breakfast as we have a study and discussion on the topic of *"Spiritual Leaders Seeking to Protect Their Families: Considering Our Children's Education"*

Who: Special Guest Speaker—**Rev. Timothy Hartwig** from Peace Lutheran Church, North Mankato, MN

For Whom: All Men ages 16-106 are welcome!

Cost: Free! *Please Just Come & Enjoy—Invite Friends & Family!*

PLEASE SIGN UP! (You may also call the Mt. Olive Office so we can prepare accordingly...)

Congregational Update as of Jan 13, 2017

The Mt. Olive Building Committee has met several times since the last update in December. ISG and architect Bryan Paulsen continue to make refinements and adjustments during this “design phase” of the project per directives from the building committee. Plans are still too preliminary to present to the congregation but we are pleased to report that progress is being made. As mentioned before, this is a very complex project involving multiple needs expressed by our members and user groups. As plans continue to be refined, the building committee returns regularly to the original “Needs Assessment Prioritization” document to stay focused on the needs identified most often and most widely across the congregation. As shared with the congregation back in October, the number one priorities to be addressed are as follows:

- A new main entrance to the facility with enhanced curb appeal and a covered drop-off
- Improved security that addresses external access to the church and school as well as the ability to control internal access to specific areas of the facility based on the need or event
- Larger narthex space that offers an open and welcoming atmosphere and creates better traffic flow for people attending church, school, and events
- Improve office space and working arrangements for pastors, church staff, and principal
- Increase available space for fellowship, kindergarten class size, school related activities, and use by other various groups
- A combination of additional storage space and more effective use of current storage spaces

The committee is working diligently to incorporate all of these priorities into the design plan and is looking forward to sharing these plans with the congregation as soon as they reach a more refined/detailed stage, which may not be until middle or late February. Please continue to keep the Building Committee and the Mt. Olive congregation always in your prayers.



MOMs Bible Study

Child Care

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EARN A LITTLE EXTRA CASH?

Looking for: A few reliable childcare workers to supervise young children while their moms participate in Bible Study.

When: Wednesday Mornings from 8:00-10am, Feb 1st-Apr 26th (off Mar 8th)

Where: Mt Olive Lutheran Church

Responsibilities: Read bible stories, sings songs, supervise activities and play time, and feed provided snack. This is a paid position.

*Must pass State of MN background check

Contact: Emily Peters (emmykf@hotmail.com)

