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**Trinity 17**

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Sunday,  
September 27, 2015  
8:30 & 10:45am

 Evangelical  
Lutheran  
Synod



## Trinity 17

**Welcome!** In the name of our risen Savior we welcome you to Mt. Olive and thank you for worshiping 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.

*Order of Service, Matins (p. 109)*

**~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.

**~Hymn 31** *This Day At Thy Creating Word*

**~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 32 (Psalm 118) *This Is the Day the Lord Hath Made***

**~Old Testament Lesson:**

**1 Samuel 2:1-10** And Hannah prayed and said: "My heart rejoices in the LORD; my horn is exalted in the LORD. I smile at my enemies, because I rejoice in Your salvation. No one is holy like the LORD, for there is none besides You, nor is there any rock like our God. Talk no more so very proudly; let no arrogance come from your mouth, for the LORD is the God of knowledge; and by Him actions are weighed. The bows of the mighty men are broken, and those who stumbled are girded with strength. Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, and the hungry have ceased to hunger. Even the barren has borne seven, and she who has many children has become feeble. The LORD kills and makes alive; He brings down to the grave and brings up. The LORD makes poor and makes rich; He brings low and lifts up. He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the beggar from the ash heap, to set them among princes and make them inherit the throne of glory. For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and He has set the world upon them. He will guard the feet of His saints, but the wicked shall be silent in darkness. For by strength no man shall prevail. The adversaries of the LORD shall be broken in pieces; from heaven He will thunder against them. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth. He will give strength to His king, and exalt the horn of His anointed."

**~Responsory: Catechism, Third Commandment (p. 31)**

P: What is the Third Commandment?

**C: You shall keep the day of rest holy.**

P: What does this mean?

**C: We should fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.**

**~Epistle Lesson:**

**Ephesians 4:1-6** I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

**~Hymn 485 *O Day of Rest and Gladness***

**~Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text**

**Mark 2:23-28** Now it happened that He went through the grain fields on the Sabbath; and as they went His disciples began to pluck the heads of grain. And the Pharisees said to Him, "Look, why do they do what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" But He said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he was in need and hungry, he and those with him: how he went into the house of God in the days of Abiathar the high priest, and ate the showbread, which is not lawful to eat except for the priests, and also gave some to those who were with him?" And He said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, and not man for the Sabbath. Therefore the Son of Man is also Lord of the Sabbath."

**~Sermon Theme**

***"Our Sabbath Freedom"***

1. How it's attacked.
2. How it's defended.
3. What it means to us.

**~Offering and Voluntary**

**~Confession of Faith: Hymn 38 *We All Believe in One True God***

**~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.**

**~Prayer**

**~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**

**Bethany Lutheran College**

**Bethany Lutheran College National Auxiliary Day** will be **Monday, September 28, 2015**. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear a variety of music selections from fine arts students, hear our Concert Choir, and receive interesting information from a number of faculty and staff members. Bethany's new President, Dr. Gene Pfeifer, will address the group, and the annual business meeting will be held. A more specific schedule of events is available on the table in the narthex. The Bethany community looks forward to hosting the National Auxiliary Day each year and we are grateful for the support we receive from the Auxiliary group. The special day provides a wonderful opportunity to become better acquainted with all that is happening at Bethany and to enjoy Christian fellowship.

**Fine Arts Events:**

Bethany student **Triah Meyer** presents her senior voice recital **TODAY, Sept. 27** at 2PM in Trinity Chapel, accompanied by pianist Bethel Balge and guitarist Johnathan Moeller. Free and open to the public.

**Monday, Sept. 28 at 7PM** in Trinity Chapel: **Musicians of the Minnesota Opera** perform popular arias and operatic duets in a Guest Artist Series ticketed concert. Six soloists plus professional accompanists are slated to perform. Tickets are available at the door an hour before the performance, **\$10 adults, \$6 students/seniors**.

**Thursday, Oct. 1 at 7:00PM**- The public is welcome to a gallery talk and opening reception for **Gary Wahl's photography exhibition**, on display in the YFAC gallery from October 1-31.

**Tuesday, Oct. 6 at 7:00PM** in Trinity Chapel: Folk musician **Peter Ostroushko** performs in a Guest Artist Series concert with the Bethany String Band. Tickets are available at the door an hour before the performance, **\$10 adults, \$6 students/seniors**.

**Sunday, Oct. 11 at 2:00 pm** - Soprano **Brittany Boyum** presents her senior voice recital, accompanied by pianist Bethel Balge. Free and open to the public.

**Home Purchase Project:** Mount Olive is looking at ways we could purchase certain homes around the church when they become available, which could help us accommodate for the future growth of our congregation. Once again a generous donor has offered a gift of \$10,000 for this purpose, based on a matching amount from the members. Would you consider a special donation which would help us direct \$20,000 for the growth of our church and school? Please note "Home Purchase Project" on your donation. Thank you!

**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.

**Mt. Olive School Scrip program:** The 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](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) to view the 400+ participating retailers. If you have any questions or need help getting started email Tanya Norris [scrip@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:scrip@mtolivelutheran.org) or Krista Petzel [krista.petzel@gmail.com](mailto:krista.petzel@gmail.com).

**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 10% 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 New 2 You at [507-385-1455](tel:507-385-1455).

*~Please consider volunteering at New2You. Mt. Olive provides volunteers on the first Saturday of every month. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex.*

### **Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School**

**Job Opening:** Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School has a job opening for a Development Director. This position is open to male candidates and will start on January 1, 2016. Interested candidates may contact Principal Tim Plath for a job description and application at [507-354-6851](tel:507-354-6851) or [tplath@mvlhs.org](mailto:tplath@mvlhs.org).

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 586 How Blest Are They Who Hear God's Word**

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*Preacher: Pastor John J. Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich*

*Organists: 1<sup>st</sup>: Dennis Marzolf / 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mark DeGarmeaux*

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**LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE**

**Sunday: 8:30am; 267/177 10:45am; 144/121 Monday: 34/27**

**GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$11,889.65**

**NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$15,500**

*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.*

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**SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK**

**Ushers: 1<sup>st</sup> Service:** Ron Younge (captain), Brian Strom, James Strom,  
Silas Born, Aaron Younge

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service:** Jim Gullixson (captain), Peter Bloedel, Hans Bloedel,  
Jerry Hansen, Spencer Olson

**Offering Counters:** Mark Graham, Andy Overn

**Altar Guild:** Krista Petzel, Lynette Merseth  
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**WEEK AT A GLANCE: *September 27, 2015 – October 4, 2015***

<b>Sunday</b> September 27	8:30AM 9:40AM  10:45AM 7:30PM	<b>Mission Support Bake Sale</b> Divine Service Bible Class, Sunday School and Bible Information Class (BIC) Divine Service Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball
<b>Monday</b> September 28	6:30PM	Divine Service
<b>Tuesday</b> September 29	8AM	Women's Bible Study – <i>Book of Acts</i>
<b>Wednesday</b> September 30	8:05AM 8-10AM 7PM	<b>General Pastoral Conference in Bloomington</b> CDS Chapel Mom's on a Mission Bible Study Group Senior Choir
<b>Thursday</b> October 1		<b>General Pastoral Conference in Bloomington</b>
<b>Friday</b> October 2		<b>General Pastoral Conference in Bloomington</b>
<b>Saturday</b> October 3	9:45AM- 3:15PM 7PM	Mt. Olive volunteers at New2You  Hymn Singing
<b>Sunday</b> October 4	8:30AM 9:40AM  10:45AM 1PM 4PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class, Sunday School and Bible Information Class (BIC) Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Sr. Youth Hayride and Bonfire in Norseland Co-Ed Recreational Volleyball

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Flowers on the Altar:** The flowers beautifying our altar today are given to God's glory by Janet Wassman.

**Mount Olive Member** Deb Pietsch is recuperating from foot surgery and will be immobile for a while. If you would like to provide a meal for her family over the next few days, please see the sign-up sheet in the narthex, indicating your name and the day on which you could bring a meal to their residence. Many thanks!

**Greeters are needed for our Sunday morning services.** If you would like to assure that all visitors and members receive a warm welcome to worship, please sign up on the Narthex table.

**Sr. Youth Group:** On **Sunday, October 4**, we'll be joining the Youth from Norseland Lutheran and Peace Lutheran for a hay ride and bonfire at Oren Olsen's farm by Norseland. Let's meet in the parking lot of Mt. Olive at 4pm. We'll caravan out to the farm together (please let us know if you're able to help drive). Hot apple cider, snacks and hot dogs will be provided. We'll end the night with a devotion and should be done at 9pm to caravan back to Mt. Olive for pick up. Sign up on the sheet in the narthex! Bring a friend!

**Women's Mission Rally (Southern Minnesota Chapter)** This year's Mission Rally will be held on **Saturday, October 24** at King of Grace, Golden Valley, MN. The theme is, "I Am the Vine, You Are the Branches". Any contributions should be sent to the treasurer, Sherri Bukowski, by Oct. 3. The ladies of King of Grace would like us to R.S.V.P. by **October 3**, so PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY on the narthex table.

**Save Your Milk Jugs!** The kindergarten class would like your empty plastic milk (or juice) gallon jugs. They are needed for an upcoming (winter) building project. Please bring your **rinsed out jugs and their caps** to the kindergarten room. Thanks! (The caps will be donated to Trash for Cash afterwards.)

**Save the Date!** Mt. Olive will be hosting a Grandparents' Day on Wednesday, **November 4**. More details to come!

**Fall Festival Thank You** Thank you to all the families who attended the Fall Festival at Jack McGowen's Farm. A special thank you to the parents of the 2nd grade for organizing and providing treats for the event. A fun time was had by all!

**Singing Through the Hymnary** It has been suggested that having another time to sing our hymns could help our members be more familiar with the ones they don't know as well. If you are interested in getting together once a month or so, beginning on Saturday, **October 3** at 7PM, please call Lois Johnson at 278-3369.

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Five parent volunteers are needed to assist with our CDS Vision & Hearing Screening on Thursday, **October 8**. Approximate start time is 8AM. Please call the school office or email Patti at: [school@mtolivelutheran.org](mailto:school@mtolivelutheran.org) if you are able to help.