



LENT 2

Sunday, March 12, 2017, 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:

acob wrestled with God; he would not let Him go until he received a blessing from Him. (Gen 32:22-32) So it was with the Canaanite woman. Though Jesus seemed to ignore and reject her, yet she continued to call upon His name and look to Him for help. (Mt 15:21-28) Even when the Lord called her a little dog, she held on to Him in faith and would not let Him wriggle out of His words: "Yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." This Gentile woman shows herself to be a true Israelite, who struggles with God and man in Christ and prevails. "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." This is the sanctifying will of God, (1 Thess 4:1-7) to test your faith in order that it may be refined and strengthened. For tribulation produces perseverance; perseverance, character; character, hope. And hope in Christ does not disappoint. (Rom 5:1-5).

Order of Service, Matins (p. 109)

~Prelude

~Children's Choir

Hymn 283, Glory Be To Jesus

~Hymn 256 vv 2, 5 *None Shall Ever Be Confounded*

~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.

~Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:20-25 “Assemble yourselves and come; Draw near together, You who have escaped from the nations. They have no knowledge, Who carry the wood of their carved image, And pray to a god that cannot save. Tell and bring forth your case; Yes, let them take counsel together. Who has declared this from ancient time? Who has told it from that time? Have not I, the Lord? And there is no other God besides Me, A just God and a Savior; There is none besides Me. “Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath. He shall say, ‘Surely in the Lord I have righteousness and strength. To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him. In the Lord all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory.’”

~Hymn 255 vv 1, 4 *Lord Hear the Voice of My Complaint*

~Gospel Lesson

Matthew 15:21-28 Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed.” But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she cries out after us.” But He answered and said, “I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, “Lord, help me!” But He answered and said, “It is not good to take the children’s bread and throw it to the little dogs.” And she said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered and said to her, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

~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 261 *Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

Romans 5:1-5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

~Sermon Theme

“How Can We Persist Through Challenge & Trouble?”

~Offering & Hymn 257 *When in the Hour of Utmost Need*

(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

~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 448 vv 1, 3 *I Will Sing My Maker's Praises*

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: John Petersen

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

Mt. Olive CDS Children's Choir Director: Kari Sehloff Accompanist: Miranda Dittmer

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 332/203 10:45am; 148/114 Lenten Wednesday: 208

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$20,189.95

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

Psalm 116:12 What shall I render to the Lord For all His benefits toward me?

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:** David Norris (captain), Ryan Buch, Jacob Norris,
Kyle Buch, Dan Gerdts

2nd Service: Bill Bohning (captain), Daniel Neubauer, Mark Olson,
Scott Pithan, Taylor Pithan, Ethan Pithan

Greeters: **1st Service:** Ron & Mary Younge, Eldon Sting, Keith Anderson

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

Offering Counters: Lisa Holt, Brenda Barbers, Connie Meyer

Altar Guild: Joni Bode, Elyse Haugen

WEEK AT A GLANCE: *March 12, 2017 – March 19, 2017*

Sunday March 12	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 7:30PM	Children's Choir Sings Divine Service Bible Class/Sunday School/Bible Information Class Divine Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday March 13	9:30AM 10AM 5:30PM 6:30PM	Area Pastors' Conference Veterans' Bible Study Board of Stewardship Church Council
Tuesday March 14	8AM	Women's Bible Study – Genesis
Wednesday March 15	8:05AM 8-10AM 9AM 3:45PM 4PM 5-6:15PM 6:30PM 7:30PM	CDS Chapel MOM's Bibles Study Bible Study – Table of Duties 8th Grade Confirmation NO 7th Grade Confirmation Sloppy Joes supper (Evangelism Committee) Lenten Service Choir
Thursday March 16		
Friday March 17	11:15AM 1PM-6PM 6:30PM	CDS Early Dismissal Red Cross Blood Drive Junior Youth in the Fellowship Hall
Saturday March 18		
Sunday March 19	8:30AM 9:40AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 11:45AM 1PM 1PM 7:30PM	Sunday School Choir Sings Divine Service w/Holy Communion Building Committee Presentation Sunday School/Bible Information Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Building Committee Presentation Encourage One Another Special Voters' Meeting Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by Nathan & Heidi Graham.

Easter Flowers Sign Up Sheet If you are interested in purchasing lilies or tulips to beautify the altar for Easter, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to order specific flowers. Please indicate the type and quantity of flowers you would like, and in whose honor they are given. The deadline for ordering is March 28.

Save Your Pop Tabs! After School Care is saving pop tabs to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities - our service project for this school year! If you would like to help, leave your pop tabs in the youth room. Thank you!

President's Newsletter (March 2017) is also on the table in the Narthex. Please pick up a copy today.

For All You Softball Fans and Athletes: It is that time of the year again and we are forming softball teams! There is a sign up sheet out in the narthex if you would like to join us for family and fun. Mens church league is on Monday nights and coed league is on Tuesday night.

Blood Drive: Mt. Olive will be hosting a blood drive on **Friday, March 17**, from 1 – 6 PM. To schedule an appointment call 1 800 733 2767 OR visit their website at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code MTOLIVEKATO.

Building Committee Presentations: Please join us on **Sunday, March 19**, for a presentation from the Building Committee on the proposed new addition and renovations for our church and school. Presentations will be after both first and second services.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Allocation: Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations you care about. Eligible members who have designated Choice Dollars have **until March 31, 2017**, to direct them. Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School + Planned Giving Committee for Endowment or Trust Fund is a participating organization of the Thrivent Choice Program.

March is the Month Starting the first of March and continuing through the first week of April, the Minnesota FoodShare Program MATCHES a percentage of donations to food shelves in the state. So, if you haven't sent a contribution to ECHO, our local food shelf, (ECHO Food Shelf, 1014 S. Front St., Mankato, MN 56001), NOW would be a good time to do so, or leave a donation of food in the donation basket at church.

Our Monday Evening Services are postponed during the Lenten season. They will resume Monday, April 24.

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fundraiser for our church youth activities. 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.

The Annual Youth Lock-in All students who are in 4th – 8th grade are encouraged to register for the Lock-in hosted by the Beacon Student Center that takes place at the Lake Crystal Recreation Center on Friday, March 31 to Saturday, April 1. The fun, fellowship and food begin at 9 PM for registration at the LCARC; students can be picked up at the Beacon beginning at 7 AM.

Save the Date!

Easter 4 Kids is April 8th.

Camp VBS 2017 is June 26-30. More information will be coming as summer nears.

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.

Sr. Youth Group: Start gearing up for this year's trip to Cincinnati, Ohio with the Lutheran Youth Association (LYA) on **July 27-30, 2017**. The convention's theme this year is "Saved Through Water". Go to: <http://els.org/lya17/> to register. The cost is \$250 before May 1st, or \$300 after. More info to come regarding the bus to get us there, cost, fundraisers, etc. Any questions? Contact Jeremy or Angela Merseth.

Bethany Lutheran College

Tomorrow at 7:00 pm in Trinity Chapel - The Bethany Concert Band and Jazz Band, directed by retiring Prof. Adrian Lo, perform the homecoming concert of their spring tour. The concert is free and the public is welcome.

The 5th annual international Speechless Film Festival takes place at the Verizon Wireless Center in downtown Mankato, March 16-18, 2017. The festival screens short films, feature films, and animations in a broad range of categories. Schedule and event details are at www.speechlessfilmfestival.com. The festival is presented by Bethany Lutheran College.

Community

Spring concerts by the Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra and the North Star Strings featuring 2017 Concerto Competition Winner take place **today** at 3 PM at Trinity Chapel on the Bethany Lutheran College campus in Mankato, MN. Tickets are \$10 per person, or 4 for \$30. For more information, contact Executive Director Carolyn Borgen at info@mayso.net or at 612-251-8492.

Jesus' Lambs at Peace Preschool announces their annual Open House on **Tuesday, March 28**, 6-8 p.m. There will be face-painting, crafts, games, food and a special presentation of science experiments by Pastor Larry and Mrs. Stephanie Wentzlaff. Please bring your preschooler and family for an entertaining evening, tour our facility and register for fall classes. We offer M/W/F a.m and p.m. classes as well as T/Th a.m. classes. For more information or to volunteer for this fun-packed evening, please call 385-7752.

Lenten Meal Schedule

March 15 – Evangelism Committee (Sloppy Joes)

March 22nd – MOMS Group

March 29th – Softball Team

April 5th – Junior Youth



MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES

MARCH 15th – APRIL 5th 2017

“Repent: Turn to Jesus”

March 15th Pastor Keith Siverly – Luke 7:44-50
Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Changes Your Life

March 22nd Pastor Gary Wong – Luke 23:32-34
Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Longs to Forgive You

March 29th Pastor Tim Hartwig – Luke 23:35-43
Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven

April 5th Vicar Wolf Parsons – Matthew 27:1-5
Repent: Turn to Jesus; Do Not Turn Away