



TRINITY 3

Sunday, July 2, 2017, 8:30 & 10:00am

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:

"This man receives sinners and eats with them" (Luke 15:1-10). This statement of judgment against Jesus by the Pharisees is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18-20). "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" (1 Tim 1:12-17). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11-32) who think they are righteous of themselves will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father's house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time" (1 Peter 5:6-11). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

Order of Service, Rite One (p. 41)

~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 26 vv. 1-2 *O Holy Ghost, Thou Gift Divine*

~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 (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 I)

P: Lift up your hearts unto God! Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us, and has given His only Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To all who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God, and has promised them His Holy Spirit. He who believes and is baptized will be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all. Amen.

~**Gloria in Excelsis Deo** (pp. 44-45)

P: Glory be to God in the highest

**C: ♪ And on earth peace, good will toward men. All glory be to God on high
Who hath our race befriended! To us no harm shall now come nigh, The
strife at last is ended; God showeth His good will to men, And peace shall
dwell on earth again; O thank Him for His goodness!**

~**Salutation** (p. 45)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Collect** (p. 45)

P: Let us pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, we all like sheep have gone astray, having allowed ourselves to be led away from the right path by Satan and our own sinful flesh. We beseech You graciously to forgive us all our sins for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ; and enliven our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that we may abide in Your Word, and in true repentance and a steadfast faith continue in Your Church unto the end, and obtain eternal salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one true God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

~**Old Testament Lesson**

Micah 7:18-20 Who is a God like You,

Pardoning iniquity

And passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage?

He does not retain His anger forever,

Because He delights in mercy.

He will again have compassion on us,

And will subdue our iniquities.

You will cast all our sins

Into the depths of the sea.

You will give truth to Jacob

And mercy to Abraham,

Which You have sworn to our fathers

From days of old.

~Gospel Lesson

Luke 15:1-10 Then all the tax collectors and the sinners drew near to Him to hear Him. And the Pharisees and scribes complained, saying, "This Man receives sinners and eats with them." So He spoke this parable to them, saying: "What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!' I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls her friends and neighbors together, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost!' Likewise, I say to you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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 403 *God Loved the World So that He Gave*

~Epistle Lesson & Sermon Text

Acts 16:25-34 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed. And the keeper of the prison, awaking from sleep and seeing the prison doors open, supposing the prisoners had fled, drew his sword and was about to kill himself. But Paul called with a loud voice, saying, "Do yourself no harm, for we are all here." Then he called for a light, ran in, and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. And he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized. Now when he had brought them into his house, he set food before them; and he rejoiced, having believed in God with all his household.

~Sermon Theme

"The Turning Point"

1. God's law brings us to despair of being saved from our sins.
2. His Gospel assures us that faith alone is necessary for salvation.

~Prayer of the Church (pp. 48-49)

P: Everlasting and merciful God, we beseech You in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

C: To have mercy upon us and to hear our prayer.

P: Look in mercy upon Your Church. Protect it and sanctify it by Your truth. May Your Word be taught in its purity and Your Sacraments be rightly administered. Grant unto Your Church faithful pastors who shall declare Your truth with power and shall live according to Your will. Send forth laborers into Your harvest and open the door of faith unto all unbelievers and unto the people of Israel. In mercy remember the enemies of Your Church and grant to them repentance unto life.

C: O God, in the multitude of Your mercy, hear us in the truth of Your salvation.

P: Let Your protecting hand be over our country and over all who travel. Prosper what is good among us and bring to naught every evil counsel and purpose. Protect

and bless Your servants, the President of the United States, the Governor of this state, our judges and magistrates and all in authority. Fit them for their high calling by the gift of Your Spirit of wisdom and fear, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.

C: Hear, O Lord, and have mercy! Lord be our helper.

P: According to Your promise, O God, be the defender of the widow and the father of the orphan. Relieve and comfort the sick and the sorrowful (especially our brother/sister ____ who is ill/grieving). Graciously help those who are assaulted by the devil and who are in peril of death. Be the strength of those who are suffering for the sake of Christ's holy name. Grant that we may live together in peace and prosperity. Bestow upon us good and seasonable weather; and bless us with upright Christian counsel in all that we undertake.

C: O Lord, be with all in trouble. Hear their prayers to the honor of Your Name.

P: We especially commend to Your care and keeping this Your congregation which You have bought with a great price. Keep from us all offenses and bind us together in the unity of Your holy love. Grant that the little ones who are baptized in Your name may be brought up in Your fear. At Your table give to those who there commune with You peace and life everlasting.

C: Let all rejoice who trust in You; let them shout for joy because You defend them.

(Special petitions are included)

P: In Your mercy look upon.....In Christ's name we pray.

C: Lord, in Your mercy hear our prayer.

P: Be merciful, O God, to all, according to Your great love in Christ Jesus, our Lord. When our final hour shall come, grant us a blessed departure from this world, and on the last day, a resurrection to Your glory.

C: Amen. Grant us Your peace, O Lord!

~Offering & Hymn 52 vv. 2-4, 6-7 *Lift Up Your Hearts in Praise to God*

(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

*** Holy Communion:** *This morning 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.*

~Preface (p. 50)

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

P: Lift up your hearts unto the Lord. **C: ♪ We lift up our hearts unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God. **C: ♪ It is good and right so to do.**

~General Preface (p. 51)

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, but chiefly are we bound to praise You for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord; for He is the very Paschal Lamb, which was offered for us and has taken away the sins of the world. By His death He has destroyed death, and by His rising to life again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~Sanctus (pp. 51-52)

C: ♪ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heav'n and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

~Lord's Prayer (p. 53)

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 pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Words of Institution (p. 54)

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."

~**Agnus Dei** (p. 55)

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**

Hymn 313 vv. 1-5 *I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table*

Hymn 316/317 *Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior*

Hymn 307 *I Know Thee, Savior*

~**Dismissal** (p. 56)

P: Our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, who has now bestowed upon you His holy body and blood, whereby He has made full satisfaction for all your sins, strengthen and preserve you in the true faith unto everlasting life. Peace be with you. Amen.

~**Hymn of Thanksgiving 325** *O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee*

~**Collect of Thanksgiving** (p. 56)

P: Let us give thanks and pray: We thank You, Lord God Almighty, that You have refreshed us with these Your salutary gifts; and we beseech You of Your mercy, to strengthen us through the same in faith toward You, and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. **C:** ♪ **Amen.**

~**Benediction** (pp. 56-57)

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 595** *Peace to Soothe Our Bitter Woes*

~**Closing Prayer** (p. 57)

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: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Cassie Johnson / 2nd: Elisabeth Urtel

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 176 10:45am; 182 Monday: 43

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$8,559.99

NEEDED EACH WEEK TO MEET ANNUAL BUDGET: \$16,790

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: Ron Younge, Brian Strom, James Strom, Silas Born

2nd Service: Jim Gullixson (captain), Peter Bloedel, Hans Bloedel, Jerry Hanson, Spencer Olson

Greeters: 1st Service: Dean & Kathy Kluge, Mark & Vivian Smith

2nd Service: Dean & Kathy Kluge, Mark & Vivian Smith

Offering Counters: Beth Hoffman, Joni Bode

Altar Guild: Connie Meyer, Terri Westphal

WEEK AT A GLANCE: July 2, 2017—July 9, 2017

Sunday July 2	8:30AM 10AM 1PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another NO Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday July 3	6:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion
Tuesday July 4		Office Closed
Wednesday July 5	9AM 9:30AM NOON 6:30PM 6:45PM	Bible Study MOMs Playdate & Picnic, Alexander Park Bulletin Deadline Board of Education Board of Deacons
Thursday July 6		
Friday July 7		
Saturday July 8	10:30 11AM 11AM	North Mankato Fun Days Volunteers meet North Mankato Fun Days Funeral of Laura Lillegard
Sunday July 9	8:30AM 10AM 11AM 11AM 7:30PM	Divine Service Divine Service Special Voters' Meeting Bus to Camp Indianhead departs from our parking lot Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by Craig & Jane Zibrowski.

On the Narthex Table are the extra copies of Mount Olive's annual report including the Outreach Coordinator information packet, the ELS President's newsletter (convention summary), the July edition of the Olive Press, the signup sheet for the Moondogs game.

Dear Mount Olive, Thank you for the prayers, well wishes, thoughts, and gifts during this past year of my recovery. God has used you to teach me much and I thank Him for this. ~Carol Leiferman

Youth Group Convention: If you have your own transportation, the **last day to register is July 3.** The registration fee for this year's Lutheran Youth Association (LYA) trip to Cincinnati, Ohio on July 27-30, 2017 is \$300. The convention's theme is "Saved Through Water". Go to either <http://els.org/lya17/> OR to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lya-2017-saved-through-water-tickets-31658341953> If you have questions, please contact Jeremy or Angela Merseth: #541-245-7465 or ammerseth@gmail.com If you needed a seat on our bus, the last day to register was June 6. **For those registered to ride the bus:** The buses leave late afternoon on Wednesday, July 26, from Mount Olive, and return on the morning of Monday, July 31.

Special Voters Meeting: Voters, **next Sunday, July 9,** 11AM, plan to discuss the proposal from the Deacons to establish an "Outreach Coordinator" position for 1 year. A position description & information packet are on the narthex table.

All Camp Indianhead Bus Riders: The bus departs **next Sunday, July 9** at 11AM from the Mount Olive Lutheran Church parking lot. It returns Friday, July 14 about 5PM. Lance Johnson will have the bus at Mt. Olive around 10AM to begin loading and to collect any remaining bus payments. To drive to Lutheran Island Camp takes about 4 hours. I plan to make at least ONE food/bathroom stop both to and from camp. Have additional forms, payments, or information for Camp Indianhead stored safely in your luggage for check-in at Lutheran Island. Contact Lance Johnson if you have concerns/questions: Lance Johnson, 507-720-2130, lgustavj77@gmail.com

Annual Moondogs Game: Join us at the Franklin Rogers Ballpark on Sunday, **July 16,** at 6PM for Church Night! Cost per ticket is \$6. Sign-up sheet is on the narthex table.

Kwik Trip Cards: Mt. Olive youth (grades 5-12) are selling Kwik Trip Cards as a fund-raiser 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.

Volunteers Needed

Funeral Help: The funeral service for Laura Lillegard is at Mount Olive on Saturday, **July 8** at 11AM. Volunteers to provide pans of bars or cookies for dessert and also volunteers to help with the luncheon are needed. Helpers may assist either between 9AM and 11AM or from 11:30AM until approximately 1:30PM. If you can help in any way call or text Lois Jaeger at 507-351-5488. Thank you!

Parades: Mt. Olive's Evangelism Committee will be participating in North Mankato's Fun Day's Parade on **July 8**, 2017 and Tator Day's in Eagle Lake on **July 15**, 2017 (line up information to be determined). If you are interested in walking or riding on the float (it has a canopy for shade) and sharing the Gospel with those around us, contact Michelle Graham (507 720 7258). We would love for you to join us!

VBS in Eagle Lake: On Saturday, July 22 from 9AM - Noon, Mount Olive's Evangelism Committee hosts a VBS in the park in Eagle Lake. We are looking for volunteers. If you are interested in helping with crafts, track events, or music, contact Michelle Graham (507) 720 7258 Thank you!

Job Openings

Teacher aids needed: If you have an interest in being a full time or part time aid in the lower division classes at Mount Olive Lutheran School for this coming school year, call our school office at 507-345-7927. We plan to **fill these positions by August 1.**

Food Service Director: Mount Olive Lutheran School is accepting applications for the position of food service director for our hot lunch program. A BS degree is required. If you are interested in applying for this position, call the school office at 507-345-7927.

New 2 You

Annual Meeting/Volunteer Appreciation: Join us for sweets and fellowship on Wednesday, July 12, at St. Paul's Lutheran, North Mankato in the Fireside Room from 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Thank you, all who volunteer, support or donate to New 2 You! We would not be able to continue our support of Christian Education without you!

Bethany Lutheran College

Coordinator of International Students position description and application instructions is at <https://www.blc.edu/employment> The application deadline is **Monday, July 10.**

Part time Library Services Paraprofessional has an August 1, 2017, start date. A complete position description and application instructions are at <https://www.blc.edu/employment> The application deadline is **Monday, July 17**.



As we prepare to celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Lutheran Reformation, we will be including in our weekly bulletins a brief section taken from the Lutheran Confessions. The Lutheran Confessions, found in the Book of Concord, identified and summarized the Biblical beliefs of the Lutheran church and distinguished it from other churches. Since these writings are drawn from the source and norm of our beliefs, that is, they are drawn from God's unchanging Word found in Holy Scripture, we continue to profess these teachings as our own. We encourage you read and prayerfully consider these important teachings of our church.

To have a “god” is to have something in first place in your heart. God’s blessings only come to us through worshiping Him—the Triune God—alone. Salvation and eternal comfort do not come from any other source.

LARGE CATECHISM, I. [THE FIRST COMMANDMENT] “You shall have no other gods.” ...Let everyone, then, take care to magnify and exalt this commandment above all things and not make light of it. Search and examine your own heart thoroughly and you will find whether or not it clings to God alone. Do you have the kind of heart that expects from him nothing but good, especially in distress and want, and renounces and forsakes all that is not God? Then you have the one true God. On the contrary, does your heart cling to something else, from which it hopes to receive more good and help than from God, and does it flee not to him but from him when things go wrong? Then you have an idol, another god. Consequently, in order to show that God will not have this commandment taken lightly but will strictly watch over it, he has attached to it, first, a terrible threat and, then, a beautiful, comforting promise. These should be thoroughly stressed and impressed upon young people so that they may take them to heart and remember them.