



TRINITY 4

Sunday, July 9, 2017, 8:30 & 10:00am

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:

"Be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us, however, wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Rom 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father, being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom 8:8-13).

Order of Service, Office of Prime (p. 108)

~Hymn 22 *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*

~Versicles and Gloria Patri (p. 108)

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.

~Confession of Sin (p. 108)

C: Almighty God, heavenly Father: I have sinned against You through my own fault, in thought, word, and deed. For the sake of the suffering, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on me, forgive me all my sin, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

~Absolution (p. 109)

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.

~Psalm Hymn 591 *May God Bestow on Us His Grace*

~Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 50:15-21 When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "Perhaps Joseph will hate us, and may actually repay us for all the evil which we did to him." So they sent messengers to Joseph, saying, "Before your father died he commanded, saying, 'Thus you shall say to Joseph: "I beg you, please forgive the trespass of your brothers and their sin; for they did evil to you."' Now, please, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of your father." And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also went and fell down before his face, and they said, "Behold, we are your servants." Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid, for am I in the place of God? But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive. Now therefore, do not be afraid; I will provide for you and your little ones." And he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

~Epistle Lesson

1 Thessalonians 1:3-10 We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words, but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for His Son from heaven, whom He raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

~Hymn 421 *We Are Called by One Vocation*

~Holy Gospel & Sermon Text

Luke 6:36-42 Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you." And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

~Sermon Theme: *Having Been Shown Mercy—We Now Show Mercy*

~Offering & Hymn 420 *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

~Responsory (p.108)

P: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us

C: O Lord Jesus, seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy upon us.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost

C: O Christ, Son of the living God, have mercy upon us.

P: Arise, O Christ, and help us.

C: And deliver us for Your name's sake.

~Prayers

~Lord's Prayer

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. 108)

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, bright Sun of the world: shine upon my spirit and drive away the night of sin, that I may walk in Your holy light all my life and even forevermore.

C: Amen.

~Canticle (p. 108)

P: Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

C: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven. Come, Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of Your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of Your love.

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

C: Who made heaven and earth.

P: Let us bless the Lord:

C: Thanks be to God.

P: The Lord Almighty order this day and all our doings in His peace.

C: Amen.

~Closing Hymn 418 vv. 1, 6, 7 *How Fair the Church of Christ Shall Stand*

Preacher: Pastor Luke Ulrich / Liturgist: Pastor John Petersen

Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: Mark DeGarmeaux

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 150/132 10:45am; 196/131 Monday: 18/14

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$12,821.26

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 9, 2017—July 16, 2017

Sunday July 9	8:30AM 10AM 11AM 11AM 7:30PM	Divine Service Divine Service Special Voters' Meeting Bus to Camp Indianhead departs Co-ed Recreational Volleyball
Monday July 10	10AM 6:30PM 6:30PM	Veterans' Bible Study, 710 Raintree Road Church Council Divine Service
Tuesday July 11	8AM	Women's Bible Study
Wednesday July 12	9:30AM NOON	NO Bible Study MOMs Playdate & Picnic, Spring Lake Park Bulletin Deadline
Thursday July 13		
Friday July 14	5PM	Camp Indianhead Bus returns (time is approximate)
Saturday July 15	12:30PM	Volunteers gather for Eagle Lake's Tator Days parade
Sunday July 16	8:30AM 10AM 1PM 4PM 6PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Ordination, A. Ferkenstad, King of Grace, Golden Valley Church night at Moondogs Game Co-ed Recreational Volleyball

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by the MacPherson family.

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, and the signup sheet for the Moondogs game.

Special Voters Meeting: Voters, **today** at 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 **TODAY**, 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

Mt. Olive School Scrip Program offers gift cards for purchase for a wide variety of retailers. A percentage of gift card purchases go toward 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.

Playdate & Picnic in Spring Lake park with Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Wednesdays in July from 9:30AM-NOON. Bring your own picnic lunch if you'd like to stay.

Volunteers Needed

Tator Days parade: Mt. Olive participates in the Tator Days parade this Saturday, **July 15**. Parade starts at 1PM with the line up on Creekside Drive. Wear your Mt. Olive shirt and join us in sharing the Gospel with those around us!

VBS in Eagle Lake: On Saturday, **July 22** from 9AM - Noon, Mount Olive's Evangelism



**JOIN US FOR
TAILGATING & CHURCH
NIGHT @ THE
MOONDOGS!**

Taking place **Sunday, July 16th**. We have been invited to come and enjoy a Tailgating Party starting at 4:30pm in the Parking Lot of First National Bank! (Located at 500 Long St. – on the NW corner of Madison Ave. & Long St.) Bruce Gratz & Jana Finken will host this special event—providing tailgating food for our church group. You can park in the Bank parking lot and walk over to Franklin Rogers Ballpark to enjoy the Ball Game at **6:00pm!** **COST: \$6 per person.**
(Please sign up & pay in advance—Submit your payment to the office. See Pr. Luke Ulrich if you have any questions...)

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. If you are interested in applying for this position, call the school office at 507-345-7927.

Long-Term Babysitter: The Lehne family of Mount Olive is looking for someone to babysit their 5-year-old son Mondays 11-4PM & Tuesdays 7:30-4PM during the school year. If interested, contact Kristin Lehne at 507-340-8750.

ELS Synod

Ordination & installation of Candidate of Theology Aaron Ferkenstad is next Sunday, **July 16, 2017** at 4PM at King of Grace Lutheran Church, 6000 Duluth Street, Golden Valley, MN. A lite dinner reception follows the service.

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 **tomorrow.**

Pt-time Library Services Paraprofessional has an application deadline of **Monday, July 17** & an August 1, start date. A complete description & instructions are at <https://www.blc.edu/employment>.