



TRINITY 11

Sunday, August 27, 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:

"The Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering" (Gen 4:1-15). For unlike Abel, Cain's offering did not proceed from a heart that revered and trusted in the Lord. Thus, the lowly tax collector who prayed, "God be merciful to me, a sinner!" was the one who went down to his house justified before God, not the respectable, outwardly righteous Pharisee who trusted in himself and his own good living (Luke 18:9-14). "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast" (Eph 2:1-10). The one who penitently despairs of his own righteousness and relies completely on the atoning mercy of God in Christ is the one who is declared righteous. For Christ died for our sins and rose again the third day (1 Cor 15:1-10). Therefore, "everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

~Hymn 454 *Not in Anger, Mighty God*

~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 416 *Blest Is the Man, Forever Blest* (based on Psalm 32)

~Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 4:1-15 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the Lord." Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood

from your hand. When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth.” And Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear! Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.” And the Lord said to him, “Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

~Epistle Lesson

1 Corinthians 15:1-10 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

~Apostles' Creed (pp. 68-69)

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 455 *With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh*

~Gospel Lesson and Sermon Text

Luke 18:9-14 Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

~Sermon Theme

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit—Theirs Is the Kingdom of Heaven

1. The Pharisee: Poor, though NOT in Spirit
2. The Tax Collector: Poor in Spirit and Justified by God!

~Offering and Hymn 426 vv. 5-8 *I a Sinner, Come to Thee*

(Visitors: Please place guest cards in offering plate)

~Installation of Mrs. Anna Kempfert

& the Rededication of Mt. Olive School Faculty (1st service only)

~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.

~Hymn 497 vv. 1, 5, 6 *Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him*

Officiant: Pastor Luke Ulrich
Organists: 1st: Dennis Marzolf / 2nd: John Baumann

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE/LORD'S SUPPER ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am; 265/210 10:45am; 225/176 Monday: 30/20

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$10,767.20

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

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:** Steve Jaeger (captain), John Bungum, Rich Hultgren, Rich Andreason, Craig Zibrowski, Michael Zibrowski

2nd Service: Dave Sulzle (captain), Joe Meyer, Herman Harstad, Jeremy Jacob, Sam Barbosa

Greeters: Mark & Michelle Graham, Ernie & Marge Lillo

Offering Counters: Stacey Olsen, Seth Tweit

Altar Guild: Krista Petzel, Lynette Merseth

WEEK AT A GLANCE: August 27, 2017—September 3, 2017

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| Sunday August 27 | 8:30AM 9:40AM 10AM 7:30PM | Divine Service w/Install. & Rededication/CDS Teachers Anthem Rehearsal Divine Service Co-ed Recreational Volleyball |
| Monday August 28 | 8:20AM 10AM 6:30PM | MVL Freshman Begin Veterans' Bible Study Divine Service |
| Tuesday August 29 | 8AM 8AM 8:15AM | Mount Olive School Begins! Women's Bible Study Opening Chapel Followed by <i>Cheers or Tears</i> breakfast |
| Wednesday August 30 | 9AM 3:45PM | Bible Study (Table of Duties) Public School Students begin Confirmation Classes |
| Thursday August 31 | 6:30PM 7PM | Parish Ed & Youth Art Lecture & Reception, YFAC Gallery |
| Friday September 1 | | No CDS or MVL Classes |
| Saturday September 2 | 9:45AM | New2You, Mount Olive volunteers |
| Sunday September 3 | 8:30AM 9:40AM 10AM 1PM 7:30PM | Divine Service w/Holy Communion Anthem Rehearsal Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Recreational Volleyball |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the Altar: The flowers beautifying the altar today are given to God's glory by Keith & Claudia Eisberg.

Need altar flowers next week! No one has signed up to provide altar flowers next week. If you are interested, the calendar hangs near the McConnell Street entrance.

On the narthex table: signup sheets for New2You volunteers, Thursday library volunteers; ***Lutheran Pioneers*** 2017-18 schedule & enrollment forms; extra copies of *The Cross-stitch Corner* (issue 4.1); and the August editions of MVL's *Memo; President's Newsletter; The Olive Press*; and a replenished stack of *Meditations* (August 27-December 2).

Anthem Rehearsal & Singing: Last summer a goodly sized group sang an anthem for our services. God willing, we can do it again if we can get a group of young and older folks together to sing on September 10. The anthem is not a difficult one but very fitting. Rehearsals are between services **today** (for those who can make it), September 3 between services, and at 8 AM September 10. Please consider sharing your voice in the choir! Contact Carl Bloedel with questions.

Join us in thanking God for these faithful servants: Mr. Larry Rude for 45 years as a principal and teacher in our synod's Christian day schools; and Mrs. Kari Sehloff for 30 years of faithful service as classroom instructor. May God continue to bless their work on behalf of our young people.

First day of school for Mt. Olive Lutheran CDS students is Tuesday, **August 29**. First day of **bussing is September 5**, when the public students return as well.

School's opening chapel service is at 8:00 AM on August 29.

Confirmation classes begin for 7th and 8th grade students not in the CDS on **Wednesday, August 30**, at 3:45 PM. Contact the church office (507-345-4966) to enroll your student or with any additional questions.

MVL Celebration: Today, I share with you a very special blessing. MVL is now debt-free! **TODAY**, we take a few minutes after our opening service to recognize this milestone. The opening service is in the MVL gymnasium at 1:30. Refreshments are served afterwards. Please join us! -Principal Tim Plath

School Pictures! Woller Photography will be at Mount Olive for school portraits on **September 6**. If you are interested in having your child(ren) photographed that day, come to the school library at 8 a.m. Order forms are available in the school office.

Volleyball Coaches Needed: Mt. Olive Lutheran School is in need of volleyball coaches for the Girls B and A teams. Practices are Tuesdays and Fridays between 2:30 and 5:30PM depending on coach availability. We are in need of two volleyball coaches for our girl's B teams and one coach for the girl's A team. If interested contact Craig Zibrowski by email mrz@mtolivelutheran.org

Love children? Love books? We need YOU to be a librarian in our school library once or twice a month! We are currently looking for volunteers to work in our

library one or two Thursdays a month. Your duties would include reading a story for K-2, checking in books, checking out books, and shelving books. If you are interested please sign up in the narthex or contact Sue Beilke for more information.

Sunday school teachers are needed for the upcoming year that starts September 10. Teachers are paired so each doesn't have to teach all Sundays. Contact Kent Waletski at kwaletski@yahoo.com or 507-327-2523.

Sunday school enrollment now open! Enroll your students at Mount Olive's website (<http://www.mtolivelutheran.org/>) under Services v | Sunday School Registration.

Mt. Olive Youth Choir: We are starting a Youth Choir for ANY of our members who are going into grades 3 to 9 (or so). Practice times run from 3 to 4PM Wednesdays through the school year. Commitment involves coming to practice and singing 3-4 Sundays. If interested, contact Katie Sulzle 469.4719 or ksulzle@hotmail.com.

Senior Choir: It's that season again...our Senior Choir begins rehearsals on Wednesday, September 6! The ensemble meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. (or following midweek services) and sings for Sunday services monthly through Easter. We celebrate the Reformation all year long with some of the greatest choral music of the Lutheran Church. It may be the "senior" choir, but high-schoolers and young adults are warmly invited to join. We would love to have you! Contact Elisabeth at elisabeth.urtel@blc.edu or 612-272-2420.

After School Care is looking for a few donations for the upcoming school year. The itemized list is posted on the youth room door. Contact Michelle Graham (507 720 7258) with questions.

The Red Cross blood drive is Wednesday, **September 6**, from 1-6 PM. If you would like to schedule an appointment, call 800.733.2767, visit their website (www.redcrossblood.org) and enter sponsor code MTOLIVEKATO, or use their blood donor app. 1 pint can save 3 lives!

ELS

Kingdom Workers has MALAWI opportunity. Experience first-hand how Christians are working together to share the Gospel. Application deadline is **tomorrow**.

Job Openings

Food Service Director at Mount Olive: Mount Olive Lutheran School is accepting applications for the position of food service director for our hot lunch program. Call the school office at 507.345.7927.

MOMs Bible Study Child Care is looking for a few reliable childcare workers to supervise young children while their moms participate in Bible study, Wednesday Mornings from 8:00-10am, September Sept 13 – Dec 6, at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church. You'll read Bible stories, sings songs, supervise activities & play time, and serve a provided snack. This is a paid position. *Must pass State of MN background check. Contact Emily Peters at emmykf@hotmail.com

Bethany Lutheran College welcomes applications for the Coordinator of Sports Information position with an September 1, 2017 start date. The Coordinator of Sports Information is responsible to the Direct of Athletics for planning, developing, and communicating information about the intercollegiate athletics programs and for coordinating athletic events. A complete position description and application instructions can be found at <https://www.blc.edu/employment>.

Position Openings – Jesus Loves Me Learning Center – North Mankato

Teacher aides are vital here at JLMLC. Please think about a position for yourself or someone you might know who would be qualified! Hours are available to work with your schedule! Our wages are competitive and what a great way to serve your Lord if possible. Call (507 508 2041) or email (lingilm@hickorytech.net) with questions. We will be needing an afterschool staff person the end of August to work with school age children.

Bethany Lutheran College

Art lecture and reception: Thursday, August 31 at 7 PM in the YFAC gallery, Steve DeLaitsch watercolors and paintings on display August 22 – September 2.

MVL

Bus Drivers Needed for MVL Route: Palmer Bus Service provides safe & reliable transportation and is looking for MVL route drivers and substitute drivers. Paid training! **Full-time and part-time positions.** Contact Site Manager Randy Gieseke at 507-995-5387.

Community

Minnesota Valley Chorale holds auditions for new members Tuesday, August 29, 2017 from 6-8 PM at Ylvisaker Hall on the campus of Bethany Lutheran College. The Chorale is looking for great people, from all walks of life, with good voices to share their talents. To sign-up for your audition, go to www.minnesotavalleychorale.com or call Carolyn at 612-251-8492.

Mankato Area Youth Symphony Orchestra and its ensembles hold auditions on September 9 for the 2017-2018 season. Musicians at all levels are welcome. They have three groups to fit each level of player. Sign up at <http://www.mayso.net/audition>. Direct questions to email info@mayso.net.



The Peace/Mt. Olive Moms On a Mission (M.O.M.s) Bible study is getting ready to begin our Fall 2017 Session! We are excited to have both a morning M.O.M.s study **AND an evening M.O.M.s study this fall!** Morning M.O.M.s group remains Wednesday mornings at Mt. Olive with childcare. Evening M.O.M.s group is the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Mt. Olive, and childcare is not provided. The M.O.M.s study is for all mothers to gather, support, and strengthen each other in our vocation as moms. You are invited to join the study that works for your schedule!

| | Morning M.O.M.s Study: | Evening M.O.M.s Study: |
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| When: | Wednesdays, 8:40-10am (can drop children off in childcare at 8:10), beginning Sept. 13 | 1 st and 3 rd Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm, beginning Sept. 19 |
| Where: | Moms in Mt. Olive's Social Hall (children in cry room or gym) | Mt. Olive Church (room TBD) |
| Topic: | Part 2 of Veith's book, <u>Family Vocation</u> , a study on God's calling in parenting | Part 2 of Veith's book, <u>Family Vocation</u> , a study on God's calling in parenting |
| Contact: | Kristen Lukasek 507-382-7963 or mattlukasek@yahoo.com | Thalia Londgren 612-382-5684 or thalia.pollard@blc.edu |

Participants need a copy of the book, Family Vocation, by Gene Veith, Jr. and Mary Moerbe. You can purchase the book online at Amazon, or email Kristen Lukasek if this is not feasible for you. New moms wishing to join, please email the appropriate contact so we can have study guides prepared for you!

This evening is ...



The poster features a dramatic space battle scene with a large, stylized 'A' logo on the left and the word 'Artemis' in large, metallic, 3D letters across the top. Below the title, 'Spaceship Bridge Simulator' is written in a smaller, blue font. The background is a fiery space environment with ships and explosions. In the foreground, there are cartoon illustrations of people in a spaceship cockpit and a person holding a glowing blue orb. Several speech bubbles and a text box provide event details.

Young Adults 16 and up invited!

Gaming console provided, bring a friend!

Snacks Provided!

For more info call or text Jon Basel 512 373 9064

Mission Briefing
Subject: LAN Party
Date/Time: August 27th, 6 pm
Location: Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School
1123 Marsh St.
Mankato, MN



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.

Our sinful flesh is so clever that we can deceptively work to tear down our neighbor, take his property, and ruin his reputation, and still convince ourselves that we have done nothing wrong because we didn't directly harm him. God, however, sees through our self-deception and judges us according to our covetous hearts.

LARGE CATECHISM, I. [THE NINTH & TENTH COMMANDMENTS]

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.” “You shall not covet his wife, manservant, maid-servant, cattle, or anything that is his.” ...You must learn that God does not wish you to deprive your neighbor of anything that is his, letting him suffer loss while you gratify your greed, even though in the eyes of the world you might honorably retain the property. To do so is dark and underhanded wickedness, and, as we say, it is all done “under the hat” so as to escape detection. Although you may act as if you have wronged no one, you have trespassed on your neighbor’s rights. It may not be called stealing or fraud, yet it is coveting—that is, having designs upon your neighbor’s property, luring it away from him against his will, and begrudging what God gave him.