



LENT 3

Sunday March 4, 2018, 8:30 & 10:45 AM

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. 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 old evil foe, Satan, is at work to afflict Christians and to do all that he can to tear down God's people. Christians however hold to the victory and triumph of Christ over the devil. We are joined together with Him who "With authority commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him." (Mark 1:27) As we face challenges from our enemies, we, like David, turn to the Lord as our "rock," "fortress," and "deliverer." (2 Samuel 22:2) Instead of giving into the temptations of the deceiver, we strive to "Walk as children of light." (Ephesians 5:9) In the Lord's Supper God shares His triumph over Satan with us—forgiving us our sins and strengthening our faith and trust in Him!

I. *The Service of Preparation*

~**Hymn 260 Now Let Triumphant Faith Dispel**

(Choir, vv. 1, 3; All, vv. 2, 4)

~**Invocation** (p. 60)

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **✠ Amen.**

~**Confession of Sin** (pp. 60-61, form I)

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God, our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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

C: **✠ Who made heav'n and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;

C: **✠ And You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

P: Let us bow before the Lord and confess our sins.

C: **O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them, and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: I ask each of you, in the presence of God who searches the heart: Do you confess that you have sinned, and do you repent of your sins?

C: **I do.**

P: Do you believe that Jesus Christ has redeemed you from all your sins, and do you desire forgiveness in His name?

C: **I do.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. May He comfort your heart by His holy Absolution, and strengthen you by His Sacraments, that your joy may be full. Peace be with You!

C: Amen

~**Salutation** (p. 66)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~**Collect** (p. 66)

P: Let us pray: O Lord, mercifully hear our prayer, and stretch forth the right hand of Your majesty to defend us from all that rise up against us; 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.

II. *The Service of the Word*

~**Old Testament Lesson**

2 Samuel 22:1-7 David spoke the words of this song to the LORD on the day when the LORD had delivered him from the grasp of all his enemies, even from the grasp of Saul. He said:

“The LORD is my rocky cliff,
my stronghold, and my deliverer.
My God is my rock. I take refuge in him.
He is my shield and the horn of my salvation,
my high fortress, my refuge, and my savior.
You save me from violence.
I call to the LORD, who is worthy of praise,
and I am saved from my enemies.
The waves of death swirled around me.
Floodwaters of destruction rolled over me.
The ropes of the grave wrapped around me.
The traps of death threatened me.
In my distress I called to the LORD.
To my God I cried out.

He heard my voice from his temple.
My cry for help reached his ears.”

~**Senior Choir** *What God Ordains Is Good Indeed* (from BWV 75) - J.S. Bach

*What God ordains is good indeed,
My Friend will never fail me
On danger's path, in deepest need,
When death in grief shall veil me.
My God so dear,
Oh, draw me near;
In loving arms now hold me;
At last in light enfold me.*

~**Epistle Lesson**

Ephesians 5:1-9 Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God. But do not let sexual immorality, any kind of impurity, or greed even be mentioned among you, as is proper for saints. Obscenity, foolish talk, and coarse joking are also out of place. Instead, give thanks. Certainly you are aware of this: No immoral, impure, or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ, who is God. Let no one deceive you with empty words. It is because of these things that the wrath of God is coming on the sons of disobedience. So do not share in what they do. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness, and truth.

~**Nicene Creed** (p. 69)

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 259 vv. 1-3, 6, 7 *The Kingdom Satan Founded*

~Gospel Lesson & Sermon Text

Mark 1:21-28 Then they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath He entered the synagogue and taught. And they were astonished at His teaching, for He taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!" But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be quiet, and come out of him!" And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new doctrine is this? For with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him." And immediately His fame spread throughout all the region around Galilee.

~Sermon Theme

"The Real Authority"

- 1. Satan demonstrates authority in this world.***
- 2. But it's only an apparent authority.***
- 3. Jesus Christ is the Real Authority.***

~Offertory (pp. 70-71)

C: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with Your free Spirit. Amen.

~Offering and Hymn 261 *Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode*

*The members of Mt. Olive give offerings as a joyful response to what God has given them. These offerings support the work of Gospel ministry in our community and around the world. **Visitors:** Please do not feel obligated to participate in this offering. We ask you to fill out a Welcome Card and place that in the offering plate.*

~Prayer

III. *The Service of Holy Communion*

** **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 (pp. 72-73)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ **And with your spirit.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: ♪ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: ♪ **It is good and right so to do.**

~Proper Preface (pp. 73-75)

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. You bid Your people cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast. Renew our zeal in faith and life, and bring us to the fullness of grace that belongs to the children of God. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

~Sanctus (p. 76)

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

~Lord's Prayer (pp. 77-78)

P: 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.

C: ♪ For Thine is the kingdom and the pow'r and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

~Words of Institution (pp. 78-79)

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."

~Pax Domini (p. 79)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: ♪ Amen.

~Agnus Dei (pp. 79-80)

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 328 vv. 1-4 *Soul, Adorn Thyself with Gladness*

Hymn 25 *O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace*

Hymn 328 vv. 8, 9 *Lord, by Love and Mercy Driven*

~Dismissal of Communicants (p. 81)

P: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, and His precious blood strengthen and preserve you in the true faith to everlasting life. Depart in peace. Amen.

~Nunc Dimittis (pp. 81-82)

C: ♪ Lord, now You let Your servant depart in peace according to Your word. For my eyes have seen Your salvation, which You have prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of Your people Israel. 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.

~Collect of Thanksgiving (p. 83, form II)

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup;

C: ♪ We proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

P: Let us pray: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in lovingkindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; 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.

~Salutation (p. 84)

P: The Lord be with you.

C: ♪ And with your spirit.

~Benedicamus (p. 84)

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: ♪ Thanks be to God.

~Benediction (pp. 84-85)

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.

~Hymn 597 vv. 1, 4 *Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name*

Preacher: Pastor John Petersen / Liturgist: Pastor Luke Ulrich

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

Choir Director: Elisabeth Urtel

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday: 8:30am, 229; 10:45am, 170

Lenten Wednesday: 6:30pm, 162

GIVEN LAST WEEK FOR THE LORD'S WORK: \$34,734.31 (total for 2 weeks)



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

2 Corinthians 9:7 Each one should give as he has determined in his heart, not reluctantly or under pressure, for God loves a cheerful giver.

*Did you know you can give your offering online? Just go to www.mtolivelutheran.org and click on the link, "donate on line." If you would like to continue using your assigned envelope, just **write the word "online" on the envelope and drop it in the plate** during the offering.*

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 10:00 AM and Thursdays at 11:30 AM.

SERVING OUR LORD THIS WEEK

Ushers: 1st Service – Bruce Gratz (captain), Alec Gratz, Seth Tweit, John Sehloff, Keith Anderson

2nd Service – David Munsen, Matthew Munsen, Dan Maas, Justin Maas, Craig Christensen

Greeters: 1st Service – Ron & Mary Younge, Eldon Sting, Peggy Harstad

2nd Service – Don & Beth Westphal, Dave & Tanya Norris

Offering Counters: Lisa Holt, Brenda Garbers, Connie Meyer

Altar Guild: LuAnn Sting, Sharon Madson

WEEK AT A GLANCE: March 4, 2018 — March 11, 2018

Sunday March 4	8:30AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 1PM 7:30PM	Divine Service w/Holy Communion Bible Class/Sunday School/Bible Information Class Divine Service w/Holy Communion Encourage One Another Co-ed Rec VB
Monday March 5	6:30PM	Lutheran Schools Week No Evening Service Board of Education
Tuesday March 6	8AM 6:30PM	Lutheran Schools Week Women's Bible Study - <i>Colossians</i> Jesus Cares Ministry
Wednesday March 7	8:05AM 9AM 2:45PM 4PM 5PM 6:30PM 7:30PM 8:30PM	Lutheran Schools Week CDS Chapel Bible Study - <i>Daniel</i> Youth Choir Confirmation Lenten Meal-Stadium Fare, served by the Softball League Lenten Service Senior Choir Men's Choral
Thurs. Mar. 8	6:30PM	Lutheran Schools Week Refugee Outreach Meeting
Fri. Mar. 9	6PM-8PM	Lutheran Schools Week Jr. Youth
Sat. Mar. 10		
Sunday March 11	8:30AM 9:40AM 9:40AM 10:45AM 6PM 7:30PM	Daylight Savings Time Begins Band & K-8 Divine Service Band Bake Sale Bible Class/Sunday School/Bible Information Class Divine Service Artemis Video Gaming Co-ed Rec VB

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Building Committee Update

The “Building on our Mission” program has moved into Phase II – Design Development. As noted in our last update, “This phase will involve the engineering, interior design, and architectural teams at ISG working together to research building system and material options to ensure that everything can be integrated easily into the overall facility plans. This phase is expected to continue through May.” The building committee has held three lengthy meetings since entering this stage to discuss input and suggestions that pertain specifically to the “new construction” portion of the project.

In addition, interviews have been conducted with potential contractors who had accepted an invitation to submit application documents for the project. As a result of those interviews WEB Construction, a Mankato company, has been selected as Mt. Olive’s contractor partner for our project. The WEB team will now begin working very closely with the ISG team as they progress through each phase of the project in the months ahead. ISG will also be scheduling meetings as needed directly with those involved in the use of specific areas of the “new construction” portion of the project. Our construction sub-committee and building committee will also be working very closely with ISG and WEB during all phases of our project.

As the building committee, sub-committees, and all those involved in the planning of this project continue to meet, please keep all in your prayers for wisdom as decisions are made. Prayer and patience are key ingredients in a project such as this, and it is the sincere desire of everyone on the Building Committee that everything be done to the glory of God and according to His will.

No Monday evening services until Monday, April 9th. We are postponing the Monday evening services through Lent and Holy Week. We encourage our Monday worshipers to join us for the midweek Lenten service Wednesday, March 7.

A Thank You Note from the Kintzel Family: “Thank you so much for hosting the Benefit for my husband, Ben Kintzel, back in December. We were so amazed with the turnout of people willing to help support us. I’ve never heard of a church being so welcoming. Thank you again!” Kimberly Kintzel (mother of Coley Saidler, grandma of Owen).

On the narthex table are *Meditations* (March 4 – June 2); **extra copies of** the *Building On Our Mission* packets and the *Mt. Olive Herald*; **forms** for *7th Grade Confirmation Sermon Notes*; **signup sheets** for Camp Indianhead Busing information, volunteering at New 2 You, and softball teams; **February edition** of *Thoughts of Faith*; **March editions of** the *ELS President's Newsletter*, *The Olive Press* newsletter & calendar, and MVL's Memo; and **giving envelopes** for *MVL memorials*.

Refugee Outreach Initiative: The four ELS and WELS churches in the Mankato area are getting together to discuss how we can better serve the refugees in the Mankato area. If you have a passion for serving our neighbors and want to learn more, please attend our meeting on **March 8th** at 6:30 PM here at Mt. Olive. Sandwiches will be provided. RSVP with Jon Basel at 512-373-9064 or jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org.

Bake Sale: Support the the Mount Olive CDS Band by stopping by the bake sale between services on **Sunday, March 11**. The band will be providing music on March 11.

Mt. Olive will host a blood drive on Friday, March 16 from 1 - 6pm. To schedule an appointment to donate, please call 1-800-733-2767 or visit their web page at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code MTOLIVEKATO.

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/ **Canvassing for Easter Invites! March 18th** from noon to 5 pm. Mt. Olive members  
/ are getting together for inviting our fellow neighbors to our Easter for Kids event and  
/ Easter services. We will have lunch provided, a quick warm up and training, and then  
/ canvass until supper time to have a meal and celebrate the Gospel seeds planted. Let  
/ Jon Basel know if you want to attend so we can estimate materials and food!  
/ jbasel@mtolivelutheran.org or 512 373 9064.  
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**WOW Zone for Senior Youth!!** Join us **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>**, from 5-8 pm for unlimited play of bowling, laser tag, and mini golf! Drop off and pick up at the Wow Zone; bring extra \$\$ for the arcade and food. RSVP to Angela Merseth at 541-245-7465 for an approximate "head count" and BRING A FRIEND!!

**Mt. Olive's Evangelism Committee** will be hosting Easter for Kids on Saturday, **March 24** from 9 -1. We are **looking for volunteers** to help with crafts, gym time, lunch etc. If interested, please call Michelle at 507-720-7258.

**For All You Softball Fans and Athletes:** It is that time of the year again, and we are forming softball teams! There are signup sheets out in the narthex if you would like to

join us for family and fun. Men's church league is on Monday nights, and co-ed league is on Tuesday nights.



The **Evangelism Committee** has put together an order form for a new Mount Olive T-Shirt. Order forms can be found in the Narthex or Church office. **Orders need to be turned in to the office by March 7th. Payment is due at the time of the order.** Checks can be made out to the Mount Olive Lutheran Church and School. If you have any questions, contact Michelle Graham (507-720-7258).

**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, 2018, to direct them to Mt. Olive Lutheran Church and School.

**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.

**Have you given the church office your** email address? Using email for messages to the congregation will help us communicate better and will save on postage. Thanks!

**Spring Forward Next Sunday!** Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, **March 11.**

### **Bethany Lutheran College**

**Monday, March 12** at 7 pm in Trinity Chapel: Bekesh Trio concert, with sopranos Jennifer Haugen and Kathryn Wurster. Admission is FREE, with free will donations collected to support BLC's "All Steinway Campus" initiative to replace the college's aging pianos with new Steinways.



## ELS

The precipitous event which led to the reorganization of the Norwegian Synod as the ELS occurred in 1917 when a merger of Norwegian Lutheran church bodies occurred. The issue under discussion from 1912–17, as it was in the 1880s, was the teaching that salvation is completely a gift of God’s grace in Jesus Christ. This is not a small matter or a fine point in doctrine but a question of the central Biblical teaching of justification by grace alone. The minority that later formed the ELS sought to uphold this teaching in the face of impending merger with those who taught differently.

**The 2018 convention** is the centennial convention of our synod. In addition to all of the things planned for the convention, the Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at Albert Lea and Lime Creek on Saturday, June 16. At Albert Lea, we will be revisiting the 1918 convention, and following a catered lunch, we will go to the Lime Creek Church for a commemorative service. The deadline for signing up is Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>; a sign-up sheet to ride the charter bus is in the Narthex.

## WELS

**Trinity Lutheran School in Nicollet** is hosting a Carnival/Silent Auction **today** from 11:30-2:30 pm. Food, fun and games for the whole family will be provided. Come and enjoy the fellowship and have some fun!

**Martin Luther College hosts** their 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Volleyball tournament. If you’ve been thinking about joining the Sunday evening ***Co-ed Recreational Volleyball group***, now’s the time to start! The tournament for the men’s team is Saturday, March 17; the women’s team is the following Saturday, March 24.

**The Mankato Christian Counseling Clinic** (WLFCS-Christian Family Solutions) is seeking a full-time addictions counselor to support their Christian counseling ministry and work. Hours for this position are 12PM to 9 PM, Monday through Friday. To apply for this position, use the following link:

<https://recruiting.paylocity.com/Recruiting/Jobs/Details/25338>

**Lenten Meal Schedule**

**March 7<sup>th</sup> – Softball Team (Stadium Fare)**

**March 14<sup>th</sup> – BLC Law Club (Lasagna)**

**March 21<sup>st</sup> - M.O.M.'s (Hot Dish Extravaganza)**



**MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES**

**March 7<sup>TH</sup> - MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup> 2018**

***“The Sounds of Lent”***

March 7<sup>th</sup> Vicar Zach Steinke – Matthew 27:21-23  
*The Shouting of the Crowd*

March 14<sup>th</sup> Pastor Dan Witte – Luke 23:27-30  
*The Wailing of the Women*

March 21<sup>st</sup> Pastor Keith Siverly – Matthew 26:69-75  
*The Crowing of the Rooster*

